



# The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "Epiphany" means manifestation. The birth of Jesus is meant not only for the people of Israel but also for all nations, represented by the Magi or the "Three Wise Men." Do we let Jesus reveal himself to us? Do we let others see the light of Jesus' presence in us?

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Alleluia: We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer: Lord, our light and salvation, listen to our prayer.

## PERSONS OF DEPTH

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

The Magi or wise men remind us that we should be persons of depth. We are superficial when we limit our concerns to what we should wear, eat, or drink. We acquire depth when we involve God in our lives, striving to know God's will through a process we call discernment.

You are wise if you involve Jesus in your day-to-day decisions, when you ask his opinion over big and small matters. You want to follow his star, and like the wise men, you become confused and bothered once his star disappears. You cannot live without the light of God; you strive always to see reality under the guidance.

Many of us live empty lives because we do not give God any space in our existence. We remember God only in times of need and want. We pray when we are suffering from severe problems or incurable illnesses, but God remains far from us because we do not involve him in our decision-making. We are so sure of ourselves; we run to God only when we become desperate.

When you decided to get married, for instance, did you bother asking whether God was calling you to the married life? This is discernment. We open our hearts and minds to the mysterious voice of our Creator who gets involved in our lives if we allow him to.

As parents, do you ask God for guidance as to where you will send your children for school? Do young people ever wonder whether God agrees with their career choice or professional route? When we develop the habit of asking God for the decisions we make, especially the big ones, then we become, like the Magi, persons of depth.

When we involve God in our decisions, we will see our lives as completing our God-given mission. We acquire a purpose, a reason for living. We are on our way to happiness. A life without purpose is empty and sad. When we wake up each morning knowing that we will spend the day doing God's will for us, the warmth of God's light enters our hearts. We become contented and happy. Our day becomes a life celebration.

If you are superficial in your way of life, you will never be a witness to Jesus. Only men and women of depth can fulfill this purpose.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family and Lawley Family.

#### Eternal Repose

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lucy O'Brien, Antoinetta Carrafa, Pasquale Mercaldi.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph Le, Vincente Pham Van Dung, Maria Teresa Dao Phuong, Maria Nhung, Tess & Jack Daghish, David Patrick Considine, Maria Ta Thi Hue, Gioan Baotixita Pham Van Nha, Maria Vu Thi Thuoc, Giuse Nguyen Van Truong, Maria Nguyen Thi Huong, Giuse Nguyen Van Do, Maria Pham Thi Hang, Maria Pham Thi Thom, Maria Pham Thi On, Anne Orlinski, Maria Antonia Tucci.

### 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, Carmen Micaless.

## 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	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

(until end of January)

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

To testify to the truth; this is why Christ came, this is the mission of the priest and religious. Has your life testified to the truth that Christ is King?



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**

### Preparation for 1st RECONCILIATION

Children who do not study in a Catholic School and wish to receive their First Holy Communion this year can start their preparation by attending the course on First Reconciliation (Confession). Kids must at least be in grade 3 to attend this course. Please register at the parish office. The course will commence on 28 February 2019.



## 12-13 January 2019

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Joward Sawadan	Jeresa Sawadan	Benjamin & Yvonne	Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Quang Son Ho	John Ho	Hoa Ton & An Le	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Antoniette Pezzano	Kath Crowley	-
	9:30am	CTK	Anna Maria Baluca	William Chu	George Tawaf, Samia Tawaf & Lucy Inocencio	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Claire Lawson	Peter Anastasi	Lorraine D'Silva & Guiseppina Genovesi	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Kimberly Lam	Kathe Casas	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Julieta Uy	Keith Ocampo	William Napiza & Teri Napiza	Exxemoz

### Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7  
Psalm 28:1-4,9-10  
Acts 10:34-38



### DONATIONS TO THE GROTTO PROJECT

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

Date	Name	Amount
<b>30.12.2018</b>	<b>Weekly Subtotal</b>	<b>\$15,800.00</b>
29.12.2018	Anonymous	50.00
30.12.2018	Anonymous	50.00
30.12.2018	Fr. Thang Vu	150.00
2.01.2019	Perla and Dimple	200.00
2.01.2019	Anonymous	500.00
2.01.2019	Maria Vu Thi Thang	100.00
2.01.2019	Anonymous	100.00
02.01.2019	Huynh Family	100.00
02.01.2019	Kim	50.00
03.01.2019	Ty Pham	1,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,100.00</b>



“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’”

- JOHN 18:36

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

## stewardship

### St. John’s Church

Presbytery \$96.35  
Church \$180.70

### Our Lady’s Church

Presbytery \$1,603.30  
Church \$1,809.60

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$648.10  
Church \$797.50

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.

