



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

Integrating the Catholic Communities of West Footscray, Maidstone & Braybrook in the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Jesus reveals himself as the Bread of Life; however, the Jews could not accept this because of their unbelief. Nonetheless, he persists in his claim because he knows that it is the Father who draws people to faith in him. In this celebration, let us open ourselves to the Father's invitation to listen to the beloved Son, for Jesus alone has the words of eternal life. He alone can lead us back to the Father.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Alleluia: I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Prayer: Listen to your people, O Lord.



The Eucharist Nourishes Eternal Life

Christ packs three momentous lessons into this discourse on the Eucharist in today's Gospel passage.

First, he points out the mystery of faith, that no one can believe in him "unless he is drawn by the Father."

- Faith in Jesus Christ supplies us with life's only dependable fuel, and yet, faith in Christ is God's gift, no one can conjure it up on their own, in a chemistry lab.

- When we look at the small white Host, no scientific test can prove that Jesus Christ is truly present there, body, blood, soul, and divinity.

- And yet, we know that he is; we have been given the gift of faith.

- This is why the priest says, after the consecration at each Mass: "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith."

Second, this faith in Christ leads to "eternal life."

- Later in the Gospel, Jesus tells us that eternal life consists in knowing "the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom [God has] sent" (John 17:3).

- In Biblical language, "knowing" implies deep interpersonal intimacy, the kind of relationship we all yearn for.

- That we can have a relationship like that with God himself, who is more lovable, more beautiful than any other person is or can be, is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- God hasn't kept his distance from us sinners; he wants us to know him and share his life.

Third, Jesus himself is the "bread" of this eternal life, its source and sustenance.

- Without bread, without food, physical life perishes.

- Without Jesus, without his "flesh for the life of the world" in the Eucharist, our life of intimate communion with God will perish.

- It's that simple - and it's that crucial.

Eleven times in this discourse Jesus speaks of himself as the bread of life; he's really hoping that we'll get the message.

The gift of faith gives us access to eternal life, and the Eucharist makes that life grow within us.

[This Lesson was adapted from The Better Part: A Christ-Centered Resource for Personal Prayer.]



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Teresita Parreño, Dallimore Family

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: George Lovery, Beatriz Yadao, Catalina Gumangan, Celedonio Peji

ANNIVERSARIES: Francesco Rocco Tucci, Cuong Du.

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Patricia Shires, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Leone Morganti, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Trevor Gonsalvez, Billy Frankland, Edgar Dacaldacal, Adelaide Frankson, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima.



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 pm¹
 Filipino Mass 3:00 pm²
 Christ the King 5:00 pm
 Our Lady's 6:30 pm

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Christ the King 8:00 am
 Our Lady's 9:00 am
 7:00 pm³

THURSDAY

Christ the King 9:15 am
 Our Lady's 8:00 am

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

3rd Sunday of the month

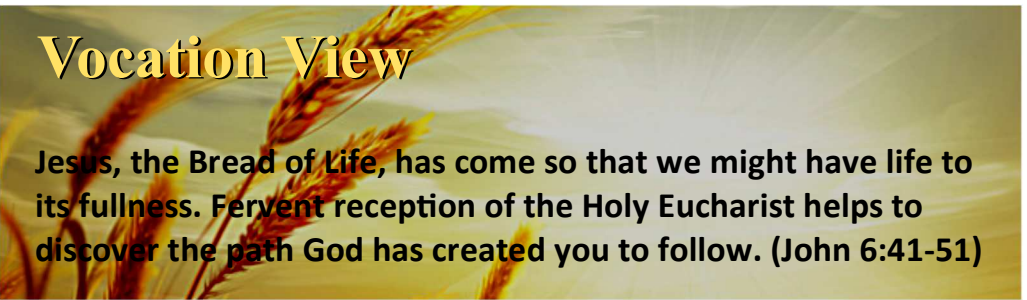
MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

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

² Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



Vocation View

Jesus, the Bread of Life, has come so that we might have life to its fullness. Fervent reception of the Holy Eucharist helps to discover the path God has created you to follow. (John 6:41-51)



EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years.

Edge Nights takes place Friday evenings. Kids between 10-13 years old are invited and encouraged to attend. **Interested in helping out?**
Contact: Christine at olckedge@gmail.com
Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm



Preparation for children who do not attend a Catholic School and are interested to prepare for their First Holy Communion will commence on the 9th of August at 5:00pm at the Parish Office. Children attending the classes must be accompanied by an adult.

