



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

We know from life how precious water is. When we are thirsty, there is nothing like a drink of fresh water. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of bubbling water to illustrate the eternal life that he is offering us. Jesus alone can satisfy our thirst for meaning, for the divine. May our Eucharistic celebration be a prelude to our participation in the banquet of eternal life.

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Response: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Gospel

Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the
Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I
may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Prayer: Father, hear us.



Christ's Love Takes the Initiative

We have to use our imaginations to picture this scene:

Jesus was tired after his journey. He sat down by the well, thirsty, hungry, worn out. He was so thirsty that he skirted all social protocols and asked a Samaritan woman to give him a drink. Jewish men at that time just didn't do that kind of thing. But Jesus' thirst went much deeper. He was really thirsting to save her soul.

But his tiredness doesn't hold back his love for a lost sheep that crosses his path. The Samaritan woman came to the well at noon, the hottest hour of the hot, middle-eastern day. The other women of the village would have come in the cooler hours of early morning and evening. This one was a social outcast, avoiding contact with her peers. Jesus notices this, seeing in her eyes the anxiety that comes from an unstable life, but he also sees a spark of sincerity - her rocky path through life had worn down any façade of self-righteousness or self-delusion. Her wounded and suffering heart provides an opportunity for grace, and our Lord, forgetting about his own suffering, seizes it, changing her life forever.

Jesus became one of us on purpose. He knew that because of original sin, we could no longer raise ourselves up to friendship with God, so he lowered himself down to our level instead. And this is exactly what he continues to do, every day, through the Church, the extension in time of his Incarnation.

The Samaritan woman was so overcome with joy at encountering Christ, so eager to spread the news, that she left behind her empty water jar, the very reason she came to the well in the first place! Christ wants to make a real difference in our lives, to redeem us, to give us a fresh start



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family & Lawley Family.
 Birthday: Benjamin Irons.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gioan Baotixita Do
 Ngoc Danh, Peter Nguyen Cong Thanh,
 Maria Farfalla, Dominador Dacaldacal

ANNIVERSARIES: Hilaria Saulog

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

Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.



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?

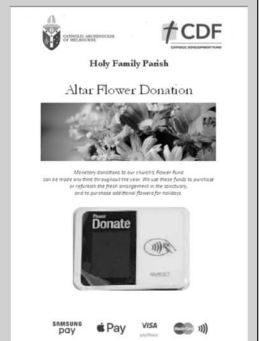
Welcome! ☺

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:
\$ 80.00



21-22 March 2020

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lyyette Almeida	Leanne Ma	Agnes Attard & Maria Ng	Our Lady's
	6:30pm	CTK	Grace Dias	Peggy Dias	Coral Le'Toille, Tuyen Nguyen, Lucy Inocencio	CTK Church choir
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Nam Tran	Anna Nguyen	Antonietta Pezzano	-
	9:30am	CTK	Lily Do	Betty Do	Rosaline Raymundo, Julie Alcantara, Lan-Anh Tuyet	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Hong Lam	Hung Lam	Christine Mullan & Lorraine D'Silva	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Lorraine Rodrigues	Kathe Casas	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Kimberly Lam	Nenita Rennie	William Napiza & Teri Napiza	Himig Filipino

Next Week's Readings

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

Highlights from the Letter of the Catholic Bishops of Victoria

“If you feel you are vulnerable to COVID-19, or are generally unwell; are caring for those who are unwell; or think you might be at risk; you are dispensed from your Sunday obligation from this time.”

If you are unable to be present at a celebration of the Eucharist, we encourage you to participate in other ways such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>).

Pope Francis' prayer to the Blessed Virgin

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”

- John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery \$105.95
Church \$206.90

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,390.50
Church \$1,720.20

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$760.50
Church \$804.80

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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Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

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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*

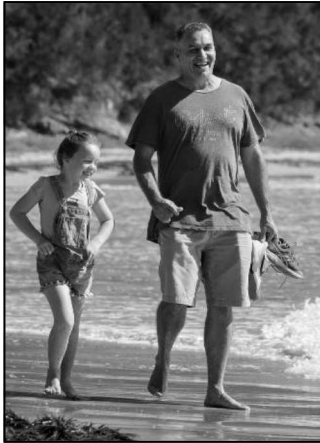
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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**First Sunday of Lent
15th March 2020**



Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect.

Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an

inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Barry, and his 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 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.

EZERCIZZI BIL-MALTI (Maltese Mission)

Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April at St Bernadette's Parish
59B Westmoreland Road, North Sunshine.

Starting with Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Mass, Sermon and Benediction.

Friday is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.
Mass will start at 7pm followed by a homily on Our Lady of Sorrows.

Preacher: Fr Silvio Bezzina mssp

*This week's
events*

MONDAY 10:00 am	16th March Italian Prayer Group OL
WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	18th March Novena Mass O/L
FRIDAY 6:00 pm	20th March Exposition & Adoration CTK
SUNDAY 3:00 pm	22nd March Vietnamese Mass O/L

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

15-21 March
Thi Cuc Vu

22-28 March
K. Nguyen

29 March - 4 April
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 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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