



# The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

The gospel reading for this Sunday recounts Jesus' meeting with John the Baptist. It provides us with a lesson in heeding, and acting on, what God has said to us. "On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will Baptize with the Holy Spirit." Let us go into the new year singing the new song that God has given us, "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will."

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Response: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Alleluia: The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Prayer: Listen to the prayer of your children, Lord.



## Jesus, the Lamb of God

John the Baptist's favorite title for Jesus is "the Lamb of God." It also became one of John the Evangelist's favorite titles. He uses it here in his Gospel, and then he used it again, twenty-nine times, in the Book of Revelation.

It brings together three images that would have been familiar to the Jews of those times. And so, by calling Christ the "Lamb of God," St John is telling us that those ancient images are fulfilled in Jesus.

The first image: In the Old Covenant, God required the Jews to sacrifice a lamb twice a day to expiate the sins of the people (cf. Exodus 29:39). So the lamb symbolized the price to be paid for sin.

The second image: The primary holy day of the Jews was (and remains) the Passover. In the Passover ceremony each family sacrifices and eats a lamb to recall their liberation from Egypt in the days of Moses. On that night, God allowed the death of all the firstborn children and animals of the Egyptians, but spared those of the Hebrews. In order to indicate which households the angel of death was to skip over, God commanded the Hebrews to kill a lamb and mark their doorposts with its blood. Thus the Passover lamb signified God's merciful and saving love.

The third image: Finally, a lamb going silently and docilely to be slaughtered is one of the images used to describe the coming Messiah. He was going to take Israel's sins upon himself and wipe them away through his suffering obedience.

And so, by calling Jesus the "Lamb of God," John reminds us that all of these Old Testament symbols had been pointing towards Christ - the true Savior.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Special Intentions & Thanksgiving**  
Dallimore Family and Lawley Family.

**Eternal Repose**  
RECENTLY DECEASED: Giuse Vu Van Vinh, Godfrey Pinto, Charlie Azzopardi.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Shires.

### Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Mariano Rondael Jr. Nip Frogosa, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselynn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Jose Mastruzzo, Nell Monagle, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Pat Roddis, Billy Frankland, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Carmen Micallef, George Tawaf, Denver D'Cruz, Grace Pulvera Skellern & Col. Roger Camacho, Carmelita Andrade, Hazel Ford, Raul Cruz, Pauline Walker, Geff Couch, Marlene Couch, Gavin Couch.



## 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

Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!



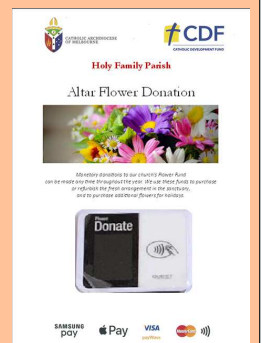
EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years. Edge Nights takes place Friday evenings. Kids between 10-13 years old are invited and encouraged to attend. **Interested in helping out?**  
**Contact: Christine at [olckedge@gmail.com](mailto:olckedge@gmail.com)**  
**Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm**

### Are You New to the Parish?

Welcome! 😊  
If you would like to be contacted, please write your contact details on Welcome Card provided at the foyer and drop it in the box. A member of our Parish Caring Team will contact you shortly!

### ALTAR FLOWERS DONATION

Please use our Donation Point Tap Device to help sustain our effort to provide Fresh Flowers for our Sanctuary.



## 25-26 January 2020

### MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Leanne Ma	Lynette Heasly	Yvonne Jose & Benjamin	Mary's Cho
	6:30pm	CTK	Grace Dias	Peggy Dias	Coral Le'Toille, Tuyen Nguyen, Lucy Inocencio	CTK Church cho
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Charles Budiman	Nam Tran	Antonietta Pezzano	-
	9:30am	CTK	Lily Do	Betty Do	Rosaline Raymundo, Jim Proctor, Lan'Anh Tuyet	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Hong Lam	Hung Lam	Lorraine D'Silva & Christine Mullan	OL Church Cho
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Lorraine Rodrigues	Kathe Casas	Mother Teres
	6:30pm	OL	Jesse Lipana	Nenita Rennie	William Napiza & Teri Napiza	Himig Filipin

### Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
Matthew 4:12-23

## The Devotion to the Santo Niño

It all began when an image of the Holy Child, called the Santo Niño, was given as a baptismal gift to the local chief's wife by Spanish explorers led by Portuguese-born Ferdinand Magellan. When Magellan arrived in Cebu, he was received positively by the local chief, Rajah Humabon. They were baptized to Catholicism together with his 800 subjects.

Rajah Humabon earned a new name, Carlos, after the grandfather of the reigning monarch, King Philip II (from where the name Philippines comes), and his wife was baptized as Juana, after King Philip's grandmother, Queen Juana of Castille.

Painting on the ceiling of Magellan's Cross chapel depicting the Catholic baptism © Valerie Caulin magellan's cross

When Magellan died and the remaining crew returned to Spain, the natives returned to their old beliefs and made the image into a pagan idol. Under Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, the Spaniards successfully colonized the Philippines in 1565. While raiding the villages, they saw the image again underneath the fires. Legazpi ordered that a shrine be built for the Santo Niño.