18-19 August 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr		Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lynette Almeida	Leanne Ma	Agnes Attard & William Napiza	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Peggy Dias	Rose Thomas	Alicia Alcantara & Coral Le'Toille	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Lang Phan	Nam Tran	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Christopher Chu	Christine Chu	Lan-Anh Tuyet, Jim Proctor & Rosaline Raymundo	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Albert Agbamey	Guillermo Narsilio	Thanh Le, Hong Le & Christine Mullan	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Loan Vu		Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Kimberly Lam	Kathe Casas	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Nenita Castillo	Kate Ocampo	William Napiza & Teresa Napiza	Coro di Dio

Next Week's Readings

Proverbs 9:1-6
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58

What is God asking of us in Australia? (Part II)

- Mel Chua

On 8th Aug., I attended the second lecture on the Plenary Council. There were two speakers. The first speaker was Dr Gemma Cruz (a Theologian from the Philippines) is a Senior lecturer at ACU. The second was Dr Nigel Zimmermann (Associate Director of Church Policy at ACU).

Here are some quotes you may find interesting:

“We need a church of faith filled people who speak boldly...and with passion.” (Pope Francis)

“We need to listen even to those with whom we disagree.” (Pope Francis)

“What is the role of the young? We don't see the young as potential leaders needing mentoring....RATHER as individuals already contributing....and serving as leaders.” (Pope Francis)

“We need to engage with the wounded...not just those still connected.” (Pope Francis)

“There is no time for looking back.” (Pope John Paul II)

Need to know more?

On Friday 31st Aug., HFP will host Fr Noel Connelly who will answer all questions on how we can contribute to the future of the Church in Australia. Fr. Noel Connelly was tasked by the Australian Bishops of listening to what Australian Catholics think. He is part of the Facilitation Team of the Plenary Council. We are all invited to share our thoughts.

“Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!”

- 1 KINGS 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery \$111.95
Church \$216.60

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$873.85
Church \$1,575.80

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$793.80
Church \$1,098.90

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.

Give her a chance at a brighter future



11-12 August



**THIS WEEKEND IS
CATHOLICARE SUNDAY APPEAL
Saturday 11 August – Sunday 12 August**

CatholicCare is holding their annual Sunday Appeal which will be celebrated in churches across the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Diocese of Sale. This

year's appeal will support the youth in our community to give them a chance at a brighter future.

Donate: www.ccam.org.au/give
DOWNLOAD FLYER AT THIS LINK: <http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2018/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU30/>

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

The Plenary Council Song



A note from the songwriter,
Peter Pellicaan.

The song was composed as a call to the Church in Australia to listen to what the Spirit is saying as we prepare for the first Plenary Council since 1937. The song incorporates a number of intentional themes that speak to our history and the moment in which we find ourselves now. These themes are as follows:

1. The song invites people to listen to God, but also to reflect and ponder on what it would mean for the Church to look like Jesus.
2. The song begins and ends with the didgeridoo in honour of our indigenous heritage, and in recognition of this continuing voice into our future.
3. The song contains three bagpipe sections which reflect the Irish history of the Church in Australia with a subtle link to the Holy Trinity which is Mother Church's foundational doctrine.
4. The song captures two 'preaching moments' from Archbishop Mark Coleridge which were taken from the Chrism Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral, 22 March 2018. The composer of this song was present and he recounts: the hairs on my arms rose and my heart was moved as I felt the deep sense of the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking prophetically.
5. The song closes with the sound of the Church bells ringing as a sign of a Church looking forward into the future as it listens to the Spirit by listening to others.

Usage: The song was written not so much with the intent that it be used in a liturgical setting. Rather it is a call to imagine, to reflect and to listen.

An accompanying film clip will be developed which will make the song useful as an introduction to the Plenary Council listening sessions as well as various conferences and events taking place over the next three years.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/song/>

Important Notice

Starting 2 August 2018, and every Thursday thereafter, the morning Mass at Christ the King Church in Braybrook will be at 9:15 am while the morning Mass at Our Lady's Church in Maidstone will be at 8:00 am. Only every Thursday!

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Cleaning Roster

Our Lady's (Maidstone)

5-11 August
Thi Cuc Vu

12-18 August
K. Nguyen

19-25 August
Legion of Mary



Plenary Council 2020

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?



Child Safety is our Priority

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact *Huong* or *Tram* at ((03)9317-9258 • (03)9317-9298 from Tuesdays to Saturdays, between 9:00am to 12:00 noon with email: maidstone@cam.org.au or visit our website at www.hfp.org.au