



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Today's Gospel narrates to us that the Spirit drove Jesus out into the Wilderness and was tempted by Satan. The temptation of Jesus in the desert is a great reminder that temptations in our lives can be overcome if we go to Jesus and choose to remain with him.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel

Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Prayer: Lord, you conquered sin and temptation, listen to our prayer.

Put God First

What's my heart seeking? I'll find it in the desert.

In the Bible, God speaks to people in the desert. In the silence of the desert, we come face to face with both the good and the bad inside each one of us.

In the desert, we decide who will be first in our lives: God or myself. Most of us can't go off and spend weeks alone in a literal desert.

But Lent is like the desert.

The Church gives us this time to listen more closely to God, and to grow in our relationship with him – and that means putting God first.

Jesus shows us how. In the gospel today, the Devil tempts Jesus. He does this by proposing three ways to put something else before God.

Comfort-Seeking. Jesus has been fasting for 40 days. He's probably a little bit hungry by now... The Devil tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, putting his comfort ahead of the Father's will. Food is good, but it won't fill our hearts.

Pride. The Devil takes Jesus to a mountaintop and shows him the whole world. He tells him "I'll give you all of this – I'll give you power and control – if you bow down and worship me." Success is good, but it won't fill our hearts.

Vanity. The Devil suggests that Jesus throw himself off the temple, because the angels will save him. Imagine how much this would impress the onlookers. The esteem of others is good, but it won't fill our hearts.

What's Jesus' response to all this? He tells the Devil – "I know none of those things can make a person truly happy. I will choose my Father above everything else."

Jesus shows us how to put God first.

In the spirit of Lent, our Parish Bulletin will come out in monochrome to help us remember that we are in a penitential atmosphere during this Season. The coloured copies will resume during Easter.

In this house
WE PUT GOD FIRST
WE FORGIVE
we count our
Blessings
WE ARE REAL We give
HUGS & KISSES
We are silly + laugh a lot
we make mistakes
SHOW KINDNESS & SHARE
WE CHERISH
FAMILY & FRIENDS
MAKE SAY I'M SORRY
MEMORIES *Pray we*
we have fun
WE LOVE EACH OTHER



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving
Dallimore Family and Lawley Family

Eternal Repose
RECENTLY DECEASED: Winston Magee,
Carmelo Costanzo, Vincenzo Conte.

ANNIVERSARIES: Hilaria Saulog

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, 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, Pat Roddis, Billy Frankland, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Carmen Micallef, Sr. Marieta



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

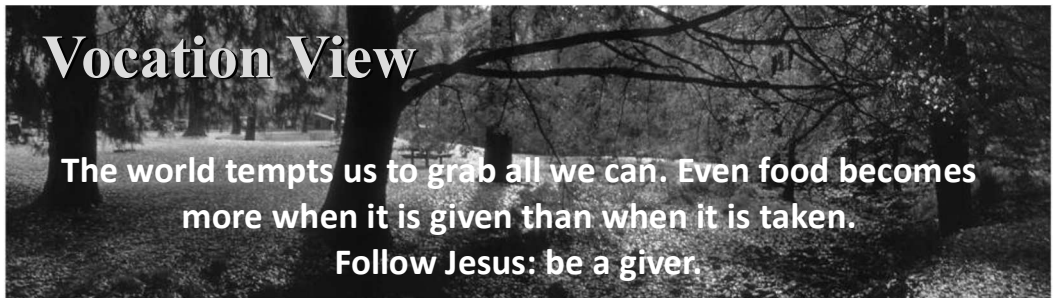
MARRIAGE

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 world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken.
Follow Jesus: be a giver.



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

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

During the Lenten season we have two scheduled Penitential Services in Vietnamese and in English.

VIETNAMESE

Thursday, 11 April 2019
Our Lady's Church @ 6:30 PM

ENGLISH

Friday, 12 April 2019
Our Lady's Church @ 6:30 PM



16-17 March 2019

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Jeresa Sawadan	Joward Sawadan	Agnes Attard	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Lucy Inocencio	Rose Thomas	Bich Hoa, Nina Bartolo & Shane Caldwell	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	Guillermo Nasilio	Albert Agbamey	Thanh Le & Hong Le	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Brendon Sarabia	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Frank Unger	Hung Lam	Benedict Alvares	Coro di Dio

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28-36

Why are the Gloria and Alleluia omitted during Lent?

Aleteia: Philip Kosloski

Even the liturgy "fasts" in preparation for the glorious season of Easter.

The Lenten season is marked by two very distinct liturgical omissions. Neither the hymn known as the Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest) nor the Alleluia verse sung before the Gospel is permitted during the entire 40 days of Lent (with a few small exceptions).

Why is that?

