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

We live in a world of pain. We undergo physical, emotional, and moral suffering. There are times when, like Job, we are greatly overwhelmed and ask: "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" The Gospel presents Jesus attending to the sick and the suffering. In him who is God-made-man, God shows himself close to people who are broken in soul and body. Through him, God comes into this "valley of tears" and begins the transformation of despair into hope, of death into life.

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7

Response: Praise the Lord, who heals

the broken-hearted.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel

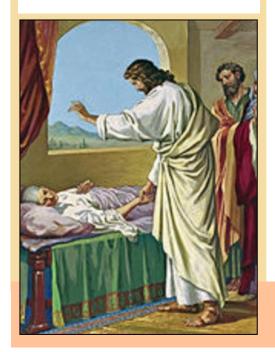
Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Prayer: Lord, hear our prayer.



Christ Liberates And Calls Us to Serve Others Freely...

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

Job asks us today: "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" Yes, we know that in the end, Job received so many gifts from God because his faith did not fail. We can contrast the feelings of Job in the first reading today with those of Jesus in the Gospel: "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come." In the First Letter to the Corinthians. Saint Paul tells us of his challenges: "All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it."

Today in the three readings we are given the inner sense of three different people and their relationship to what the Father has asked of them. We can put them in this order: Job speaks before knowing of the salvation given to us in Christ Jesus. Jesus speaks to us of His inner calling to proclaim the Good News. Saint Paul then tells us how to proclaim that Good News so that all can come to know Jesus.

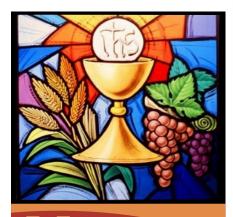
Most of us probably already know the story of Job. He was a man who believed completely in the Lord and had receive enormous blessings. The devil tries to undo this faith of Job. Eventually all the blessings are removed, and sufferings are heaped on Job. While Job questions what is happening, he never doubts nor loses faith.

The second reading, from the First Letter to the Corinthians, is Saint Paul's account of how he tries to live the Good News. Saint Paul is clear: I must preach the Good News! Here we see Saint Paul not just enduring all of the trials and tribulations but recognizing that preaching the Good News is required of him because he believes in Jesus.

Does our faith impel us to share our faith with others? Are we able to tell others about our faith in Jesus? Are we willing to suffering because we believe that Jesus is the Lord?

The Gospel today is from Saint Mark. We are still at the beginning of this Gospel. Jesus is just beginning His public ministry. What is truly strong in the Gospel today is that everyone is looking for Jesus and that there is no place for Him to be away from the people. Jesus responds to that by saying: "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come."

The whole purpose of the life of Jesus is to preach the Kingdom, to proclaim the Good News: God loves us and invites us to share His life. Can you believe that?



Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

 Our Lady'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 9.00 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.
- The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Next Week's Readings

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving 95th Birthday of Gladys Collins

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Giuseppe Aiezza, Dominic Quy Nguyen,

ANNIVERSARIES: Nguyen Thi Ram

Comfort & Healing

Evelyn Ronquillo, Sevilla & Esguerra Family

Vocation View

The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?



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: \$ 30.00



EXXEMOZ

13-14 February 2021

6:30pm

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MINISTRIES & SERVICES

Kimberly Lam

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Joward Sawadan	Jerese Sawadan		Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	СТК	Catherine Seymour	Theresa Seymour		CTK Church choir
SUN	8:00am	OL	Claire Lawson	Nam Tran		-
	9:30am	СТК	Christopher Chu	Christine Chu		CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Hong Lam	Hung Lam		OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Brendon Sarabia	Kelly Maglalang		Mother Teresa

Fred Lipana

Anglice

Prot. N. 17/21

NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ash es with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

Robert Card. Sarah *Prefect*

★ Arthur Roche
 Archbishop

"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

Presbytery \$2.258.85 Church \$3,602.05

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.

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Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen Secretaries

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



Thông báo

Giáo xứ Thánh Gia sẽ có thánh lễ giao thừa vào ngày 11 tháng 2 năm 2021 lúc 8 giờ tối bằng tiếng Việt tại nhà thờ Our Lady.

Xin lưu ý, các thánh lễ Chủ Nhật thông thường bằng tiếng Việt sẽ tiếp tục vào ngày 14 tháng 2 năm 2021 lúc 3 giờ chiều.



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

In 2020, we devoted most our attention to COVID-19 and we may have forgotten other areas of concern that may affect our parish and those of our parishioners. One of these is

the safety and well-being of children,

young people and those who are vulnerable.

With your help and active participation, we can ensure Holy Family Parish is a safe place for all of them. We can all work together to make them feel safe and free from harm.

The parish Safeguarding Committee will also assist us to achieve this.



MONDAY

8th February

10:00 am

Italian Prayer Group OL

WEDNESDAY

10th February Novena Mass O/L

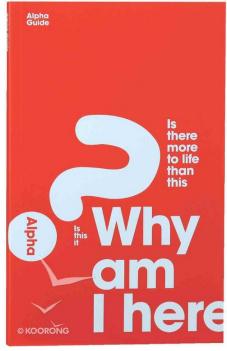
7:00 pm

SUNDAY

14th February

3:00 pm

Vietnamese Mass O/L



Parish Sacramental Program for 1st Reconciliation

Children who do not attend a Catholic School and wish to prepare for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion should contact the Parish Office. Preparation for 1st Reconciliation will commence 25th of February.



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



