



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

By his Transfiguration, Jesus shows us that the radiance of his glory comes from his acceptance of the sufferings and trials foretold by the Law and the Prophets. The cross brought Jesus to the glory of Easter which his Transfiguration foreshadows. May we see our trials and difficulties as opportunities for growing in faith and in hope.

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

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: Mark 9:2-10

Prayer: Lord of light, listen to our prayer.



Love is expressed in sacrifice.

In the Transfiguration, Jesus gives his most beloved disciples (Peter, James, and John) a glimpse of the life they will live one day in glory. Not just a transfigured life, but a life with their beloved forever, free from all distraction. It is an encouragement for our desire for silence and prayer that enables us to encounter Our Lord in the depths of our heart.

Today's First Reading recalls another mountain, but also a momentous decision in the life of Abraham, a life or death decision that showed who came first in his life.

Isaac was the fulfillment of the Lord's promise to Abraham that he would be the father to a great nation. When the Lord tells Abraham to offer up Isaac as a holocaust, it seems that he is asking Abraham to kill a promise fulfilled.

The Old Testament does not say that Abraham went ballistic, engaged in long and bitter discourses à la the Book of Job, or denounced God as cruel and evil. He simply took his son and headed for Moriah.

Abraham was put to the test, and he passed. He was ready to go through with something horrible because he believed it was God's will. His attitude was enough to show that the Lord came first for him.

Just as Abraham showed how the Lord had first place in his life through his willingness to sacrifice his son, the Lord shows us that we are first place in his. Sacrificing his only-begotten son shows that there's nothing he is not willing to do for us.

In today's Gospel, the Lord takes his closest disciples up the mountain, alone, to give them an insight into who he is and prepare them for the trials to come.

Our Lord gives his disciples a glimpse of his divinity. They've followed him and had faith in him, and now he gives them a deeper insight into who he truly is and to strengthen their faith.

It's important to remember that this was not the first opportunity for the disciples to show their faith, but, rather, like Abraham with Isaac, it was a culminating moment of the faith they'd already shown.

Neither the disciples nor Abraham understood completely after the "mountain" what had happened. The disciples still didn't understand what Our Lord meant when he said he would be raised from the dead, but they soon would.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Praying for Ancestors and for peace.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jonabel Provido
Maria Thi Buom Nguyen, Joseph Can Dinh.

ANNIVERSARIES: James & Angela McEvoy, Fr. John Carroll, Michael Noel Dragwidge, Rosa Nguyen Thi Tuu, Therese Nguyen Thi Thom, Joseph Nguyen Phuc Bang, Felix Brincat, Anna Pham Thi Mua, Anna Pham Thi Chat, Anna Pham Thi Tuyet, Estrelita Volo, Antonio & Beatriz Saulog, Jane Attard, Giuse Nguyen Van Dao, Nancy Rattino, Florence Peters, Valentine Peters.

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Eric Raveza, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Patricia Shires, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Leone Morganti, Jamie Dumapias, Richard Brown, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Benjamin Raj, Maria Ta Thi Hue, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Rosalba Mastoriani.

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 to SATURDAY

Christ the King 8:00 am
Our Lady's 9:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Our Lady's 7:00 pm³

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 Sunday Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every third Sunday of the month.

³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Vocation View

God calls Abraham to be willing to sacrifice all that is dear to him, even his own son, Isaac. In order to respond to a priestly or religious vocation, the same call to sacrifice is heard. Are you willing?
- (Gen. 22:1-2)



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 chslkj@ychoo.com
Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm

We rejoice with
Clarence and Lorraine D'Silva
as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May the Lord bless them and their family as they continue to give witness to the validity of sacramental marriage in our modern times.



3-4 March 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lynette Heasley	Dulanga Tissera	Agnes Attard & Benjamin	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Theresa Seymour	Catherine Seymour	Tuyen Nguyen	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Huy Le	Kath Crowley	-
	9:30am	CTK	Evelyn Ronquillo	Kristine Nguyen	Julie Alcantara, Christine Chu & Nigsty Tedla	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Claire Lawson	Paul Handley	Orlando Victuelles & Christine Mullan	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Nguyen Thai Pham	Hoa Ton	Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Brendon Sarabia	Lorraine Rodrigues	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Juileta Uy	Nenita Castillo	Antonio Sobredo & Rose Sobredo	Mary's Choir

Next Week's Readings

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

Meeting for Readers and Commentators during the Mass

The Liturgy Sub-Committee is organizing a training and review for existing and new Commentators and Readers during the celebration of the Mass. This will be a two-hour training commencing at 6:30pm with refreshments until 9:00 pm on Thursday, 1st of March 2018 at the Presbytery Pavilion. We would like to ask existing readers and commentators to attend this meeting and invite also interested persons who may want to express their service to the community through these ministries.



