



# The Holy Family

## PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Today, we open a new liturgical year. Advent, which means “coming,” is a time of preparation for the Lord’s coming. The Gospel for this First Sunday of Advent invites us to be awake and prepared. May we have this disposition as we start a new stage of our pilgrimage.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Alleluia: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Prayer: Lord, hear our prayer.

## Advent is a gentle wake-up call!

There’s something compelling about a promise. When you promise something to someone, you’re giving part of yourself. When someone you trust promises that they will come through for you, you don’t feel alone. Your friend is promising you their presence.

The Bible is filled with God’s promises to us. What does God promise? Not wealth or success or a life free from suffering. He promises us a *person*.

The first reading today from the book of Isaiah brings that out. “The days are coming says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made... I will raise up for David a just shoot; he will do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe...” God is promising us his personal presence that we can see and touch.

And in the gospel, we see the fulfillment of God’s promise in a person, Jesus Christ. Jesus is God among us. God has come through for us. God is with us. Do I really believe this?

Sometimes our hearts can get drowsy. Jesus warns us about this in the gospel today. When our hearts grow drowsy we lose sight of the promise. We can get caught up in paying bills, and PTA meetings, and traffic jams, and forget God’s promise. We can lose sight of the fact that being a Catholic means a living relationship with a person, Jesus Christ, who fills our hearts with joy.

That’s why the Church gives us Advent. Advent is a gentle wake-up call, a 4 week period to prepare our heart for Christmas. It’s a time to believe in God’s promise to give us true purpose and joy in Jesus Christ.

Advent:  
A Time of  
Repentance  
Penance  
Renewal

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

#### Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rebecca Caburian, Helen Nowok.

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuse Nguyen Van Bieu.

### Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, 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, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Billy Frankland, Edgar Dacaldacal, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe.



## 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.

### Next Week's Readings

Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:4-6,8-11  
Luke 3:1-6

## Vocation View

Make your decision to follow Jesus during this Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now.



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

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Our Parish will have two celebrations of the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation during the Advent Season at Our Lady's Church in Maidstone:

#### English

Friday, 7th Dec 2018 at 7:00pm

#### Vietnamese

Tuesday,  
11th Dec 2018  
at 7:00pm



## 8-9 December 2018

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

|     |         |     | Comntr            | Lector/s           | Eucharistic Ministers                      | Choir            |
|-----|---------|-----|-------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|
| SAT | 5:00pm  | OL  | Lynette Heasley   | Leanne Ma          | Benjamin & Yvonne Jose                     | Mary's Choir     |
|     | 6:30pm  | CTK | John Ho           | Quang Son Ho       | Hoa Ton & An Le                            | St. Cecilia's    |
| SUN | 8:00am  | SJ  | Anne Nguyen       | Antoniette Pezzano | Kath Crowley                               | -                |
|     | 9:30am  | CTK | Anna Maria Balauc | William Chu        | George Tawaf, Samia Tawaf & Lucy Inocencio | CTK Church Choir |
|     | 10:00am | OL  | Claire Lawson     | Peter Anastasi     | Lorraine D'Silva & Guiseppina Genovesi     | OL Church Choir  |
|     | 3:00pm  | OL  |                   |                    |  | Nu Vuong         |
|     | 5:00pm  | CTK | Kelly Maglalang   | Brendon Sarabia    | Helen Delmo                                | Mother Teresa    |
|     | 6:30pm  | OL  | Frank Unger       | Keith Ocampo       | William Napiza & Teresa Napiza             | EXXEMOZ          |

| DONATIONS TO THE GROTTO PROJECT   |                     |                  |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
| Thank you very much for the donations to our Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. |                     |                  |
| Date  | Name                | Amount           |
| 25.11.18  | Previous Subtotal   | \$2,550.00       |
| 24.11.2018  | Anonymous           | \$100.00         |
| 24.11.2018  | Anonymous           | \$500.00         |
| 27.11.2018  | Emily Peran         | \$200.00         |
| 28.11.2018  | Annie Kevin L       | \$100.00         |
| 01.12.2018  | Lam Family          | \$100.00         |
| 01.12.2018  | Thi Le, Lily, Betty | \$200.00         |
| 01.12.2018  | Joan O'Connor       | \$100.00         |
| 01.12.2018  | Anh Nguyen          | \$100.00         |
|   | <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$3950.00</b> |

We would like to reiterate our appeal for your participation in our Donation Appeal for the building of a Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Maidstone.