We would like to encourage our Parishioners to participate in our Donation Appeal for the building of a Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Maidstone. We are hoping to raise around forty thousand dollars for the project. Our Church is high and in proportion, the grotto should be around 5.4 meters high. We are hoping to improve the reverential atmosphere in our Church favorable for prayer and meditation and improve the aesthetics of our surroundings. The project includes water cascading from the feet of the image of Our Lady into a small pond.

### INFORMATION EVENT: 2019 CAMINO JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

Sunday 20 January, 2pm

The Garden, Mind Body Business, 4 Ross Smith Avenue, Frankston

This free information event is for women who are interested in joining a Guided Camino Pilgrimage in September. Come along and find out how you can be part of our Gentle Camino. This unique Guided Camino Pilgrimage has been specifically designed to offer you guided meditations, nightly sharing circle, quiet reflection, prayers and Mass, pre-booked accommodation and daily luggage transfers. We will be walking an average of 10–15km per day over the last 100km from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela, starting 9 September.

Website: [www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au](http://www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au)

Registrations: Joanne Cashman on 0417 137 369 or

[caminojourneysforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:caminojourneysforwomen@gmail.com) or register online at

[www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au](http://www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.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)

## 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

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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

## Recap FAQ about the Plenary

### What is the Plenary Council?

Put simply, the Plenary is not only a meeting of bishops, but a process that calls for the participation of the entire Catholic Community. It invites the whole Church into dialogue, to discern how its communities can live the Gospel with renewed vitality amidst new questions and challenges. We are all invited to consider, reflect, and respond to the question: **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**

### Why is it important?

The Australian Church is going through a period of crisis. This is an opportunity to have your voice heard and to contribute to the reshaping of the Catholic church in Australia. It is our responsibility to take leadership of the future of the Australian Catholic church. Our voices matter. Therefore, we pray, we reflect, we listen, we speak, and importantly, we stand together hopeful of a revival of the Church.

### What are the important dates?

There are three steps of preparation for the Plenary. (Please refer to last week's bulletin for more information.)

#### Open Listening and Dialogue

This began at Pentecost 2018 and will continue until Ash Wednesday 2019 (March 6). We have until Ash Wednesday to submit our responses to the question online to

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).

#### Dialogue and Discernment:

This will commence after Easter in 2019 and will end before Christmas in the same year.

#### Dialogue and Formation:

This will commence early 2020.

The first Plenary Council session will be held in October from 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. The second Plenary Council session will be held in May 2021.

### What has our parish done so far?

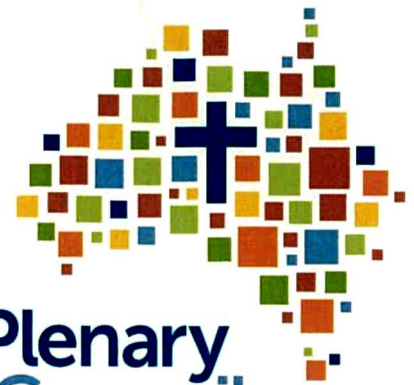
We have had two meetings in the Parish in the Small Hall so far, inviting Fr Noel Connelly and Jacqui Giuliano (Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation) to guide our listening and dialogue regarding the Plenary. Many have formed their own group/s to continue this dialogue. There are no set 'rules' on how to go about this activity. We are all invited to listen and dialogue with each other in whatever way we feel most comfortable with.

### Where can I get further information?

The website [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) contains key information and many useful resources. If you would like assistance in accessing this website or with submitting your responses online, please contact the Parish Office.

This week's events

<b>MONDAY</b> 10.00 am	<b>7th January</b> Italian Prayer Group O/L
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>8th January</b> PPC Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>9th January</b> Novena/Mass O/L
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3.00 pm	<b>13th January</b> Vietnamese Mass O/L



## Plenary Council 2020

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

## FOUNDATIONS IN YOUTH MINISTRY CAMP: CORE

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 February

Don Bosco Camp, 52-62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth invites all new youth ministers (1-3 years' experience) to join us for a camp to build foundations in leadership, ministry and the life of Christ. This camp will allow you to learn practical skills in planning and running all aspects of youth ministry as well as an opportunity to meet others in the same role as you.

**Cost:** \$85 including all meals and accommodation

**Enquiries:** [aoy@cam.org.au](mailto:aoy@cam.org.au)

**Registrations:** [www.trybooking.com/YSJJ](http://www.trybooking.com/YSJJ)

### Cleaning Roster

Our Lady's (Maidstone)

30 December 2018-5 January 2019  
Thi Cuc Vu

6-12 January  
K. Nguyen

13-19 January  
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)