



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

"God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." The Book of Wisdom proclaims God as Lord of life. And in the Gospel, Jesus confirms that God does not intend men and women for corruption. Sent by God to conquer death, Jesus heals a woman long afflicted with hemorrhages and brings Jairus' daughter back to life. In the face of trial and adversity, may we have the daring faith of Jairus and of the woman, confident in Jesus' power.

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Prayer: Lord of life, hear our prayer.

Humility Unleashes Healing

Jesus performs two shocking miracles and in both cases, the key that released the power of his grace was humility.

Jairus, the synagogue official was humble: he knew that saving his daughter was something beyond his own powers. This is clearly demonstrated by how he approaches Jesus. When he made his way into the Lord's presence, he wasn't aloof, skeptical, and argumentative, like so many Pharisees and Sadducees.

Instead, St Mark tells us that he "fell at his [Jesus'] feet and pleaded earnestly with him." The synagogue official was an important person in the city. He was used to being in charge, used to having the right answers and helping other people solve their problems. But faced with the mortal sickness of his child, Jairus remembered that there was a higher power in the universe than him, and he humbled himself before the Lord, and the Lord "went off with him" to work a miracle.

The woman with the hemorrhage was humble too; her sickness had made her so. She was not a powerful leader in society. In fact, her sickness made her an outcast. She was "unclean," according to the Mosaic Law. And she was risking her very life by fighting her way through the crowd, touching all those people, and making them unclean too. Where did she get the strength to overcome those obstacles? From her humility.

For twelve years she had been seeking a solution to her chronic, humiliating, and debilitating health issue, paying for all the latest technology and all the most highly recommended doctors. And so she discovered the vast limits of human ingenuity, and turned instead to the limitless mercy of a much higher power.

She risked everything just to touch a tassel of the Lord's cloak; and strength far beyond her limited human powers flowed out from him and healed her. The humility of these two unforgettable Gospel characters opened their hearts to faith in Jesus Christ.

And faith unleashed God's saving power in their lives. God's saving power healed their hopelessness, strengthened their weakness, and enlightened their darkness.





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 ¹
Filipino Mass	3:00 pm ²
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 ³

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.

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cener Ongtengco Cagawan,

ANNIVERSARIES:

Francesco Cerantonio,
Maria Elizabeth Versace, Maria Antonia
Tucci, John Aitken



Comfort & Healing

Mary Hoang Thi Voi, Rhodora Dagondong,
Gemma Gulizia, Marylou Drayton, Mary
Drayton.



Vocation View

"Little girl, I say to you, arise!" Jesus reaches out to those in need and gives life to those who seek Him. Turn to Him in times of difficulty that you might have that same spark of divine life. (Mark 5:41)



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?

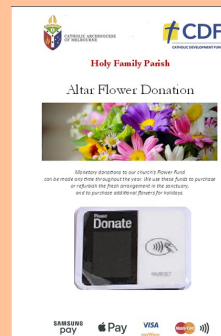
Welcome! ☺

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:
\$ 80.00



3-4 July 2021

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lynette Heasley	Leanne Ma		Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Catherine Seymour	Theresa Seymour		CTK Church choir
SUN	8:00am	OL	Antonietta Pezzano	Charles Budiman		-
	9:30am	CTK	Betty Do	Anna Maria Balauca		CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Albert Agbamey	Ruth Roa		OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK				Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Phuoc Lam	An Nguyen		Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Christine Medina	Nene Casas		Mary's Choir

The Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

The icon of the Mother of Perpetual Help is an Icon, from the Greek 'eikon' which means image. An Icon is not simple representation of saints. It is rather a type of portrait which makes present the person represented in a spiritual way. When praying before an Icon, painted according to specific theological and technical norms, we can deepen our knowledge of the reality of the mystery of Christ, of Our Lady and the Angels and enter into spiritual contact with them.



The Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help measures 54 x 41.5 centimeters. It is one of the Passion Icons of Our Lady and depicts Our Lady with the Child, with an angel on each side holding the instruments of the Passion. The Child's hands grasp the hands of his Mother as the sandal falls from His foot revealing the sole. The Greek letters which appear on the Icon indicate the names of the four figures: Jesus Christ, Mother of God, Archangel Gabriel (right) and Archangel Michael (left).

The unknown artist of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help seems to have wished to portray the anguish of Christ as He, contemplating the vision of His future Passion, represented by the instruments carried by the angels, in an abrupt movement lets fall a sandal. These elements of the composition show the reality of the suffering and the Passion of Christ. At the same time the Picture gives evidence of the triumph of Christ over suffering and death. This is depicted by the golden background, which is a sign of the Resurrection and in the manner in which the angels hold the instruments of the Passion. These appear not so much as threats of destruction, but rather as trophies of victory, taken from Calvary on Easter morning. It can therefore be said that the main theme of the Picture is the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. The focal point of the Picture is found in the clasping of the hands of the Mother and the Child. The right hand of the Mother welcomes the Son, thus stressing the humanity of Christ. The reality of the Incarnation can be seen, as well, in the gesture of the Child, showing the sole of His foot and clinging to His Mother, as if seeking the comfort of Mary. The hand of the Virgin, however, indicates at the same time the Son of God, highlighting the divine nature of Jesus. Mary, therefore, is represented as the Hodigitria, she who guides us to the Redeemer, to Him who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. And she is our Help, who intercedes for us with her Son, who sacrificed his Life for us on the Crisis of Calvary. The star on the forehead of Our Lady accentuates the role which she has in the plan of our salvation: to be the Mother of God and Mother of all humanity.

As we contemplate the Icon of Perpetual Help, so rich in matter for meditation, we can grasp the sense of the Mystery of Christ and deepen our relationship with Him under the guidance of the Mother of the Redeemer.

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." - 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

stewardship

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$565.15
Church	\$1,540.90

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$367.25
Church	\$682.65

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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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Our Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. you became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.

Our prayers and best wishes to Fr Rene Ramirez as he celebrates the 23rd Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood



Our parish is in need of volunteers who could at least dedicate their time once a week for the following task:

- ◇ Covid Marshalls who could assist and verify check-ins at the church door
- ◇ Website Designer
- ◇ Additional church cleaners

Please contact the Parish Office for more details. Thank you very much!



Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

This week's events

MONDAY 10:00 am	28th June Italian Prayer Group O/L
WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	30th June Novena Mass O/L
SUNDAY 3:00 pm	4th July Vietnamese Mass CTK

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Preparation for 1st Communion



Children who do not study in a Catholic School and wish to make their First Communion can now contact the

parish office to register their names. The course will begin on 5 August 2021.



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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