



# JESUS, MERCY: mary, help!

SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF  
CHRIST THE KING IN BRAYBROOK AND  
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP IN MAIDSTONE



Members of the Western Highway Deanery

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)  
3 April 2016

## “JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU”

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

The apostles were fearful after Jesus was crucified. Their faith probably was shaken until Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit, if you forgive men’s sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound.” These words from Jesus established the Sacrament of Penance.

The 20th century has been more sinful than any before. Too many people in the Western World think that with their discoveries, they can preempt God. Too many deny the existence of God. The result is a “culture of death”. Divine Mercy offers a “culture of life.” In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble, young Polish nun. Sister Maria Faustina to make known His desire that the world accept his limitless mercy. She saw Jesus and was told to have a painting of His image done and signed, “Jesus, I Trust in You.” Two large rays, one red and the other pale radiated from the area of His heart. “The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls.” Jesus called Sister Faustina the Secretary and Apostle of His mercy. She was instructed to write a diary so others would learn to trust in Him. Jesus revealed to Sister Faustina that His mercy is available to the greatest sinner, even to those in despair. Jesus desired that the name Mercy Sunday be changed to Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day, “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” The depth of Divine Mercy is shown in the complete forgiveness of punishment. This is awesome. Jesus will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of His Divine Mercy. No sin is beyond forgiveness. Jesus offers us either His Divine Mercy or His just judgment for the reparation of our sins. It is a slam dunk choice to take His divine mercy.

However, Divine Mercy is more than just another devotion. It’s a way of life to gain the fruit of peace that comes from unity and love of God and our neighbor. Jesus offers us marvelous graces in His Divine Mercy but He also demands of us deeds of mercy, which are to arise us of love for Him.

Let’s be more concrete. Have any of the young people here ever been angry with your parents? Occasionally they don’t understand you? Well, if you stop and think about it, they’ve probably treated you very well. You have great meals but never pay the super market bills; a comfortable home but you never pay the mortgage. You also probably are receiving a fine education but you never pay tuition or the taxes that pay for that education. When you feel your parents don’t understand you, stop, think ..... think of the times they have forgiven you and don’t be afraid to say to your them, “Mom, Dad I just want you to know I really appreciate all you’ve done for me.” That’s an act of mercy ... that requires a decision on your part.

Marriage is another area in which forgiveness and mercy are very important. Husbands and wives, do you ever get aggravated with your spouse? Do you carry a grudge? Maybe you’re not speaking. God’s grace comes to those who, at that time, have the courage to say, “Honey, I’m sorry” and for the other partner to say,

In today’s Gospel, Christ calls blessed those who believe without seeing. Jesus had shown himself to the apostles—he is alive and reigns in glory. The response of Thomas is for every believer. We confess Jesus as our Lord and God though we have not seen him with our own eyes. Seeing him with the eyes of faith, we give testimony to this faith by our living hope and active service to our brothers and sisters.

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading: Apoc 1:9-13,17-19

Alleluia: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

“Thanks dear but I was probably a bit at fault myself.” When you kiss each other you might hear the Lord say quietly, “You’ve just answered each other’s prayer.”

Mercy and forgiveness usually require action. Jesus had mercy on the entire human race. His action? He died on the cross and He showed His mercy and His love just as a married couple or a child can show their love for one another by following His example. The graces of Divine Mercy are dependent upon trust in Jesus. He reminds us in the Divine Mercy image, “I Trust in You.”



**DIVINE MERCY**  
*Sunday*



# M Mass Schedule

## SUNDAY

St. John's	8:00 am
Christ the King	9:30 am
Our Lady's	10:00 am
Vietnamese Mass:	3:00 pm <sup>1</sup>
Christ the King	5:00 pm
Our Lady's	6:30 pm
Christ the King (SP) <sup>2</sup>	7:00 pm

## MONDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	8:00 am

## TUESDAY to SATURDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

## WEDNESDAY

Our Lady's	7:00 pm <sup>3</sup>
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## SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady's	5:00 pm
Christ the King	6:30 pm

## Confessions

Every Saturday after the morning Masses and 30 mins. before the evening Masses.

## Baptisms

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

Marriage: 3 months-notice required.

<sup>1</sup> Sunday Masses in Vietnamese are held at Our Lady's Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at Christ the King Church every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

<sup>2</sup> Sunday Masses in Spanish are held at Christ the King every 7:00 pm.

