The Holy Family PARISH COMMUNITY

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

At the Last Supper, before his departure, Jesus leaves a sign by which the disciples will be known as his very own: their love for one another. And the measure of this love is the love of Jesus for them which makes Jesus stoop down to wash their feet and to die on the cross.

The seal of our belonging to Christ remains the same: our love for the Lord and for one another. May we remain faithful to this commandment.

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Response: I will praise your name for

ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Alleluia: I give you a new

commandment: love one another as I have loved

you.

Gospel: John 13:31-33,34-35

Prayer: Lord of love, listen to our

prayer.



A new commandment...

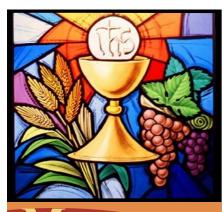
The Church, like a good mother, is very wise. She gives us a full seven weeks of Easter season. We need this extended time to reflect on those lessons Christ taught us in his passion and resurrection.

Plants have to spend time outside to gradually absorb the sunlight and transform it into nutrients. Just so, our souls have to spend time basking in the light of Christ's revelation, so that we can absorb the grace God wants to give us.

Today especially, we are reminded of the New Commandment that Christ gave us the day before he suffered. We are brought back to that Last Supper, when Jesus was gathered with his closest companions and opened his heart to them. It was the night when his heart overflowed with love as it never had before. It was the night when he revealed the secret identity of every Christian, the distinguishing mark: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples," he said, "if you have love for one another." And not just any kind of love, but Christ-like love: "I give you a new commandment... As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

Being a Christian is much more than being a member of a club. Being a Christian means having an urgent, important mission in life. It means being another Christ in the world. Jesus gave his very life in order to fulfil his Father's will and win salvation for sinners.

Each one of us is called to reproduce in the unique circumstances of our lives that exact same pattern: dedicating our lives to discovering and fulfilling God's will, and striving to help as many people as possible know, love, and follow Christ.



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 pm³ **THURSDAY**Christ the King 9.15 am

Christ the King Our Lady's

SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)
Our Lady's 5:00 pm
Christ the King 6:30 pm

8:00 am

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.

Next Week's Readings

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23 John 14:23-29



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & ThanksgivingDallimore Family and Lawley Family.

Eternal Repose

<u>RECENTLY DECEASED</u>: Annunziato Colica, Matthew and Rosa, Len Bennett

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph, Angela Tropiano, Maria Filippone, Maria Tran Thi Huong, Nobel Arandez, Dominico Vu Van Vy, Giuse Pham My Lai, Barbara Hellein, Catherine Lavery, Fredrick .Gregory and Sr Agnes Thompson Pamela and Deborah Shaw and Sergio Pudditti.

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, 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.

Vocation View

Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.



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

Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion

Preparation of children who do not attend a Catholic School and are interested to prepare for their First Holy Communion will commence on the 30th of May 2019 at 5.00pm at the Parish Office. Children attending the classes must be accompanied by an adult.

Kathe Casas

William Napiza & Teri

Napiza

Holy Communion

Nu Vuong

Mother Teresa

Himig Filipino

25-26 May 2019

OL

CTK

OL

Lorraine Rodrigues

Keith Ocampo

3:00pm 5:00pm

6:30pm

Comntr Lector/s **Eucharistic Ministers** Choir SAT 5:00pm OL Lyette Almeida Mary's Choir Leanne Ma Yvonne Jose & Benjamin Coral La'Toille, Tuyen Nguyen, 6:30pm CTK CTK Church Choir **Rose Thomas Peggy Dias** Lucy Inocencio SUN 8:00am Charles Budiman Sr Joan **Robert Brennan** Roseline Raymundo, Jim 9:30am CTK Merri Balauca Leonie Pham CTK Church Choir Proctor, Lan-Anh Tuyet Fred Lipana & Lorraine 10:00am OL OL Church Choir Hong Lam Hung Lam D'Silva

Kelly Maglalang

Benedict Alvares

² 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.

Give hope by giving generously to Chaplaincy Sunday 2019, 19 May

The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will be conducting its annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in parishes to support the vital work of Catholic chaplains in our community this weekend.

The presence of Catholic chaplains in all the health, aged care, and justice systems across Melbourne is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages.

The focus for 2019 is healthcare Chaplaincy. Healthcare chaplains offer emotional, spiritual and sacramental support to patients and their families in Melbourne's major public hospitals, as well as hospitals in regional Victoria. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to families facing illness, pain, grief and death.

If you would like further information about the Appeal or to donate online, please visit the Chaplaincy Sunday webpage www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy, or contact the Office of Philanthropy on 9926 5731.

2019 FEAST DAY DANCE PARTY

The Holy Family Parish would like to thank everyone who attended the fundraiser dance night last Friday. This annual tradition is a wonderful way to bring together parishioners from all three churches. To celebrate our parish's first feast day since the amalgamation of Christ the King and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (including St. John's), the annual dance was themed as such. A total of 190 tickets was sold, and as always, there was an abundance of food to share. From *Rivers of Babylon* to *Despacito* and everything in between, there was music catered to all ages and Friday night saw some snazzy moves being busted on the dance floor! A special thanks and acknowledgement to all those who participated in the organisation of the dance night.





"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

- John 13:34

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone that doesn't look like me.

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St. John's Church

Presbytery \$148.60 Church \$281.00

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,432.00 Church \$2,192.40

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$763.25 Church \$1,093.00

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

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principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au

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Tel: 9311 7387 : Fax: 9312 6755
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Caroline Chisholm Catholic College 65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019 Tel: 9296 5311 : Fax: 9296 5381 registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au

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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

Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen Secretaries

Parish Office

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

2019 Holy Family Parish Feast Day

On 5th May 2019, we officially celebrated our first feast day as the Holy Family Parish since the amalgamation of the Partnered Parishes of Christ the King and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (including St. John's) early last year. Parishioners from all three churches gathered together to fill Our Lady's church for a special morning mass. With every pew and aisle filled, the elbow-to-elbow intimacy between both seated and standing parishioners was a powerful testament to our strong community spirit. The Eucharistic celebration concluded with a beautiful flower dance by the children, followed by a procession. By then, the sausages were already sizzling away on the barbie and a feast featuring various foods that reflect our community's diversity lined the walls of the big hall. The games and activities operated by Kaboom were especially popular amongst the children and those young at heart. The feast concluded in the afternoon and although all good things must come to an end, we hope that it was an enjoyable and memorable day for all those who attended.

A special acknowledgement and thank you to all who participated in the organisation and coordination of the Feast Day. We look forward to coming together again to celebrate our Feast Day in 2020!



MONDAY 20th May

10.00 am Italian Prayer Group O/L

WEDNESDAY 22nd May

7.00 pm Novena/Mass O/L

FRIDAY 24th May

Exposition and Adoration 6.00 pm

SUNDAY 26th May

3.00 pm Vietnamese Mass O/L



CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRAYBROOK PREP ENROLMENTS for 2020 NOW OPEN

Applications for places in Prep 2020 are now open. Application forms can be obtained from the school office or website.

On application you must supply:

Birth Certificate

(child must be 5 on or before 30^{th} April 2020)

Immunisation History Statement (available from DHS website) Baptism Certificate (if Catholic)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2019





5-11 May Thi Cuc Vu

12-18 May K. Nguyen

19-25 May Legion of Mary





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



