



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel

Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Prayer: Through the passion of Christ, listen to our prayer.

The Moments of Glory and Tragedy

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

Today is Palm Sunday. It is a unique Sunday in Lent because it marks the beginning of Holy Week. Palm Sunday celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. This entry is highly symbolic. It demonstrates that Christ is the Davidic king that fulfilled this ancient prophecy: "He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness..." (Isaiah 9, 7).

Both the first and second reading of this Sunday are on the suffering and humility of Christ the son of God. The first reading is from the book of Isaiah, is the song of the suffering servant of God. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul also reminds of the humility and obedience of Christ, the servant of God: "...He emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, he was humble even to accepting death on a cross."

Humbly, the servant of God accepted all his sufferings in order to save us. He offered and lost his life in order to secure victory for us. The most important lesson from all these is that, the virtues of patience, humility and obedience are very important in life. Also, the readings teach us that suffering is inevitable in life. Therefore, only those who are ready to persist and endure to the end will triumph. Also, they teach us that, if we persist in our faith, we shall emerge victorious over sufferings.

Today's passion narrative according to Mark bears some of the most important symbols. These include the palms, the donkey, and the crowd. The Palms represent the royalty of Christ and his peaceful reign. The donkey is a symbol of

Christ's humility. Though he is king, he chose to ride on a donkey, a humble animal. This is contrary to what we see today in our world. Our rulers and kings live in affluence, while their people live in poverty. So, Christ demonstrated his humility, through his solidarity with the poor and the weak.

Our procession today was for two reasons. First, to honour Christ as he enters the royal city. Hence, we sang: "Hosanna to the son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Second, to express our solidarity with Christ as he begins the journey that will ultimately lead to our salvation. So, as we sing hosanna today, we must ask God for the grace to remain faithful to the end.

Unfortunately, the sad news is that some of those (the crowd), who hailed Christ with the shout of hosanna, were the same people to later demanded: "crucify him" on Good Friday. These episodes simply reflect the reality of life. They also reflect how unfaithful and unpredictable we can be at times in our relationships with God, and others. Today, we are for Christ, tomorrow we are against him. Christ is our friend when we are in difficulty, but our enemy when we are comfortable. It also shows how we relate with one another. Today we are friends, and tomorrow we are arch enemies.

As we show solidarity to Christ today, it is important that we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast to him at all moments of our lives. We must also extend this solidarity to others. This is because, in others, we encounter both Christ the suffering servant of God as well as, Christ the king of the world.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bro. Hyacinthe Gregoire ETEME Tsala, RCJ;
Leticia Azor

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Pham Thi Lieu,
Micae Nguyen Viet Tan and Family, Charlie
Axisa, Encarnacion Padre, Perfecto Padre,
Jess Pielago, Gilberto Padre, Emmanuel
Padre, Joseph Vu Van Toai, Lauro Ramirez
Jr., Cipriana Valmonte, Mons Felipe Dayao

Comfort & Healing

Mary Hoang Thi Voi, Rhodora Dagondong.



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 pm¹
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 Sunday Mass in Filipino is held at Our
Lady's Church every third Sunday of the
month.

Vocation View

We are presented with two options in today's Mass: do we
welcome Christ into Jerusalem or scream out to
crucify Him? Our willingness to give testimony to Christ helps
determine where we are.



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 Confirmation

Children who do not
study in a Catholic
School and wish to
receive Confirmation
this year can start their
preparation by

attending the preparation course for
Confirmation. Kids must at least be in
grade 6 to attend this course. Please
register at the Parish Office. The course
will commence on 6 May 2021.

3-4 April 2021

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	8:30pm	OL	TBC	TBC	Mary's Choir
	8:30pm	CTK	TBC	TBC	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	OL	No Mass	No Mass	-
	9:30am	CTK	TBC	TBC	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Hong Lam	Hung Lam	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK			Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	No Mass	No Mass	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Kimberly Lam	Christine Medina	

Next Week's Readings

Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to

education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.

This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion. As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

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.

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Easter Vigil Tapers

Candles with Plastic Drip Wax Catcher will be available on a first come-first served basis for \$2.00 on the eve of the Easter Vigil.



Easter Egg Hunt & Cuppa

Kids! We will have an Easter Egg Hunt activity after the 9:30am Mass in Braybrook and after the 10:00am Mass in Maidstone on Easter Morning. There will also be a cuppa for adults while the kids are looking for eggs!



CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

ENTER

Come join us for a night of faith, food, fun and friends

Where: Our Lady's Small Hall
Lyon's Street, Maidstone

When: 11/04 7:30-9:00pm

Ages: 18-35



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Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,027.60
Church \$1,783.90

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$627.40
Church \$1,090.80

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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This week's events

MONDAY 10:00 am	29th March Italian Prayer Group OL
WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	31st March Novena Mass O/L
SUNDAY 3:00 pm	4th April Vietnamese Mass CTK

Alpha

DIVINE RENOVATION

Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission

Best Wishes to our Parish Priest!!!

Today, Palm Sunday, please join Fr. Rene, our parish priest in praying for good health and holy perseverance in his religious vocation as he celebrates his Birthday!

He also recommends to your prayers three key persons whose death anniversaries he commemorates today.

Lauro Ramirez Jr, his dad.

Cipriana Valmonte, his elementary teacher.

Mons Felipe Dayao, his parish priest when he was ordained.

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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



The care, safety and wellbeing of children, young people and the vulnerable is the responsibility of all within our Parish.



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