The Caritas Australia supported Deaf Development program (DDP) was a lifeline for Rattanak, helping him to participate in his community.

Rattanak contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. DDP provides sign language, job training and interpreting services to people who are deaf.

Rattanak graduated from the education program in 2010, returning the following year to train as a barber.

DDP then helped him to set up his shop in his parent's house in his village. Rattanak has emerged from his isolated world at home. He is now running a successful business and supporting his family.

ACU SHORT COURSE ON THEOLOGY: ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Wednesdays 28 February and 7, 14 and 21 March, 6–8pm • ACU Melbourne Campus, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Explore the gospel that will be heard in the Sunday lectionary in 2018 from a historical and narrative context and in dialogue with the experiences of people's lives today. ACU invites registrations for this upcoming short course, which is open to the public:

- How might Mark's Gospel have been heard in the first century?
- What vision of life did the Gospel of Mark paint and why?
- How might people in the 21st century make

sense of the vision that unfolds in Mark's Gospel?

- To what extent does the 'good news' of Mark continue to speak to people today, more than 2000 years after it was first heard?

- What does Mark tell us today about suffering and dying?

Cost: \$100 for those requiring a certificate of attendance. \$50 for attendance only. Alternative methods of payment are available.

Details and registration: registration essential by Friday 23 February:

"Here I am!" he answered." -

Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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St. John's Church

Presbytery \$126.15
Church \$310.85

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,401.35
Church \$1,297.70

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$1,026.90
Church \$1,630.20

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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CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCHES

Christ the King Church

67 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook VIC 3019

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

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Trivia? NIGHT?

**PARISH—ST PATRICK'S DAY
TRIVIA NIGHT**

SATURDAY 17th March
commencing 7pm

Come along for a fun night of trivia and frivolity. Raffle prizes to be won. BYO food and drink. Prize for best dressed table so byo table decorations etc.

Entry cost: \$10 / \$5 concession. Bring along your friends to make up a table (maximum of 8) and have a great night out, celebrating St Patrick. Everyone welcome, including children.

For enquiries, phone Gaye
0404 065 741

Holy Family Parish Scripture Series



On the 8th & 22nd of Feb, the Learning Group held a first scripture event for 2018, picking up from the 2017 Scripture series. Our next session will be on **Thursday 8th March @ 7pm, at Presbytery Pavilion.**

Don't worry if you haven't attended any of the previous sessions – we love seeing new and familiar faces, so all are welcome! There will be food to share starting at 7pm and the event will commence at 7.30pm sharp. The dates for our following events (same place, same time) are as follows:

- 8th Mar
- 22nd Mar

We look forward to seeing you there!

Notes

... a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults, and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change... " we must examine our lives and acknowledge the way in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart."

- Laudato Si (2015) 218



Come and Join!
Transfer (Traslacion) of the Image of
Our Lady of Peñafrancia

to the
HOLY FAMILY PARISH (formerly OUR LADY'S)
46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone, Vic

3 MARCH 2018, SATURDAY @3PM
with Novena Prayer and Mass in Honour of Our Ina, Virgin of Peñafrancia

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @3PM
Novena and Mass in Honour of Our Ina, Virgin of Peñafrancia
Holy Family Church (formerly Our Lady's Church), 46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone, VIC

OUR LADY OF PEÑAFRANCIA, PRAY FOR US!
FOR DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT: FR ASIS 0404 261 228

Replica Image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia finds a new home!

After several years of attempting to find a permanent home for the replica image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia which is cared for by the Filipino Chaplaincy of Australia, She will finally be enthroned at the Holy Family Parish in Maidstone on the 3rd of March 2018. The parishioners of the Holy Family Parish are more than happy to welcome the image of our Lady which is a replica of a miraculous image from the Philippines. With the permanence of the image in Maidstone, people are enjoined to participate in a prayer and Mass dedicated to our Lady every 1st Saturday of the month at 3:00 pm.

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