



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Outwardly, he was fulfilling the Law, but in reality, he was coming to meet his believing people. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple. Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognized the Lord and confessed him with exultation. So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ. There we shall find him and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, until he comes again, revealed in glory.

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Response: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Alleluia: This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-32

Prayer: God of light, listen to your Church.



Pro Life...

The two traditional Jewish rituals that Mary and Joseph followed soon after the birth of Jesus are a little bit confusing for us. But their deep meaning in ancient times is still valid for us today, and that's why the Holy Spirit preserved the narration of these events in the Gospel.

What is that deep meaning? Simply put, it is this: Every human life is a precious gift from God, worthy of reverence and respect. When St. Luke tells us that Mary and Joseph "consecrated" Jesus to the Lord, he is referring to the first ritual. The ritual consisted in offering a gift to God in symbolic exchange for their child, in order to acknowledge that children are a gift from God, and so ultimately belong to God. This ritual was also related to the Passover, when God slew the firstborn sons of Egypt, but spared those of Israel.

The second ritual was connected to the holiness of motherhood. After giving birth, women were required by Jewish law to wait for a specified amount of time before they could appear in the Temple or participate in any public religious ritual. Once the time had elapsed, they rejoined community worship by offering two sacrifices (this is what the "pair of turtledoves" was for). This requirement too reflects the religious value that God's people have always put upon human life; it was a way of acknowledging the sacredness of life.

When a woman gives birth, she is participating in a mystery that touches God directly, since he is the creator and sustainer of all life (most especially human life – for the ancient Jews – since all men and women were created "in the image of God"). So it was considered appropriate that she remain segregated from normal activities immediately afterwards, as a sign that she had been involved in something holy.

By submitting to these religious laws, Christ verifies the reverential view of human life that they reflect. Every child, every human life, is a gift from God, a participation in the mystery of God's infinite power and unwearied love. Jesus is pro-life, because he is the author and protector of life – of each of our lives.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving
Dallimore Family and Lawley Family.

Eternal Repose
RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Mario Germinario, Varghese Kallookkaran, Fr. Mario Gallucci

ANNIVERSARIES: Giobani Aiezza, Michele Aiezza, Raffaele Del Gaucece, Felix Brincat.

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, Chaiel Balcombe.



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

Christ is 'the light to enlighten all nations'. How are you called to help him bring that light to the world? Pray to discern your vocation.



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

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.



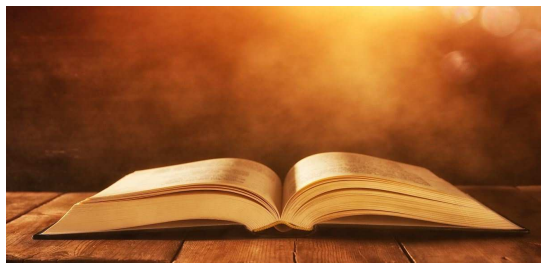
8-9 February 2020

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Jerese Sawadan	Joward Sawadan	Yvonne Jose & Benjamin	Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Quang Son Ho	John Ho	Coral Le'Toille & Hoa Ton	CTK Church choir
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Antoniette Pezzano	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Anna Balauca	William Chu	George Tawaf, Samia Tawaf, Ngoc Tran	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Fred Lipana	Albert Agbamey	Giuseppina Genovesi & Lorraine D'Silva	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Brendon Sarabia	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Nenita Rennie	Julieta Uy	William Napiza & Teri Napiza	EXXEMOZ

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16



Introduction to Scriptures

5 Thursdays with
Rev. Fr. John Lucas, RCJ SSL
at the Presbytery Pavilion @ 7:00 PM

The meeting commenced last Thursday, 23rd of January but interested parishioners may still join the class and discover tools and information you can use to jump start your interest in picking up Scriptures and become more familiar with it.

People who attended the first meeting felt that it was too short given the experience that time flies when the topic incites interest and added curiosities and inquiries about Sacred Scriptures.



Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes 2-10 Feb 2020

In stead of the usual prayer for vocations before the final blessing during our weekday Masses , we shall replace it with the Novena to our Lady of Lourdes in our Morning Mases from the 2nd to the 10th of February in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on the 11th of February 2020.

Healing and Anointing Mass

13 Feb Thurs 10:30 AM

We are resuming our quarterly Healing and Anointing Masses this year with our parish celebration at the Large Hall on the 13th of February at 10:30am. Light Lunch follows. Please let the Parish Office know if you are attending for catering purposes.



Ash Wednesday

26 Feb 2020

In observance of Ash Wednesday, we shall have the usual morning Masses in Maidstone and Braybrook along with the Novena Mass to the Perpetual Help at 7:00pm in Maidstone. This year, we are adding another Mass in Braybrook at 6:30pm.

THÔNG BÁO

Lớp giáo lý - Sáng chúa Nhật 2020
Tại trường tiểu học Christ The King

Ghi danh và khai giảng : 9-2-2020

Thời gian: 10.40am to 12.00pm

Tuổi: 5 tuổi đến Lớp 12

Catechism classes in Vietnamese for children from ages 5 until year 12 students will commence on the 9th of February 2020.

Registration & Classes start at 10:40am until 12:00noon.

“...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...”

- LUKE 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It’s easy to be Catholic then, it’s harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

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St. John’s Church

Presbytery \$105.85
Church \$262.30

Our Lady’s Church

Presbytery \$2,101.95
Church \$3,614.00

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$727.95
Church \$924.40

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

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Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ
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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



Parish School News

Our 2 parish primary schools are back to business this week.

St John's - Students begin on Friday 31st January

Christ the King - Grade 1 - 6 students start on Thursday 30th January
- Grade Prep students start on Friday 31st January

We ask God's blessing on a happy, productive and successful year ahead.

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR BOTH SCHOOLS FOR PREP 2021

All Students attending Christ the King Primary School have the right to feel safe.

The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is the responsibility of all within our school.

Countdown 5 weeks to go!!!!

To when we meet again as parish to look at the Plenary Councils second theme

We can look at (discern)

1. An equal role for women
2. A mass that appeals more to the young
3. Becoming a more welcoming parish
4. Introducing the third rite for confession
5. A greater lay involvement

Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



2020 Strength in Weakness Conference

Saturday 15 February 2020, 9:00am – 6:30pm, 400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre)

A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera.

We invite everyone to this free event. If you are interested in participating, please register online.

For more information & free registration visit www.strengthinweakness.com.au



This week's events

WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	5th February Novena Mass O/L
FRIDAY 6:00 pm	7th February Exposition & Adoration CTK
SUNDAY 3:00 pm	9th February Vietnamese Mass O/L

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

2-8 February
Thi Cuc Vu

9-15 February
K. Nguyen

16-22 February
Legion of Mary



Christ the King (Braybrook)

Wednesday, 5 February - Group 1
Helen (O'Keefe), Allen, Rita, Anil, Thu (Tran), Huyen, Nhan (Le)

Wednesday, 12 February - Group 2
Mai (Lam), Norie, Allen, Anne (Du Silva), Huyen, Nhan (Le)

Wednesday, 19 February - Group 3
Allen, Norie, Dung, Huyen, Nhan (Le), Phuoc

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