



# The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Jesus praises the humble contribution of the widow because it represents all she has. She gives not just her money but her whole heart to the Lord, and this is most pleasing to him. In the First Reading, another widow shares from her dwindling resources to feed the prophet Elijah. Her generosity is amply rewarded: her meager supply of flour and oil does not run out. Are we also generous with what we can offer to the Lord and to our brothers and sisters in need?

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Alleluia: Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Prayer: Lord, listen to our prayer.

*“Like our widows,  
do you believe in  
God’s promises?  
Do you want to  
experience the  
superabundance of  
grace in giving?”*

## YOUR JAR WILL NEVER GO EMPTY...

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

Foremost in people’s mind today is security. We want ourselves to be safe, our money to grow, our businesses to flourish, our studies to be smooth, our lives to be prosperous. To be secure, we resort to accumulation, hoarding, investing, piling up supplies, and keeping to ourselves valued necessities.

The readings today address our quest for security. In the heart of God and of his Son, what is the secret to living peacefully, plentifully, and abundantly? We are in for a big surprise: it is not supplying my needs, but giving to those in need.

The first reading shows us a poor widow preparing her last meal for herself and her son, after which they will surely die because of their poverty. The Prophet Elijah surprisingly challenges her to share her meager food with him. In the midst of her protest, the prophet speaks God’s promise: the jar of flour shall never go empty, the jug of oil shall never run dry. The widow trusted God’s word and gave from her poverty. Though she did not get rich, she and her son never lacked their basic needs!

Because we are afraid to experience want, we resist the invitation to be generous in giving and sharing with others. Don’t we often wonder: if I give, what will happen to me? What is there in it for me? Will I not be the one begging? Why give away to others what I worked for? I am also poor, I also need help. However, it is very clear that God’s promise of security and abundance is not for the selfish but for the selfless. You do not have to be rich to be able to share. The poor, in fact, give us more compelling examples of love and sacrifice when they give from what little they have.

I remember an incident when I was still in the Philippines, when I brought a group of children to fast food meal one day. Each one got a hamburger, fries, and drinks. While all the kids were happily munching their meal, a boy, from a poor family, merely sipped from his drinks while nearly preserving his burger and fries. I wondered if he were full. But it turned out that it was his first time to eat this kind of food and he remembered his younger siblings at home with whom he wished to share his portion.

In the Gospel, the Lord Jesus makes the same point. The rich were giving from their surplus for the upkeep of the temple. But there came an old widow who had no other money than the one she dropped in the collection box. For Jesus, that woman’s donation far outweighed the extravagant spectacle of the rich donors.

It does not only feel good to give. Giving is a source of rich blessings. Yes, we may be poor and simple. But that does not disqualify us from becoming generous distributors of gifts. The disciples remembered Jesus saying, “It is most blessed to give than to receive”. Like our widows, do you believe in God’s promises? Do you want to experience the superabundance of grace in giving?



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family

#### Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresa Burke.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernard Gjoni, Pjeter Gjoni, Katrina Gjoni, Armand Polidano, Celestina Polidano, Ines Michealidis.

### 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, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Billy Frankland, Edgar Dacaldacal, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Tran Thi Doi.



## 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>
Filipino Mass	3:00 pm <sup>2</sup>
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 pm <sup>3</sup>

#### 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

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

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

## Vocation View

Jesus upholds the example of the widow who puts two small coins into the Temple treasury as the greatest treasure given. We are to give not out of our surplus, but from our very selves. (Mark 12:38-44)



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](mailto:olckedge@gmail.com)

Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm



### RCIA

Our parish is commencing a program for Adults who wish to become Catholics. It goes for 14 Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Pavilion. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

## 17-18 November 2018

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Jerese Sawadan	Joward Sawadan	Agnes Attard & William Napiza	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Peggy Dias	Rose Thomas	Alicia Alcantara & Lucy Inocencio	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		Loan Vu	Hoa Ton	Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Kimberly Lam	Kathe Casas	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Nishanth Gurram	Hung Lam	Benedict Alvares	Coro di Dio

