



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

God's saving act pertains to the restoration of the whole person, not just to the salvation of the soul. In fact, the future salvation of Israel is described by the prophet Isaiah in terms of the flowering of the dry desert and the healing of a person's faculties. It is in this spirit that we should look at the healing of the deaf-mute man in the Gospel. Jesus comes to open ears and loosen tongues so that people can praise the heavenly Father and the Son who does all things well.

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Alleluia: Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Prayer: Lord, our healer, listen to our prayer.



Blind, deaf and mute to God's gifts...

- Fr. Rene Ramirez, RCJ

For some happy coincidence while browsing through Facebook today, I came across a shared post of a friend entitled "The Daily GoalCoast". It's actually a collection of videos by people who came across challenges in their lives and how they were able to hurdle it with a change of perspective. Claire Wineland recently died of a double lung transplant and in the video, she shared how through the years she did not let her sickness get the better of herself. She posited that we always have a choice to make the most of the situations we are in and choose positivity instead of being weighed down by our challenges, even by a terminal sickness.

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus once again demonstrated God's solicitude for our concerns by curing a deaf man who had a speech impediment. "Ephphata!" Be opened. Not only was the man able to hear, his speech impediment was also removed enabling him to speak plainly.

Often times, we find ourselves grumbling because we lack things we want in life, or because we wish we have better opportunities. However, confronted by the Gospel reading this weekend, we are brought to reflect if we are continually asking God for more without even appreciating what we already have? How many of us need a lung transplant, or how many of us are deaf or mute or blind? Majority of us will fall on the category of normal healthy people and yet we usually lack the appreciation of our gifts and the

graces we received from the Lord. The man in the Gospel started proclaiming God's glory after he was healed. Can we not also be channels of proclaiming God's goodness by acknowledging the gifts we all have: our health, our family, our jobs and all the other opportunities that come our way?

Jesus in the Gospel today used a man with a handicap to open our minds to the true meaning of happiness. "Ephphata"! It is as if, he is talking to us directly and saying, be opened! Open your minds to the gifts and talents that you have; open your hearts to the positive things that there are in the world; open yourselves that the Lord may touch your lives and that you may become channels of proclaiming his love to people around you.

The man in the Gospel has no name, so he can stand for all of us who are in need of the Lord. Decapolis is a neutral place for everyone. Jews, pagans and people from other cultures were all there. The healing and the message of the Gospel is for everyone. No distinction, no favouritism. 'Ephphatha' if for everyone. This is God's grace at work to whoever wishes to listen to him. Jesus wishes to open our blind eyes, our deaf ears and soften our hardened hearts. Let us all heed his voice and listen as he loudly tells us today, 'Ephphatha!'



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family, Emelita Saulog
Praying for all souls.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Giuseppe Tropiano,
Beatrice (Betty) Allis.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Daglish, Rodolfo
Balagasay, Felipe Colonel Medina, Lilia
Moscosa, Gioan Baotixita & Maria.

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, Barry Hyett.



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

The encounter with Jesus never leaves one unaffected, but
our ears must be opened to receive His word. (Mark 7:31-37)



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



First Communion Schedule

9 September 2018

8:30am — St. John's Church
(for students of St. John's
Primary and Parish kids)

9:30am — Christ the King Church
(for students of Christ
the King Primary School)

15-16 September 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL Jeresa Sawadan	Joward Sawadan	Agnes Attard & William	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	Charles Budiman	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK Christine Medina	Christopher Chu	Florian Raymundo, Connie Mammaoliti & Julia Alcantara	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL Albert Agbamey	Guillermo Narsilio	Thanh Le & Hong Le	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK			Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK Kelly Maglalang	Kimberly Lam	Kathe Casas	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL Nenita Castillo	Hung Lam	Benedict Alvares	Coro di Dio

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 50:5-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Our First Parish meeting on the Plenary Council 2020

- Mel Chua

On Friday 31st August, Fr Noel Connolly was invited by the Parish to talk about the Plenary Council. He was very impressed by the attendance of 52 parishioners. In turn, we were equally impressed by his explanation on how important the Plenary Council was for each of us and also what we can do.

Fr Noel often quoted Pope Francis who is inviting us to share and listen to our brother and sisters. Pope Francis encourages us to “speak boldly, candidly and without fear. And at the same time, listen with humility and accept with an open heart to what your brothers (and sisters) say.”