First of all, the Gloria is a hymn that celebrates the coming of the Lord using words from the angels at Christ's birth. The Church during Lent returns in spirit to a time when the people of God were in exile, waiting for the Messiah to come and save them. It is a similar season of expectation as is Advent, but instead of awaiting Christ's birth from the womb of Mary, the Christian people await Christ's second "birth" from the womb of the sepulcher.

Secondly, following this same spirit of exile, the Church joins Moses and the Israelites as they wander in the desert for 40 years. It is a time of agony and purification, one where the faithful join together in saying, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" (Psalm 137:4) The word "Alleluia" is rooted in a Hebrew expression that means "praise the Lord" and is thus omitted during Lent.

As a result, our focus in Lent is not in rejoicing, but in mourning our sins, looking at those things that prevent us from an authentic relationship with God. Once these are removed through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are able to rejoice again at Easter, for it is not only Christ's resurrection that we celebrate, but our own rebirth in the spirit.

Similar to a woman experiencing labour pangs before birth, so the Christian people "groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies" (Romans 8:23).

What happens next?

The first stage of preparation for the Plenary Council came to a close at midnight on 6th March. The second stage of the preparation phase of Plenary Council, which begins on 9th June, will be "Listening and Discernment".

"Discernment is a term that we hear quite often these days, and practising discernment in our communities and our preparation towards the Plenary Council will help to ensure we are listening to God, listening to each other and considering our path forward as the People of God in Australia." Archbishop Costelloe said.

With the Listening and Dialogue phase now complete, the National Centre for Pastoral Research will continue the deep listening process, conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes that have emerged.

Then, in May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will work together with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment.

Those themes will become the focus for the Listening and Discernment phase and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda.

The final statistical data from the Listening and Dialogue phase will be released later this month.

Visit the Plenary Council website for more information at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



**Plenary
Council
2020**

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

- Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery \$139.90
Church \$246.40

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$880.70
Church \$1,726.90

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$873.50
Church \$858.85

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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Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ
Assistant Priest

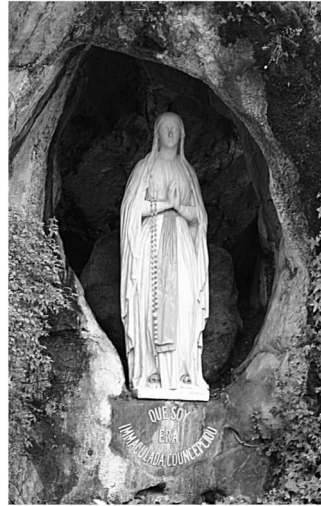
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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

DONATIONS TO THE GROTTO PROJECT		
Thank you very much for the donations to our Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.		
Date	Name	Amount
03.03.2019	Weekly Subtotal	\$33,820.00
09.03.2019	Anonymous	50.00
09.03.2019	Nguyet Nguyen	500.00
	Total	\$34,370.00



This week's events

- MONDAY** 10.00 am **11th March**
Italian Prayer Group O/L
- TUESDAY** 8:30 am **12th March**
Stations of the Cross CTK (Vietnamese)
7.00 pm PPC Meeting
- WEDNESDAY** 7.00 pm **13th March**
Novena/Mass O/L
- FRIDAY** 6.30pm **15th March**
Stations of the Cross
After morning Mass
Exposition & Adoration CTK
- SUNDAY** 3.00 pm **17th March**
3.00 pm Vietnamese Mass CTK
Filipino Mass O/L

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Vietnamese Catholic Youth Group at CTK, I would like to sincerely thank all community members for your enthusiasm in helping us raise funds over the weekend. We hope that you keep us in your prayers, so that we may continue to positively learn to live and grow in the spirit of the Lord in the world today.
May the Holy Family Bless you all.

- Sr. Michaela

Sơ thay mặt lớp giáo lý trẻ em, chân thành cảm ơn Cộng đoàn đã nhiệt tình giúp đỡ các em trong việc gây quỹ cuối tuần qua.
Xin cộng đoàn tiếp tục ban thêm lời cầu nguyện, để các em luôn hằng say học hỏi và sống tinh thần của Chúa giữa thế giới hôm nay cách tích cực.
Nguyện xin Chúa Mẹ Maria ban muôn phúc lành trên quý vị.

Cleaning Roster
Our Lady's (Maidstone)

3-9 March
Thi Cuc Vu

10- 16 March
K. Nguyen

17-23 March
Legion of Mary



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3rd Collection for PROJECT COMPASSION

As we have done in the past two years, we are again initiating a 3rd collection during the weekend and Special Holiday Masses in favour of *Project Compassion* during the period of Lent. We have found this to be a more effective tool in supporting the works of CARITAS—Australia and a more concrete way to show our solidarity to people who may benefit from our help. Our Lenten observance of fasting and abstinence will have more meaning if we direct our savings by giving to Project Compassion.

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