<sup>3</sup> The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

# Vocation View

*You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!*

## Let us pray for the sick members of our

Tan Thi Pham, Damian Foletti, Marina, Katina Vitto, Anna Rizzio, Beatriz Yadao, Joseph Aquilina, Amelia, Glad Trevillian, Esperanza, Maria Micallef, Luiga Marcato, Amoroso, Santiago Sobredo, Tony & Etta Rabusin, Barry Fitzgerald, Tina Brennan, Elizabeth, Nancy Rattino, Jack Considine, James Hickey, Mary Mullahy, Lara Sepetavc, Patricia Shires, Sabrina Janz, Nell Monagle, Maria Aiezza, Yvonne Norris, Hoang Thien Nguyen, Rosa Maria Santos, Zenira Marik, Dominic & Anna Bogl, Iva Mihalj, William Napiza, Marie Henwood, Ben Jose, June Brady, Sylvia Braden

## Eternal Rest Grant to those who have gone ahead of us, O Lord!

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Anne Berger

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rose Menezes, Mildred Andrews, Jan & Stanislaw (Stella) Picyk

# MINISTRIES & SERVICES

## ST. JOHN'S & OUR LADY'S

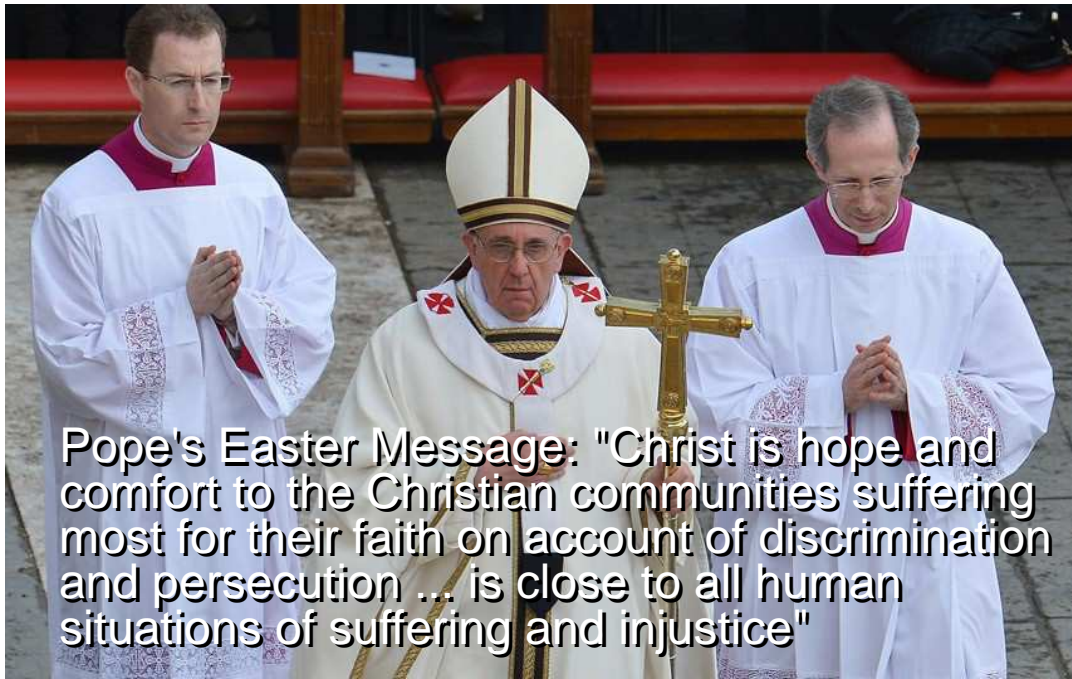
9th & 10th April 2016

Mass Time	5.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
<b>Readers:</b>	C Albert Leung	Joseph Nguyen	Claire Lawson	Julieta Uy
	R Lyette Almeida	Rob Brennan	Guillermo Narsilio	Fred Lipana
<b>E Ministers:</b>	1 Charles Budiman	Maria Hoang	Christine Mullan	Anthony Sobredo
	2		Orlando Victuelles	
	3			
<b>Music:</b>	Vietnamese Choir	Recorded Music	Parish Choir	Exxemoz Choir
<b>Counters Team:</b>	1 C. Lawson	L. Phan		
<b>C Cleaners Team:</b>	1 K. Nguyen	D. Pham		

## CHRIST THE KING

Mass Time	6.30pm	9.30am	5.00pm
<b>Readers:</b>	C Catherine Seymour	Christine Medina	Kelly Maglalang
	R Lucy Inocencio	Natalie Perez	Brendon Sarabia
<b>E Ministers:</b>	1 Shane Caldwell	Florian Raymundo	Kathe Casas
	2 Rose Thomas	Lan-Anh Nguyen	Aida Maglalang
	3	Helen O'Keefe	
<b>Music:</b>	St Cecilia's Choir	Parish Choir	Recorded Music
<b>Data Projector:</b>			Tom Luu
<b>Parish Bus:</b>	10-Apr	Igor	





**Pope's Easter Message: "Christ is hope and comfort to the Christian communities suffering most for their faith on account of discrimination and persecution ... is close to all human situations of suffering and injustice"**