### Next Week's Readings

Daniel 12:1-3  
Hebrews 10:11-14,18  
Mark 13:24-32

## DONATIONS TO THE GROTTO PROJECT

Thank you very much for the donations to our Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Date	Name	Amount
04.11.2018	Dien Pham	\$200.00
05.11.2018	Anna Nguyen	\$300.00
09.11.2018	Pham Van Vien	\$200.00

## MEMORIAL MASSES

**Memorial Masses** for all those who have died will be held at Our Lady's Church, Maidstone and at Christ the King, Braybrook on Thursday, 15th of November at 7.00 pm.

For those whose loved ones died during the last 12 months (beginning November 2017), please bring a photo of your loved one when you attend the celebration of the Memorial Mass.

## NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS

**Sunday 18 November, 3pm and 6pm**  
Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University,  
115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

A socially inclusive musical theatre event commemorating Kristallnacht and the protest by William Cooper.

**Cost:** \$25

**Details:** <https://nightofbrokenglass.teamapp.com/>

## YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION INFORMATION NIGHT

**Tuesday 13 November, 7.30–8.30pm**  
YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill

Study Theology as an undergraduate or postgraduate student for credit. Or choose to enrol for your own interest, without completing essays for credit. All are welcome to come along and find out more. Feel free to bring a friend. No booking required. FEE HELP available.

**Enquiries:** [admin@ytu.edu.au](mailto:admin@ytu.edu.au)

## SCHOOLS

**St. John's Catholic School**  
34 Essex St., Footscray West VIC 3011  
**Tel:** 9687 3150 : **Fax:** 9687 9166  
[principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au)

**Christ the King Primary School**  
28 Riley Court, Braybrook VIC 3019  
**Tel:** 9311 7387 : **Fax:** 9312 6755  
[principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au)

**Caroline Chisholm Catholic College**  
65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019  
**Tel:** 9296 5311 : **Fax:** 9296 5381  
[registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au)

## SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB

**Saturday 17 November, 8pm**  
Benedict House, 301 Warrigal Road,  
Burwood

Party for Single Catholics (ages 28 to 60), includes supper and lucky door prizes.

**Cost:** \$13

**Enquiries:** Peter on 9885 2167

## HAMER SINGERS: THE TENDERNESS OF SILENT MINDS

**Sunday 25 November, 3.30pm**  
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place,  
East Melbourne

Memories and hopes, laughter and grief, deep anger at what was, exquisite visions of what could be. Extraordinary music by Gustav Mahler, Jóhann Jóhannsson (*The theory of everything*), Sir John Tavener and Arvo Pärt, in the soaring beauty of St Patrick's Cathedral.

**Bookings:** <https://www.hamersingers.com.au/concert-info.html>

## 2018 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION

**Widening the Door of Hope: A Response to the Victorian Assisted Dying Legislation**

**Date:** Tuesday 20th November 2018

**Time:** 7.30pm Start  
7.00pm light refreshments

**Venue:** Mercy Theatre  
Australian Catholic University  
115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy  
(enter via Young Street)

**Orators:** Assoc. Prof. Natasha Michael  
Director, Palliative Medicine

Dr Stephen Parnis  
Former Vice-President AMA

**RSVP/Inquiries:** by Monday 12th November 2018 or [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)

**Details:** <https://www.cam.org.au/justice>

*"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."*

- MARK 12:43-44

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

Presbytery \$111.40

Church \$161.35

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$916.45

Church \$1,583.85

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$777.65

Church \$1,029.10

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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### CHURCHES

**Christ the King Church**  
67 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook VIC 3019

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**  
46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone VIC 3012

**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
34 Essex Street, Footscray VIC 3012

*Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ*  
Parish Priest

*Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ*  
Assistant Priest

*Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ*  
Hospital Pastoral Associate

*Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen*  
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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

## Grotto Update

Dear Parishioners,

The project has truly begun!

