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

Dear sisters and brothers: Jesus reminds us in our Gospel today that we are simply God's servants doing no more than our duty. Having this kind of disposition reveals a faith like that of a mustard seed. If we believe that God is the one in control and that our achievements are his, the more we become productive in our Christian life. For it is in weakness and humility that God's greatness shines.

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

Response: If today you hear his

voice, harden not your

hearts.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Alleluia: The word of the Lord

stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the

Good News.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Prayer: Lord, increase our faith.



# **Faith: The Power Within**

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

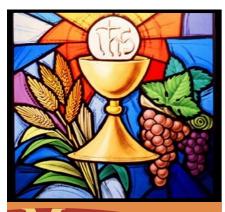
When troubles beset you, from where or from whom do you draw strength?

How painful for the prophet Habakkuk to see violence, strife, and discord around, while the Lord seems deaf to his cry. The young bishop Timothy feels fear and insecurity in his ministry for the Lord. Yet, they are assured. Habakkuk, who prophesies before King Josiah's death, is told to wait, for there is an appointed time. He is told by the Lord to write down the vision. Timothy, on the other hand, is reminded by the apostle Paul to stir into flame the gift of God, for the Spirit gives power and love and self-control.

The First and Second Readings thus tell us to hold on to our relationship with this God who brings salvation. They remind us to keep alive our covenant with God, holding on to the vision, as Habakkuk is told. We go back to our primal religious experience. We are to grow slowly no matter how painful it may take. We know that growing in the Lord, taking up our cross, is a long, long process, and daily we nurture this relationship.

Jesus in the Gospel assures us wonders as he answers the disciples who ask him to increase their faith. The dramatic contrast of actions between the huge mulberry tree and the small mustard seed is what the Lord wants to picture to us: the effect of our remaining in him. The small seed can command the big tree to be uprooted and be planted in the water, not on the soil as we normally expect. The point is on the exaggeration — the action of God, the power that this loving relationship empowers us. And yet, even as we do our part, Jesus reminds, we are only the faithful ones doing our job. In the end, we can make no claim on God's righteousness.

When everything seems out of our control, when fear reigns because of pressing problems, we need to look at the power of loving God who dwells in our heart. Prayer and recollection keep us in touch with God (just as we confer with others to be able to do the right thing), entrusting everything to God's loving care, will give us the power within: faith, reliance and complete trust in Him.



# 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 pm²

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

Next Week's Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19



## **Mass Intentions for the Week**

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

**Eternal Repose**RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Moya Ellen O'Keefe

## **Comfort & Healing**

Cesare Bettoni, Ronnie Victoria, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Jose Mastruzzo, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, 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.

# **Vocation View**

Oh, that today you would hear His voice! Listening brings faith; faith brings hope. Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to follow the Lord.



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!

Helen Delmo

William Napiza & Teri

Napiza

Mother Teresa

**EXXEMOZ** 

# ALTAR FLOWERS DONATION

Please use our Donation Point Tap Device to help sustain our effort to provide Fresh Flowers for our Sanctuary.



#### 12-13 October 2019

5:00pm

6:30pm

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# MINISTRIES & SERVICES

Kelly Maglalang

Julieta Uy

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	Comntr			Comntr	Lector/s	Lector/s Eucharistic Ministers		
	SAT	5:00pm	OL	Joward Sawadan	Jeresa Sawadan	Benjamin & Yvonne Jose	Mary's Choir	
		6:30pm	СТК	Quang Son Ho	John Ho	Hoa Ton & Coral La'Toille	CTK Church Choir	
,	SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Antoniette Pezzano	Robert Brennan	-	
		9:30am	СТК	Anne Maria Balauca	William Chu	George Tawaf, Samia Tawaf & Lucy Inocencio	CTK Church Choir	
		10:00am	OL	Ruth Roa	Claire Lawson	Lorraine D'Silva & Guiseppina Genovesi	OL Church Choir	
		3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong	

Nenita Castillo

Kimberly Lam



## **Meeting and Update for Existing Lectors & Commentators and Training** of New Ones

## Saturday, 12th October 2019

There will be a meeting and update for ALL existing Lectors and Commentators and the training of NEW ones on the 12th of October from 10:00am to 12:00noon at the Presbytery Pavilion. Please call the Parish Office on 9317-9298 to book your attendance.

#### **New Altar Servers**

## Saturday, 19th October

We are inviting kids you have done their first communion to join our Altar Servers group both in Maidstone and Braybrook. Training for the



Altar Servers will be on Saturday, 19th of October 2019 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Please contact the Parish Office to sign your kid up.



