



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Like the apostle Thomas, we want to see clear signs of Jesus' victory over death and corruption. May the Lord open our eyes to the power of his Resurrection and transform our doubts and fears into confident faith and boundless joy. This Octave Day of Easter is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Promoted by St. Faustina Kowalska, whom Pope John Paul II canonized on 30 April 2000, the devotion to the Divine Mercy is a perennial invitation for us to face, with confidence in divine goodness, the difficulties and trials of both the present and the future.

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Prayer: God of mercy, listen to our prayer.

Divine Mercy Sunday

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

As we continue to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise him for restoring our hope in God. He joins us in this celebration by his visits to his disciples both individually and collectively, to show that he has truly risen as he said.

Today's gospel presents us with the events of the first and second visits of Jesus to his apostles, who were still locked up in a room for fear of the Jews.

He did not only come to dispel and expel their fears, but he also came to empower them with his spirit to continue his mission of reconciling people with the Father:

"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20, 22-23). With these words Jesus instituted the sacrament of reconciliation for the forgiveness of sins and at the same time he entrusted the powers to continue this office of reconciliation, which is proper to him, to his Apostles, whose representatives today are the bishops and priests; the Alter Christus.

The priest is indeed another Christ by virtue of ordination and so he acts in persona Christi, that is, the priest acts in the Name and Person of Christ.

This power expressly comes from Jesus' mandate of today to his Apostles; As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

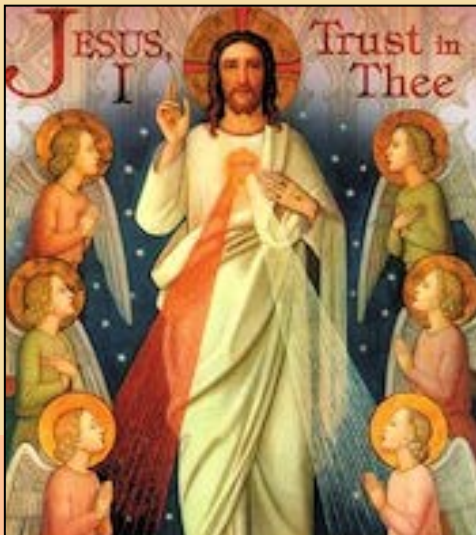
"To send" comes from the Greek word apostelo. And Apostles are those who are ordained and sent forth to represent another, the Master. On this divine mercy Sunday, the merciful Jesus reminds us that mercy is at the heart of his mission.

This is true because he did not only forgive our sins and teach us to forgive those who trespass against us, but also, he instituted the sacrament of reconciliation, where men and women can seek and find the mercy of God.

This he established precisely on the Easter evening, the evening of his resurrection. He gave the powers of forgiving sins and reconciling people with God to his apostles, so that as long as the world lasts, men and women may constantly experience the mercy of God. This is not to encourage us to fall into sin, but an avenue of telling sinners that God still loves them and wants them back to himself.

Now that we are aware of God's love and mercy for sinners, it is time to return to him. Like the merciful father of the prodigal son in Luke's gospel, the Lord is taking the initiative to extend his hands of fellowship to us his wandering children, to come back to him.

May the celebration of this divine mercy Sunday inspire the need in us to seek and find the mercy of our God, and to show mercy to all those who hurt us.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Evelyn Ronquillo, Fr
Rafaele Sacco, Cesar Montaña, Maria
Nguyen Thi Huong

ANNIVERSARIES: Anton Nguyen Duy Han,
Angela Pezzano, Emanuel Piscopo and Jane
Spiteri.

Comfort & Healing

Mary Hoang Thi Voi, Carlos Balquin Jr.,
Rhodora Dagondong, Maria Carina Pabustan,
John Mark Ramirez.



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 Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church
every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the
month at 3:00 pm.

³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates
the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Vocation View

Despite our lack of faith, Christ still calls and gives the strength to
respond. Bring your questions to Him, that
He might answer your doubts with His gentle, but persistent love.
(John 20:19-31)



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?