Did you notice the markings on the ground? What do they mean and how did they come about? Well, the surveyor was here on Saturday, 3 November to locate the proposed location of the grotto in the garden. He had to lay out or stake out reference points and markers that will guide the construction of the grotto. We also fenced the area that was surveyed to protect the markers needed for the actual construction (from beginning to completion). The fencing may cause you some inconvenience and we sincerely apologise for this.

Every week you would see something different is taking place. A slow process but we will get there. More than ever, we really need your support and assistance. Donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

As always, please feel free to call our Parish Office on 9317 9298 or Thanh Vu at 0404 121 929 if you would like to assist or help.

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Kính thưa quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em,

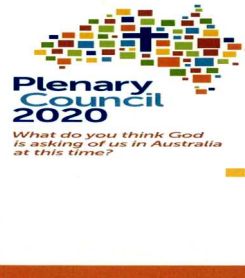
Dự án đang thực sự bắt đầu!

Quý vị có nhìn thấy các dấu mốc trên mặt đất không? Chúng là gì và tại sao có? Vâng, một nhân viên khảo sát đã đến đây ngày thứ Bảy (3 tháng 11) để xác định vị trí tượng đài trong khu vườn. Ông ấy đã bố trí, vẽ và cắm mốc trên mặt đất để chỉ dẫn cho công việc xây dựng tượng đài.

Chúng tôi cũng đã rào kín khu vực để bảo vệ các dấu mốc cần phải có cho một công trình xây dựng thực thụ (từ khởi sự cho đến hoàn tất). Hàng rào có thể gây phiền toái cho quý vị và chúng tôi xin chân thành cáo lỗi.

Mỗi tuần chúng ta nhìn thấy một cái gì khác đang xảy ra. Một tiến trình tuy chậm nhưng rồi chúng ta sẽ đi tới đích. Hơn bao giờ hết, chúng tôi đang rất cần đến sự hỗ trợ và giúp đỡ của quý vị. Mọi đóng góp cho dự án đều được tiếp nhận một cách trân trọng và đánh giá cao.

Như mọi lần, xin quý vị vui lòng gọi cho văn phòng giáo xứ qua số ĐT 9317 9298 hoặc Thanh Vũ qua số 0404 121 929 nếu quý vị có nhã ý đóng góp hoặc giúp đỡ.



This week's events

<b>MONDAY</b> 10.00 am	<b>12th November</b> Italian Prayer Group O/L
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>14th November</b> Novena/Mass O/L
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7.00 pm 7.00 pm	<b>15th November</b> Memorial Mass CTK Memorial Mass O/L
<b>FRIDAY</b> 6.30 pm	<b>16th November</b> Exposition & Adoration CTK
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3.00 pm	<b>18th November</b> Vietnamese Mass CTK

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am on 25th November 2018 followed by refreshments in the school hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Choir practice will be on Fridays 16th and 23rd November at 7.30 pm at Christ The King Church. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate.

## MỪNG LỄ CHÚA KITÔ VUA

Thánh lễ sẽ được cử hành vào ngày Chúa Nhật 25/11 lúc 9.30 sáng ;sau Thánh Lễ sẽ có tiệc trà tại Hội Trường của trường tiểu học CTK. Xin mang theo một đĩa thức ăn để cùng chia sẻ. Ca đoàn sẽ tập hát 2 ngày thứ Sáu 16 và 23 tháng 11 lúc 7.30 tối tại nhà thờ Chúa Kitô Vua. Xin mọi người tích cực đóng góp và tham gia vào việc tập hát.

## Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

18-24 November  
Thi Cuc Vu

25 November - 1  
December  
K. Nguyen

2-8 December  
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](mailto:maidstone@cam.org.au) or visit our website at [www.hfp.org.au](http://www.hfp.org.au)