The oldest religious icon in the Philippines The Santo Niño is as old as the Catholic faith in the country. Made by Flemish artisans, the statue, now known as the Santo Niño de Cebu, is enshrined in a chapel within Basilica Minore del Santo Niño de Cebu, or simply Santo Niño Basilica. The statue may be a diminutive figure, but it stands regal with its left hand holding a cross-bearing orb (a symbol of Christian authority), while its other hand is in a priestly blessing gesture. It has a red cape with intricate embroidery and on top of its head is a crown.

Basilica del Santo Niño in Cebu © Valerie Caulin basilicasantonino  
Venerating the child Jesus was widespread in Spain during Magellan's time with European wood sculptors having the child god as their sub-

ject in the 1300s. Thus, it's not surprising that they gave it as a gift during the baptism rites of Rajah Humabon. (A similar Infant Jesus icon is the Holy Child of Prague.)

The original statue brought by Magellan is still found in Cebu. Devotees can see it encased in bullet-proof glass. Santo Niño is highly revered in Cebu and in other places in the country and its popularity resulted in other versions of a Holy Child dressed in ways people can relate to, from a policeman to a wandering child.

Cebu's Sinulog Festival ©Pradeep Swaminathan via Flickr  
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From Cebu, Santo Niño is venerated all over the country with festivals celebrated every third Sunday of January. Cebu holds the annual Sinulog festival, the Philippines' main religious festival in the child god's honor, attracting millions of devotees and tourists annually for decades. Other festivals celebrated during the feast of the Holy Child are Kalibo's Ati-Atihan and Iloilo's Dinagyang.



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*"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..."*

- Isaiah 49:5

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

Presbytery \$126.05  
Church \$195.15

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,291.30  
Church \$1,561.30

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$523.55  
Church \$758.40

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

### St. John's Catholic School

34 Essex St., Footscray West VIC 3011  
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[principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au)

### Christ the King Primary School

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[principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au)

### Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION CHURCHES

### Christ the King Church

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### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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### St. John the Evangelist Church

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Parish Priest*

*Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ  
Assistant Priest*

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



## Lunar New Year Mass

The Vietnamese Community of the Holy Family Parish invites everyone to join us in our Lunar New Year Mass on Friday, the 24th of January at 7:30pm at Our Lady's Church in Maidstone.

## Thánh lễ giao thừa Tết Nguyên đán

Cộng đồng Việt Nam Giáo xứ Holy Family kính mời mọi người tham gia cùng chúng tôi trong Thánh lễ giao thừa Tết Nguyên đán vào Thứ Sáu, ngày 24 tháng 1 lúc 7:30 tối tại Nhà thờ Đức Mẹ Hằng Cứu Giúp ở Maidstone.

## Bushfire Appeal

"For days now, our skies across Melbourne have been filled with the smell and haze of the fires – a steady reminder that our neighbours, so close to us particularly in the Gippsland areas, the bordering States of NSW and South Australia, are in dire need. We stand with all those affected by the devastation of these bushfires, as well as those working tirelessly to assist in the recovery efforts."—Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

Help our neighbours by donating at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or as **part of our Parish Special Collection on Australia Day weekend.**

## Exploring Our Spiritual Connection With The Ocean

Friday 20 March 6pm – Sunday 22 March 2pm 2020

Santa Casa, 33-35 Flinders Street, Queenscliff

This weekend will offer a time of rest and quiet in Nature. The retreatant is invited to listen to how God speaks to their heart through Nature. During the weekend, retreatants will have the opportunity to relax and contemplate the beauty of Nature and God's presence in the Ocean calling them to new life.

Cost: \$320 including room accommodation and all meals

Contact: Peter Saunders 0421 643 705

Bookings: Campion Centre of Ignation Spirituality (03) 9854 8110, secretary@campion.asn.au, [www.campion.asn.au](http://www.campion.asn.au)

## Live-In Weekend Retreat With Fr John Corrigan and Fr Nathan Rawlins

March 27-29, 2020

Pallotti College, Millgrove

This enclosed Retreat is organised by the Legion of Mary, Melbourne Senatus and is open to everyone.

Cost: \$200 includes 2 nights' accommodation and all meals.

Registration and enquiries: Caroline Fernandez on 0423 838 756 or [smtcsf@gmail.com](mailto:smtcsf@gmail.com)

## Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars are \$7 each. For those interested, please contact Greg at 0401 352 203.

**The parish office will be closed on the Vietnamese New Year's day - 25th January 2020.**

This week's events

**WEDNESDAY** 22nd January  
7:00 pm Novena Mass O/L

**SUNDAY** 26th January  
3:00 pm Vietnamese Mass O/L

## Cleaning Roster

Our Lady's (Maidstone)

12-18 January  
Thi Cuc Vu

19-25 January  
K. Nguyen

26 Jan-1 February  
Legion of Mary



## Christ the King (Braybrook)

Wednesday, 15 January - Group 3  
Allen, Norie, Dung, Huyen, Nhan (Le) Phuoc.

Wednesday, 22 January - Group 4  
Legion of Mary (CTK)

Wednesday, 29 January - Group 4  
Legion of Mary (CTK)



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)