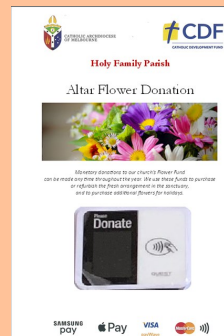
Welcome! ☺

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:
\$ 200.00



17-18 April 2021

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Leanne Ma	Lynette Heasley		Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Christine Brooking	Ileana Inocencio		CTK Church choir
SUN	8:00am	OL	Paul Handley	Charles Budiman		-
	9:30am	CTK	Anna Maria Balauca	Betty Do		CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Ruth Roa	Albert Agbamey		OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK				Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Phuoc Lam	An Nguyen		Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Fred Lipana	Frank Unger		Coro di Dio

Next Week's Readings

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

1 John 2:1-5

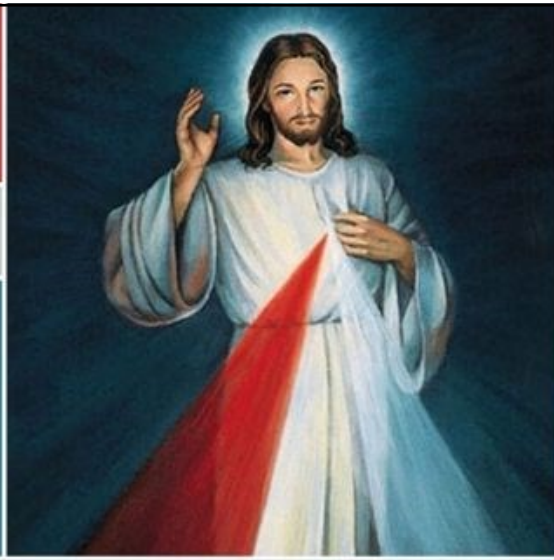
Luke 24:35-48

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. **It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace.** How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!"

ST. JOHN PAUL II



On this day you may obtain a plenary indulgence* if you complete these **four conditions** 'in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin':



1

Go to Confession



2

Receive Holy Communion



3

Pray for the pope's intentions

4

Take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, **OR** in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, **recite** the *Our Father* and the *Credo*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus

* An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven

**LORD, WE BELIEVE IN YOU AND CONFIDENTLY REPEAT TO YOU TODAY:
Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.**

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$2,539.00
Church	\$3,373.10

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$1,516.65
Church	\$1,552.75

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.

Calling of Parish Volunteers!

Training on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

All Parish Volunteers are invited to attend the training about Safeguarding Children, Young Adults and other Vulnerable Persons on Tuesday, 27 April at 7:00pm at the Presbytery Pavilion. The training will focus on the parish commitment to child safety, involving parents and children in planning parish activities, etc.

Come and hear the latest!



SCHOOLS

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Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

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CHURCHES

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ
Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ
Assistant Priest

Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ
Hospital Pastoral Associate

Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen
Secretaries

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



ALPHA

On, Thursday, 22 April 2021 at 6:30pm, our parish will start another Alpha Program. It will be held at Our Parish Small Hall at 15 Lyons Street, Maidstone. To register, you can send an email to maidstone@cam.org.au with 'Alpha' in the subject line along with your full name or simply send a text message with 'Alpha' plus your Full Name to 0452 463 670. You may also call the Parish Office to sign up.

This week's events

MONDAY 10:00 am	12th April Italian Prayer Group OL
WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	14th April Novena Mass O/L
SUNDAY 3:00 pm	18th April Vietnamese Mass CTK

Our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family of

Evelyn Ronquillo,

one of our Parish Lectors who died on the 9th of April 2021.



Parish Bus Starting Again

We are restarting the bus run for the 9.30 am Sunday Mass at CTK. If you know of a parishioner who needs a lift to Mass, please ring the Parish Office with contact details or let Helen or Tram know.

Xe buýt của giáo xứ sẽ chạy trở lại

Chúng tôi sẽ khởi động lại chuyến xe buýt đưa quý vị cao niên đến tham dự thánh lễ 9h30 sáng Chúa nhật tại nhà thờ CTK. Nếu bạn biết một giáo dân nào đó cần đưa đón đến nhà thờ và đưa về nhà. Xin vui lòng liên hệ với Văn phòng Giáo xứ để cung cấp chi tiết liên lạc. hoặc ghi danh tại nhà thờ với cô Helen và Cô Trâm. Chân thành cảm ơn.

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.



WE'RE BACK!

APRIL 23, 2021

FREE IN 2021!!!

10- 13 YEARS OLD

EVERY FRIDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM

7 PM-9 PM

OUR LADY'S HALL
LYONS STREET, MAIDSTONE



For more information please email us:
olckedge@gmail.com



The care, safety and wellbeing of children, young people & 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



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