The Plenary Council is an invitation for us to speak freely from our hearts and minds. Fr Noel acknowledges that we have a lot to learn and this process (listening and dialogue) may be challenging. Consulting, speaking up, listening and discerning are skills that take time and practice to master. It is even more difficult to listen humbly with open hearts and try to appreciate what the Spirit is saying through each of us.

It requires charity, open mindedness, trust and patience from us. Pope Francis said we should not be afraid of open and fraternal debate, because this is how we will find what the Spirit wants.

Last Friday, we have shown by our attendance at Fr Noel’s talk that we want to participate in the Plenary Council. We can now look forward in participating boldly, humbly and with trust to the process.

This will hopefully be the beginning of a beautiful and worthwhile process that will see us become a more synodal, consultative and participatory church.

Our next Parish meeting will be on Thursday 4th October. There will be a session on Listening and Dialogue. Jacqui Giuliano from the Archbishop’s office of Evangelisation will guide us in this process. We hope to see you there.

We are all invited and welcome on 4th Oct. There will be further information in the Parish Bulletin.

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?”

-JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don’t matter and that it’s more important to share with those who have less.

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St. John’s Church

Presbytery	\$152.15
Church	\$194.00

Our Lady’s Church

Presbytery	\$1,031.70
Church	\$1,195.00

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$870.60
Church	\$995.95

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

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Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ
Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ
Assistant Priest

Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ
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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



SCHEDULE OF NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

October 5-13, 2018

Sponsored by the 'Himig Pilipino Choir'
OUR LADY'S CHURCH—MAIDSTONE

Date	Day	Time	Activity
5/10/2018	Friday	7.00pm	Rosary
6/10/2018	Saturday	6.00pm	Rosary
7/10/2018	Sunday	5.30pm 6.30pm	Rosary Mass
8/10/2018	Monday	7.00pm	Rosary
9/10/2018	Tuesday	7.00pm	Rosary
10/10/2018	Wednesday	6.00pm 7.00pm	Rosary Novena/Mass
11/10/2018	Thursday	7.00pm	Rosary
12/10/2018	Friday	7.00pm	Rosary
13/10/2018	Saturday	3.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm	Rosary Mass Social Gathering

Parishioners are invited to offer flowers during the Novena. All are welcome to the social gathering at the Parish Hall, please bring a plate to share. For queries, please contact Tony Sobredo on 0466 506 701

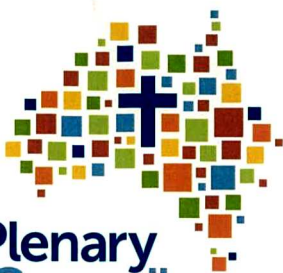
Important Notice

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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Plenary
Council
2020

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

Buổi hội thảo về Đại hội đồng Giám mục năm 2020 bằng Tiếng Việt.

"Chúa đang muốn chúng ta làm gì ở tại Úc?"

Vào 7 giờ tối thứ Năm (ngày 11 tháng 10) chúng ta sẽ được nghe Cha Vũ Phước Hiến, (thành viên trong ban tuyên giáo Đại Hội đồng Giám mục 2020 trong giáo phận Melbourne) đến thuyết trình tại Giáo xứ Thánh Gia (bên trong Hội trường Nhỏ nằm trên đường Lyon Street ở Maidstone Vic. 3012). Ngài sẽ nói về cách mà chúng ta có thể tích cực lắng nghe và tham gia đối thoại để tiếng nói của chúng ta được lắng nghe trong đại Hội đồng Giám mục toàn quốc vào năm 2020.

Chúng ta là GIÁO HỘI - Bạn và tôi, mỗi người trong Giáo xứ đều được mời gọi để tham gia vào sự kiện đặc biệt này. Đây là cơ hội tuyệt vời để chúng ta tiếp nhận thông tin - bằng cách nào mà chúng ta có thể tích cực tham gia trong công việc chuẩn vào đón mừng Đại hội đồng Giám mục toàn quốc.

Món ăn nhẹ như bánh trái, trà, cà phê sẽ được cung cấp miễn phí trong buổi hội thảo. Hãy tham gia và kêu gọi mọi người cùng tham gia.

Xin phúc đáp qua số ĐT 9317 9258 hoặc 9317 9298 cho mục đích phục vụ ẩm thực.

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

16-22 September
Thi Cuc Vu

23-29 September
K. Nguyen

30 September-
6 October
Legion of Mary



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