



# The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

On a high mountain, before the eyes of the chosen disciples, Jesus is transfigured. This glimpse of the Lord's divinity is meant to encourage the disciples in their following of the Lord. It is also intended to spur us on as we undergo the "Lenten moments" of our lives, when we experience doubts, pains, and life's absurdities. With Peter and the other disciples, we can say that we, too, have heard the Father's voice on the holy mountain. We do well to be attentive to it.

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

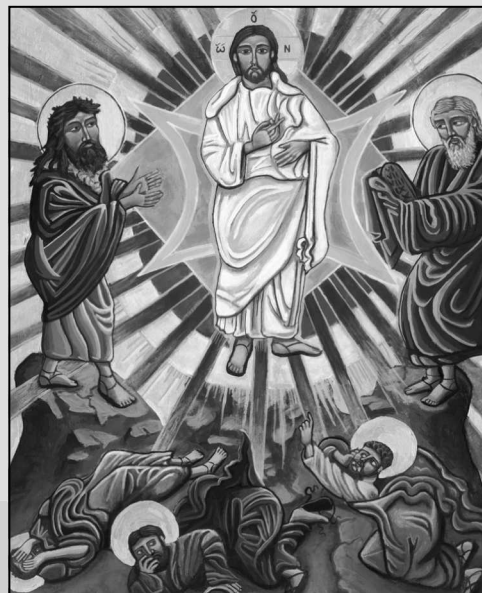
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel

Acclamation: Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the  
Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son,  
hear him.  
Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Prayer: Lord, listen to your people.



## Jesus' Divinity and the Cross

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

During this serious season of Lent, we accompany Jesus in his journey to Jerusalem where, he predicts, he will suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be put to death. Our fast and abstinence mark our solidarity with Jesus, the bridegroom who will be taken away from us.

Prior to this journey, Peter confess that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus declares that Peter is "blessed" because this revelation came from the father. But rather than presenting a glorious figure of the Messiah, Jesus speaks of suffering and death. When Peter remonstrates, Jesus calls him "Satan" for being an obstacle to his path.

The Transfiguration is connected with Jesus' prediction of his Passion. Up a high mountain, Jesus undergoes a metamorphosis, a change of form. The teacher from Nazareth is transfigured: he now appears as someone divine: "his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." He is indeed "the Son of the living God" as confirmed by a voice from heaven: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

In the transfiguration, Peter again speaks, proposing that he make three tents. Pope Benedict XVI points to the link between Peter's confession and Jesus' transfiguration: "The two events, in each of which Peter plays a prominent role, are interrelated. We could say that in both cases the issue is the divinity of Jesus as the Son; another point, though, is that both cases, the appearance of his glory is connected with the Passion motif. Jesus' divinity belongs with the Cross – only when we put the two together do, we recognize Jesus correctly. John expressed this intrinsic interconnectedness of Cross and glory when he said that the Cross is Jesus' 'exultation,' and that his exaltation is accomplished in no other way than in the Cross."



## Mass Intentions for the Week

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

**Eternal Repose**  
RECENTLY DECEASED:  
Antonina Compagnino.

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Linsley, John Kennedy Snr, Mary Gordon, John Thompson, George Shaw, June Brady, John Aiezza.

### Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Mariano Rondael Jr. Nip Frogosa, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Rosely 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 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

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation.  
There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.



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**

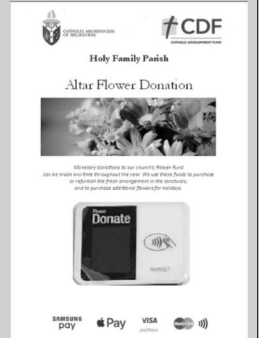
### Are You New to the Parish?

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 for Flower Donations for our Sanctuary.

Donations this week:  
\$ 30.00



## 14-15 March 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	Grace Dias	Lucy Inocencio	Nina Bartolo & Coral Le'Toille	CTK Church choir
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Charles Budiman	Lang Phan	Antoniette Pezzano	-
	9:30am	CTK	Evelyn Ronquillo	Christopher Chu	Lan-Anh Tuyet, Connie Mammaoliti, Tai Vu	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Austin Leong	Paul Handley	Hong Le & Thanh Le	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK				Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Lorraine Rodrigues	Kimberly Lam	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Frank Unger	Hung Lam	Benedict Alvares & Orlando Victuelles	Coro di Dio Choir

### Next Week's Readings

Exodus 17:3-7  
Romans 5:1-2,5-8  
John 4:5-42

## Additional Pastoral Recommendations—Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne continues to monitor the growing concerns related to the novel coronavirus and has expanded its response in line with national advice promulgated by the Australian Bishops Conference on 4 March 2020.

The following updated preventative measures should be appropriately communicated to the congregation and the broader Catholic community within the Archdiocese.

### Holy Water:

Holy Water should be temporarily removed from the stoups at the doors of churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. Holy Water should continue to be available to people to take home.

### Rite of Peace:

When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but encouraged to say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.

### Holy Communion:

1. All Ministers of Holy Communion should take particular care to wash their hand before and after distribution. Appropriate means should be made available.
2. Parishes should cease distributing Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice. The faithful should be reminded that Christ is fully present under either species.
3. The novel coronavirus is easily spread through saliva. In celebrations of the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite, it is therefore recommended that the Body of Christ only be administered in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue.
4. Ministers should seek to avoid contact with the communicant's hands.

### General Preventative:

1. Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration.
2. Parishes and other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make alcohol-based gels or rubs (or like products) available near entrances. Similar provisions should be considered for settings used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. Visits to people in care homes or hospitals must follow advice from staff on infection control.

### Divine Worship:

Assure the faithful that are too unwell to attend Sunday mass—whether due to novel coronavirus or some other condition—or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus that they can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within their home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass online at <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

### Intercession:

The Lenten season is a purposeful opportunity in which we seek God and ask him to give us his heart for the suffering people of the world. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus is an invitation to continue our prayers for the healing and support for all affected.

*"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."*

- Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

Presbytery \$115.60  
Church \$269.85

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,623.80  
Church \$2,109.70

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$943.60  
Church \$1,466.30

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  
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  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION CHURCHES

### Christ the King Church

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### 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*

*Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ  
Hospital Pastoral Associate*

*Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen  
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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**First Sunday of Lent  
8th March 2020**



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system, which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and

disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

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

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## *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 at 7:00pm and refreshments at St. John's Primary School. **Everyone is invited to come and join us.**



*This week's  
events*

<b>MONDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>9th March</b> Italian Prayer Group OL
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00 pm	<b>10th March</b> PPC Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:00 pm	<b>11th March</b> Novena Mass O/L
<b>FRIDAY</b> 6:00 pm	<b>13th March</b> Exposition & Adoration CTK
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3:00 pm 3:00 pm	<b>15th March</b> Filipino Mass O/L Vietnamese Mass CTK

## **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, 11 March - Group 2**  
Mai (Lam), Norie, Allen, Anna (Du Silva),  
Huyen, Nhan (Le)

**Wednesday, 18 March - Group 3**  
Allen, Norie, Dung, Huyen, Nhan (Le),  
Phuoc

**Wednesday, 25 March - Group 4**  
Legion of Mary (CTK)

## **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](mailto:maidstone@cam.org.au) or visit our website at [www.hfp.org.au](http://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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