Dear Parishioners,

We waited for the building of the concrete foundation to support the grotto to happen this week, but the rain spoiled our plan. Not just ordinary rain but real downpour. There were occasional thunderstorms, too. Hardly visible were the paint and paper markers previously set up by the surveyor. Only the wooden stakes remain. By Wednesday, decision was made to postpone the work due to rain. As rain is expected until Saturday, nothing could be done this week. Another week gone but there are other weeks ahead. Hopefully, the work could be done next week.

Again, we sincerely thank for your continuing support, interest and concern in our grotto project. As always, our Parish Office on 9318 9298 and Thanh Vu at 0404 121 929 are available to answer any queries you may have about the project.

Rain or no rain next week, we will keep you posted. Watch this space again!

Kính thưa toàn thể Giáo dân,

Việc xây dựng nền móng cho tượng đài đã không xảy ra trong tuần theo dự kiến vì trời mưa đã làm hỏng kế hoạch của chúng ta. Không chỉ là mưa bình thường mà như mưa lũ. Thịnh thoảng còn có giông bão. Hầu như khó có thể nhìn thấy những dấu sơn và đường kẻ đã được chuyên viên khảo sát địa chất đánh dấu trước đó. Chỉ còn trơ lại vài cọc gỗ.

Thứ Tư vừa qua, bộ phận phụ trách dự án đã quyết định tạm hoãn công việc do trời mưa. Theo dự báo, mưa vẫn còn lại rải rác đến ngày thứ Bảy. Không có công việc gì diễn ra trong tuần rồi. Một tuần lễ trôi qua nhưng còn nhiều tuần ở phía trước. Hy vọng rằng, công việc có thể được thực hiện trong tuần tới.

Một lần nữa chúng tôi xin chân thành cảm ơn sự tiếp tục hỗ trợ, quan tâm và lo lắng của quý vị đối với dự án xây dựng tượng đài. Vẫn như mọi khi, Văn phòng Giáo xứ qua số ĐT 9318 9298 và Thanh Vũ qua số ĐT (0404) 121 929, sẵn lòng trả lời bất kỳ câu hỏi thắc mắc nào của quý vị đối với dự án.

Mưa hay không mưa vào tuần sau, chúng tôi sẽ vẫn đăng tin cho quý vị. Xin hãy coi tin ở khung này lần nữa!



#### VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

All Parish Volunteers are invited to a light dinner party on Saturday, 8 December at 6:00pm at Our Lady's Large Hall.

There will be games and prizes to be won. For catering purposes, please call the Parish Office and let us know if you are coming or how many in your group are attending.

See you all on the 8th of December!

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*

- LUKE 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

## stewardship

#### St. John's Church

Presbytery \$154.95  
Church \$274.20

#### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,156.25  
Church \$1,303.05

#### Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$831.55  
Church \$1,262.55

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@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  
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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

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!

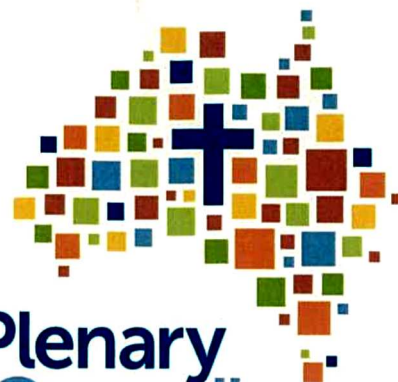
## Christ the King Feast in Braybrook

Last Sunday was the **Feast of Christ the King**. It was wonderful to join with Fr Gerald and the parish community to celebrate our Parish feast day. It was a beautiful and joy-filled ceremony, celebrating our diversity and our faith. The shared lunch in the school hall was amazing. Thank you to all families and staff members who attended the feast day and joined in the festivities. As usual, Sr Louise did a wonderful job in preparing the choir and the children.



### This week's events

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>10.00 am   | <b>3th December</b><br>Italian Prayer Group O/L      |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>7.00 pm | <b>5th December</b><br>Novena/Mass O/L               |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>6.30 pm    | <b>7th December</b><br>Exposition & Adoration<br>CTK |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>3.00 pm    | <b>9th December</b><br>Vietnamese Mass O/L           |



## Plenary Council 2020

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### Calendars & Christmas Cards

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards are now available. Columban Calendars are \$7 each and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are \$2 per pack of five. For those interested, please contact Greg at 0403 613 745

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

9-15 December  
Thi Cuc Vu

16-22 December  
K. Nguyen

23-29 December  
Legion of Mary



Child Safety is our Priority

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)