

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

The Decalogue, in the First Reading, declares that the appropriate response to God's liberation is for the people to obey God's commandments as a charter of their freedom. In his zeal for God's house, Jesus cleanses the temple, reacting against a kind of worship without a soul, against a religion motivated mainly by the pursuit of material gain. He is the living temple through which we who believe have access to the Father. We serve God with a loving heart.

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Response: Lord, you have the words of

everlasting life.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

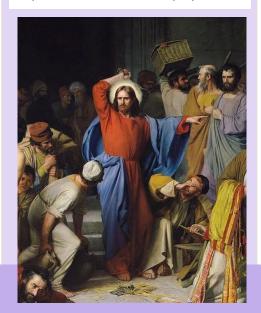
Gospel

Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Prayer: Lord, hear our prayer.



# Jesus wants us to be truly happy

We all want to be satisfied in life.

That's what happiness is, really, the achievement of satisfaction, of spiritual contentment, of a sense of fulfillment that doesn't wear out. Everything we do is directed towards that end.

It's like we have a homing device built into our hearts, and it keeps drawing us towards fulfillment and satisfaction. We keep seeking new activities, accomplishments, rela-tionships, adventures - all because we feel this interior drive for fulfillment, meaning, and happiness. This is a good thing.

God made us that way. He put the homing device in our hearts, because he wants us to find that satisfaction and fulfillment, that happiness. But there is a problem.

Ever since sin entered into the world, we have had a tendency to look for this fulfillment in the wrong places. God designed the human heart to find its lasting fulfillment in a deep, personal, ongoing friendship with him - in what the Catechism calls "communion with God" (#45).

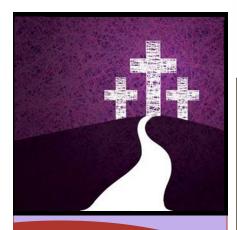
This is why the first three commandments, as we read in today's First Reading, have to do with our relationship with God - that's the most important thing.

But our fallen human nature tends to look for it in other places: career success, money, pleasure, power, popularity...
But that is wrong.

Those things are fine in themselves, and they have their place in the human story. But they cannot substitute God! Only God can satisfy our deepest longing. And that's why Jesus gets so worked up in today's Gospel passage.

The Temple was set aside as a place where people could go to pray, to encounter God and develop their friendship with him. But all of these merchants and money changers had made it into a mall, a place of buying and selling things!

The place that should have helped people find God had gradually become full of obstacles to finding God. Jesus passionately wants us to find God, because he wants us to find true satisfaction.



# 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 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
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**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

#### MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47



### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

### **Special Intentions & Thanksgiving**

### **Eternal Repose**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rita Cullen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Linsley, John Kennedy Snr and Jr, Jack Thompson, George Shaw, Angela & James McEvoy, Father John Carroll, Vincent Nguyen Van Hoc.

### **Comfort & Healing**

Wilfredo Dammay, Mary Hoang Thi Voi

### **Vocation View**

"We proclaim Christ, Crucified!" (1 Cor 1:23) In the Crucifixion, we find strength. In the Cross is our triumph. Rest in His mercy that you might proclaim Him in all that you say and do.



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



### Preparation for First Reconciliation

Children who do not study in a Catholic School and wish to receive their First Holy Communion this year can start their

Nu Vuong

Mother Teresa

EXXEMOZ

preparation by attending the course on First Reconciliation (Confession). Kids must at least be in grade 3 to attend this course. Please register at the Parish Office. The course will commence on 25 February 2021.

### 13-14 March 2021

3:00pm

5:00pm

6:30pm

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### MINISTRIES & SERVICES

Brendon Sarabia

Frank Unger

			Comntr	Lector/s	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Jeresa Sawadan	Joward Sawadan		Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Lucy Inocencio	Quang Son Ho		St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	OL	Nam Tran	Claire Lawson		-
	9:30am	СТК	Christopher Chu	Christine Chu		CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Hong Lam	Hung Lam		OL Church Choir

Kelly Maglalang

Nenita Castillo

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sunday Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every third Sunday of the month.



# Third Sunday of Lent 7th March 2021





Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

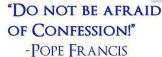
Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God?"Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

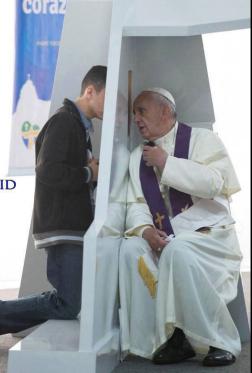
### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation in English & Vietnamese



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church with resident priests and guest priests (Vietnamese and non Vietnamese)

Date: Thursday • 18/3/2021

Time: 6.30 pm



### stewardship

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,992.35 Church \$1,522.95

### **Christ the King Church**

Presbytery \$318.50 Church \$903.30

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

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Christ the King Church 67 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook VIC 3019 Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ Assistant Priest

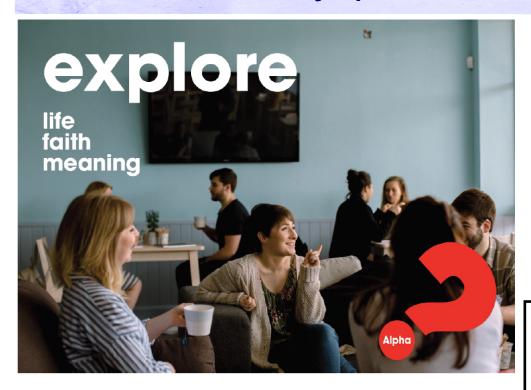
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### Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



8th March

10:00 am Italian Prayer Group OL

WEDNESDAY 10th March Novena Mass O/L 7:00 pm

FRIDAY

6:00 pm

12th March Exposition & Adoration

14th March

SUNDAY 3:00 pm Vietnamese Mass O/L

## Our Lady's Church is in need of Church Cleaning Volunteers

If you could spare an hour once a week to help keep our Church clean and tidy, please let us know.



### Thông Báo

Lớp Giáo lý trẻ em Sáng Chúa Nhật tại Giáo xứ CTK Ghi danh học 2021 Ngày 7/3 tại nhà trường P/S CTK Sau thánh lễ sáng 10.30am-12.00pm



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