# Parish Family Picnic @ Footscray Park

#### Sunday, 27th October

Our Parish caring group is organizing a Parish Family Picnic at Footscray Park on the 27th of October from 12:00 noon onwards. There will be some activities and games for the kids. Everyone is encouraged to bring their picnic basket and goodies.



## **RETREAT DAY – GROWING IN THE** LIGHT: BECOMING A CHURCH THAT TRANSFORMS HEARTS AND SOULS

Thursday 10 October, 9.30am-3pm Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, **Templestowe** 

Prayer, conversation and communion with God all lie at the heart of ministry. Growing in discipleship and enabling others to grow in theirs happens as our relationship with God deepens. Parish priests, pastoral associates, pastoral workers and lay chaplains are invited to this retreat experience to be led by Fr Laurence Freeman OSB. Come, listen and learn from an international teacher of Christian meditation to develop a deeper appreciation of prayer as central to creating a synodal capacity for 'journeying together in the parrhesia of the Spirit'. Fr Laurence is Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation—an ecumenical, contemplative community dedicated to teaching meditation. In the monastery, his spiritual teacher was John Main, whom he helped to establish the first Christian Meditation Centre in London.

**Cost:** \$40 (includes morning tea and lunch) Enquiries: Suzanne Hermon at the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au Registrations: https://www.trybooking.com/

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"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."

- 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

# stewardship

#### St. John's Church

Presbytery \$99.75 Church \$209.30

## Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,042.50 Church \$1,177.10

## **Christ the King Church**

Presbytery \$775.85 \$957.70 Church

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

**Christ the King Primary School** 28 Riley Court, Braybrook VIC 3019 Tel: 9311 7387 : Fax: 9312 6755 principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au

**Caroline Chisholm Catholic College** 65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019 Tel: 9296 5311 : Fax: 9296 5381 registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au

# 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

Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ Hospital Pastoral Associate

Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen Secretaries

Parish Office

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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

# Working



We would like to appeal for able-bodied parishioners who would like to spend a day or two to help us prepare the garden around the Grotto. Weather permitting, we'll commence after the 9.00am Saturday Morning Mass on the 19th of October. Fr. Gerald is preparing lunch for us so we can do a little more work afterwards.



**MONDAY** 7th October

10.00 am Italian Prayer Group O/L

**TUESDAY** 8th October **PPC** Meeting 7.00 pm

WEDNESDAY 9th October 7.00 pm Novena Mass O/L

**THURSDAY** 10th October

6.30 pm Alpha

36 Essex St, Footscray.

**SUNDAY** 13th October 3.00 pm Vietnamese Mass O/L



## **SCHEDULE OF NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

October 4-12, 2019 Sponsored by the 'Himig Pilipino Choir' OUR LADY'S CHURCH—MAIDSTONE

Date	Day	Time	Activity
4/10/2019	Friday	7.00pm	Rosary
5/10/2019	Saturday	6.00pm	Rosary
6/10/2019	Sunday	5.30pm 6.30pm	Rosary Mass
7/10/2019	Monday	7.00pm	Rosary
8/10/2019	Tuesday	7.00pm	Rosary
9/10/2019	Wednesday	6.00pm 7.00pm	Rosary Novena/Mass
10/10/2019	Thursday	7.00pm	Rosary
11/10/2019	Friday	7.00pm	Rosary
12/10/2019	Saturday	3.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm	Rosary Mass Social Gathering

Parishioners are invited to offer flowers during the Novena. All are welcome to the social gathering at the Parish Hall, please bring a plate to share. For queries, please contact Tony Sobredo on 0466 506 701



## **ALPHA Tryout**

All are welcome to try an evening of the Alpha program - each Thursday at the St Joseph's convent at 36 Essex St, Footscray. The evening begins with a meal from 6.30, with the video and discussion commencing at about 7.15, and finishing about 8.45. A chance to see what Alpha is all about."



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## **Cleaning Roster** Our Lady's (Maidstone)

29 September -5 October Thi Cuc Vu

6-12 October K. Nguyen

13-19 October Legion of Mary



## **Christ the King (Braybrook)**

Wednesday, 2 October - Group 1 Helen (O'Keefe), Allen, Rita, Anil, Thu (Tran), Huyen, Nhan (Le)

Wednesday, 9 October - Group 2 Mai (Lam), Norie, Allen, Anna (Du Silva), Huyen, Nhan (Le)

Wednesday, 16 October - Group 3 Allen, Norie, Dung, Huyen, Nhan (Le), Phuoc



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



