



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 Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted yet remained obedient to the Father's will. We are to face and overcome temptations as Jesus did by following His example through prayer, penance and the active use of the Word of God.

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12,17-19

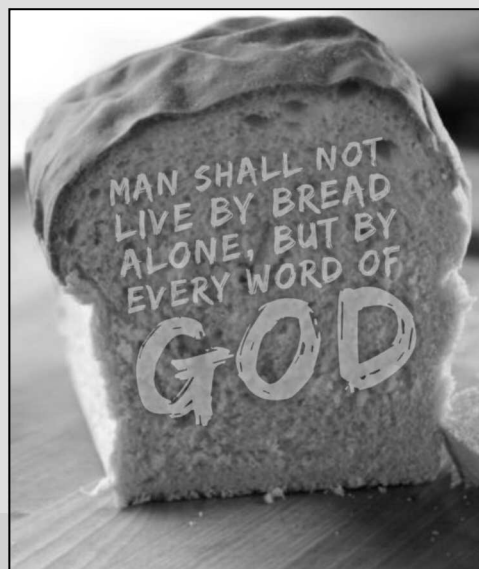
Gospel

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.

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Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Prayer: Lord, hear our prayer.



Man does not live on bread alone

If we only memorized **one verse** from the Bible, I would recommend the one we just heard: "Man does not live on **bread alone**, but on every **word** that comes forth from the mouth of God."

If we happened to live **1000 years ago**, I would probably recommend a different verse. But we live **now**. And right now the **biggest obstacle** to our happiness and holiness is our culture's **commercialist mentality**.

- The commercialist mentality says that all our problems can be solved by **stuff**, by **bread**.
- The commercialist mentality is the attitude encouraged by the **commercials**, advertisements, and billboards that we **run into** a hundred times a day, every day.
- The commercialist mentality says that if we have the right **bank account**, the right **house**, the right **vacation spot**, the right **outfits**, the right **software**, and the right **job**, everything will be **all right**.

All of these **material things**, all these loaves of bread, are **good**. They are part of this **wonderful creation** that God has generously given to us. But they are **not enough**. They are **necessary**, but **insufficient**. They cannot solve our **most important** problems.

Because the **human soul** is much **greater** than a **machine**.

- We need something **much greater** than fuel and axle grease to make our **lives run smoothly**.
- We need **truth**.
- We need to **know and follow the truth** about **who** we are and **what** we were created for.
- We need to **drink in** the truth that we are **loved by God**, **personally**, and that we are **called** to love him in return, with all the **power and creativity** of our being.

The **deepest part** of our soul is hungry not for **bread**, but for the **Word of God**, Jesus Christ, who is himself incarnate Truth and Love.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Caroline Tran, Isabella Nguyen, Editha Javier

ANNIVERSARIES: Felix Brincat, Lina Ciavarella.

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Mariano Rondael Jr. Nip Frogosa, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn 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, Julio Bescuer.



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
 Our Lady's 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

Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.



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?

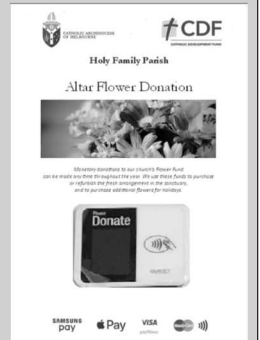
Welcome! ☺

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 for Flower Donations for our Sanctuary.

Donations this week:
 \$ 70.00



7-8 March 2020

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lynette Almeida	Lynette Heasley	Agnes Attard & Maria Ng	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	John Ho	Quang Son Ho	Coral Le'Toille, Alicia Alcantara, Hoa Ton	CTK Church choir
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Antoniette Pezzano	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Merri Balauca	Anna Balauca	George Tawaf, Samia Tawaf, Ngoc Tran	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Albert Agbamey	Fred Lipana	Giuseppina Genovesi & Lorraine D'Silva	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Brendon Sarabia	Kelly Maglalang	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Julieta Uy	Nenita Rennie	William Napiza & Teri Napiza	EXXEMOZ

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4
 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 Matthew 17:1-9

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for Parishes

Dear Bishops, Fathers, Deacons and colleagues,

Due to the rapidly changing situation in respect to the threat posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and acting on the advice of the Australian and Victorian Department of Health, the following precautionary measures are to apply across the Archdiocese of Melbourne effective from today, 28 February 2020.