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) - "If Jesus is risen, then - and only then - has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world. Then He, Jesus, is someone in whom we can put absolute trust; we can put our trust not only in his message, but in Jesus himself, for the Risen One does not belong to the past, but is present today, alive." These are the words spoken by Holy Father Benedict XVI at noon on Easter Sunday, April 8, from the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica. In his Easter Message, followed by the Easter wishes in 65 languages to peoples and nations

throughout the world, and the Blessing Urbi et Orbi, the Pope said: "Christ is hope and comfort to the Christian communities suffering most for their faith on account of discrimination and persecution. And he is present as a force of hope through his Church, which is close to all human situations of suffering and injustice." Benedict XVI continued: "May the Risen Christ grant hope to the Middle East and enable all ethnic, cultural and religious groups in that region to work together to advance the common good and respect for human rights. Particularly in Syria, may there be an end to bloodshed and an immediate commitment to the path of respect, dialogue and reconciliation, as called for by

the international community. May the many refugees from that country who are in need of humanitarian assistance find the acceptance and solidarity capable of relieving their dreadful suffering. May the Paschal victory encourage the Iraqi people to spare no effort in pursuing the path of stability and development. In the Holy Land, may Israelis and Palestinians courageously take up anew the peace process." A particular memory on behalf of the Pope went to the African continent: "May the Lord, the victor over evil and death, sustain the Christian communities of the African continent; may he grant them hope in facing their difficulties, and make them peacemakers and agents of

development in the societies to which they belong. May the Risen Jesus comfort the suffering populations of the Horn of Africa and favour their reconciliation; may he help the Great Lakes Region, Sudan and South Sudan, and grant their inhabitants the power of forgiveness. In Mali, now experiencing delicate political developments, may the Glorious Christ grant peace and stability. To Nigeria, which in recent times has experienced savage terrorist attacks, may the joy of Easter grant the strength needed to take up anew the building of a society which is peaceful and respectful of the religious freedom of all its citizens." (SL) (Agenzia Fides 11/04/2012)

## stewardship

### Our Lady's & St. John's

Presbytery	\$1747.60
Church	\$1589.85

### Christ the King

Presbytery	\$1430.50
Church	\$1568.00

The first collection (Presbytery) supports the Parish Priest, his Assistant, the sick and retired Priests and the Archbishop

The second collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes) supports the Parish and the expenses of the Archdiocese.

## SCHOOLS

### St. John's Catholic School

34 Essex St., Footscray West VIC 3011  
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### Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

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#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Parish Priest*

*Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ  
Assistant Priest*

*Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ  
Hospital Pastoral Associate*

*Mrs. Carmen D'Rosario  
Secretary*

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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



# Stewardship

*a way of life*

## THEOLOGY AT THE PUB: THE CATHOLIC SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS: MOVING FORWARD

Monday 4 April. Dinner & drinks from 6.30pm. Talk commences at 7.30pm.

The Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy

The clerical sexual abuse crisis in the Church has caused many committed Catholics to be filled with righteous anger—anger at the priests who committed these crimes and at the bishops who covered up this evil. To help us make sense of it all, T@P welcomes Fr John Corrigan, a young priest of the Diocese of Ballarat (which became the epicentre of the abuse crisis in Australia). hierarchy? Audience: 18 to 35-year-olds; priests and religious of all ages welcome.

## CULTURED CAFÉ: DIVINE MERCY MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 7 April, 7.30pm  
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Join the Youth Office for a very special screening of a fascinating documentary on the original Divine Mercy image. This amazing film is only available to be seen at limited screenings. A must-see for anyone interested in the Divine Mercy, Poland and the upcoming World Youth Day.

**Cost:** \$10 includes dinner, a drink and, of course, popcorn!

**Details and RSVP:** [aoy@cam.org.au](mailto:aoy@cam.org.au) or 9287 5565



Edge Nights are for ages 10-13 years from 7pm-9pm at Our Lady's Large Hall, Lyons Street, Maidstone during school terms. We look forward to seeing more young people coming together.

## Next Week's Readings

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41  
Apoc 5:11-14  
Jn 21:1-19

## PARISH ROSTERS!!!

The next roster for Readers & Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist FOR BOTH CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY'S & ST JOHN'S is ready. Your roster has been emailed to you. For those who do not have an email, please collect your roster from the churches. Thank you.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all in our parishes who support the less fortunate in our world. Please remember to return your project compassion boxes to the churches.

## Religious Items for Sale

Next weekend 9/10 April 2016 there will be religious items from Bethlehem for sale after the Masses at Our Lady's Church.

## This week in a nutshell

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>4th April</b>
Mass CTK & OLPH	8:00am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5th April</b>
Servant of God Grp OLPH	8:00am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>6th March</b>
Novena Mass at OLPH	5.30pm 7:00pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8th April</b>
Exposition CTK	6:30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10th April</b>
Vietnamese Eucharist Group	10.45am
Vietnamese Choir Practice O/L	1:00pm
Vietnamese Mass O/L	3:00pm
Spanish Mass CTK	7:00pm

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact Carmen at **9317-9298** from **Tuesdays to Fridays between 9:00am to 3:00pm** with email: [maidstone@cam.org.au](mailto:maidstone@cam.org.au)



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