- **Holy Communion:** The distribution of Holy Communion under Both Species is to cease. The chalice is not to be shared at any masses, and is for the celebrant(s) only.
- **Ministers of Communion:** Ensure that all ministers of the Eucharist, including Clergy, sanitise their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion. It is always good practice to supply tissues and hand gels at Church liturgies and gatherings, particularly for Ministers of the Eucharist, along with bins for disposal of used tissues.
- **Rite of Peace:** There is no need to take special measures on suspending the Rite of Peace, however parishioners with coughs and sneezes, the vulnerable, or those parishioners that may feel uncomfortable about shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, may wish to exchange the Peace of Christ with a smile or a bow, and should be encouraged to do so.
- **Public and Congregation Awareness:** The preventative measures should be appropriately communicated to the congregation and broader community. There is a government campaign on hygiene and posters can be downloaded at <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/>

about/publications/
policiesandguidelines/wash-your-hands-regularly-poster and placed in Parishes as a reminder that we can help prevent the spread of the virus with the practice of good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene.

The above information is provided by way of general practice, and is not something that needs to increase alarm in our congregations. A key point is to reassure and encourage the faithful – perhaps before Mass starts. I understand that CEM is also working closely with Principals and school communities in this regard.

The Victorian and Federal Government has issued guidance for the public and this remains the best source of advice. Further information and the latest advice can be obtained from the Australian Government's Department of Health at <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>.

These initial measures are being implemented to provide a response that is proportionate to the level of risk and to reduce risk to vulnerable people. The measures are temporary and will be reviewed in 7 days.

I encourage parishes to pray for those infected by the novel coronavirus around the world and for those working to treat them; for health specialists and authorities seeking to disrupt the spread of the virus; and for all that are experiencing apprehension during this period of uncertainty to "cast your anxieties on God, as he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7).

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

- Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery \$183.10
Church \$311.50

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,371.85
Church \$2,045.20

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$684.35
Church \$1,105.35

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

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principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

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Tel: 9296 5311 : Fax: 9296 5381
registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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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
Secretaries

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**First Sunday of Lent
1st March 2020**



Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has

learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

3rd Collection for Project Compassion

As we have done in the previous years, our Parish will have a 3rd collection for the whole period of Lent in favour of raising funds for Project Compassion. Our Lenten observances of fasting and abstinence will be more meaningful if we direct our savings by giving to Project Compassion.

Thank You & Good Bye to the Josephites in West Footscray

Tuesday 24th March at 6:30pm

We would like to express our most sincere gratitude for all the works and ministry of the Josephite Sisters through the years. They have decided to leave their presence at 36 Essex Street in West Footscray. We will acknowledge and thank them formally with a Holy Mass celebrated at St. John's Church on the 24th of March presided over by our regional bishop, Most Rev. Mark Edwards DD OMI. The celebration will commence at 6:30pm at the convent premises, followed by the Holy Mass and refreshments at St. John's Primary School. Everyone is invited to come and join us.



*This week's
events*

MONDAY 10:00 am	2nd March Italian Prayer Group OL
WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	4th March Novena Mass O/L
FRIDAY 6:00 pm	6th March Exposition & Adoration CTK
SATURDAY 2.30pm	7th March Filipino Chaplaincy O/L
SUNDAY 3:00 pm	8th March Vietnamese Mass O/L

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

23-29 February
Thi Cuc Vu

1-7 March
K. Nguyen

8-14 March
Legion of Mary



Christ the King (Braybrook)

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

Wednesday, 26 February - Group 4
Legion of Mary (CTK)

Wednesday, 4 March - Group 1
Helen (O'Keefe), Allen, Rita, Anil, Thu
(Tran), Huyen, Nhan (Le)

2nd Rite of Reconciliation during Lent

VIETNAMESE & ENGLISH
26 March 2020 - Our Lady's Church
(Maidstone)
7:00pm

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

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



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