



# The Holy Family

## PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

We often seek God in the spectacular. The sun rises and sets every day, attesting to God's providential care, but we prefer to look for God in the "dancing sun." We pray for miracles of healing—all the while that God heals us of our bodily and spiritual ailments through the sacraments and the help of loving people.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Response: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Prayer: Lord, hear our prayer.

## Harden Not Your Hearts...

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

Are we able to see the presence of God in others? Are we able to recognize that God speaks through others? Do we see and acknowledge the prophets of our own time? Today's readings call us to open our hearts, our minds and our whole being to the presence of God in others.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Ezekiel. God sends prophets to His people. We don't always like to hear the words that a prophet speaks. On the other hand, not everyone who speaks is a prophet. The Old Testament and the New both understand clearly that a true prophet must speak according to the Word of God, and not according to the words of men.

Today many claims to be prophetic, but most lack any claims to speaking the Word of God. A true prophet in our Christian tradition must reflect both the Holy Scriptures and the Church. The Prophet Ezekiel clearly speaks the same message as the other prophets and that message is always the same: faithfulness to God's word revealed in Holy Scripture, love for God, love for others, care for the needy and the oppressed.

This message of the Scriptures remains the same from the beginning to the end of the Scriptures. The message always demands that we give up our own concerns and be concerned only for God and God's message for us. The moment we begin to seek our own good, our own enrichment, our own way of thinking—then we become unfaithful to the word of God.

The second reading today is from the Second Letter to the Corinthians. Here we also listen to God's word: "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong." We are invited to embrace the word of Jesus Christ with all our strength and all our being. When we do embrace this word of God, we shall surely suffer and know our own weaknesses. This also is a form of prophecy because the more we embrace Christ and follow His way, the more our lives speak about God and His incredible love for us. We prophesy simply by living.

The Gospel today is from Saint Mark and takes us back to the challenge of rejection. We should remember that Ezekiel told us that it does not matter if a prophet is recognized or not. What matters is that the prophet speaks the word of God. Today's Gospel points out that we can reject a true prophet simply because we don't believe that God acts in the ordinary events of our lives and in seemingly ordinary people.

God is always speaking to us: in others, in the events of our lives, in the Church, and in our world. In order to understand God, we must be attentive first of all to His revealed word. When that revealed Word is our whole way of living, then we begin to recognize His word in all the other realities of our lives. Today God invites us: listen to the prophets! Open your hearts and minds and beings! God loves you and wishes to speak with you. Harden not your hearts today!



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## 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 <sup>3</sup>

### 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.

<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>2</sup> Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

<sup>3</sup> The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

### Next Week's Readings

Amos 7:12-15  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:7-13



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

#### Eternal Repose

##### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Chester Anthony Gibson, Fr Angelito Parulan

##### ANNIVERSARIES:

Gregorio Mastroianni,  
An Tôn Nguyễn Hữu Thanh, An Tôn Nguyễn  
Ich Lý, Anna Vũ Thị Dung.



### Comfort & Healing

Mary Hoang Thi Voi, Rhodora Dagondong,  
Gemma Gulizia, Marylou Drayton, Mary  
Drayton, Emilio Lay



## Vocation View

God works through the prophets to make known His message of salvation.  
Has He called you to be a prophet in our day and age? (Ez. 2:2-5)



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](mailto:olckedge@gmail.com)  
Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm

### Are You New to the Parish?

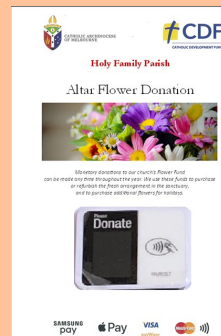
Welcome! ☺

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:  
**\$ 90.00**



## 10-11 July 2021

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Jeresa Sawadan	Joward Sawadan		Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Lucy Inocencio	Quang Son Ho		CTK Church choir
SUN	8:00am	OL	Nam Tran	Claire Lawson		-
	9:30am	CTK	Christopher Chu	Christine Chu		CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Hung Lam	Hong Lam		OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Brendon Sarabia	Kelly Maglalang		Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Jesse Lipana	Fred Lipana		EXXEMOZ



# Heal Country: Drawing wisdom from Laudato Si'

This Sunday the Catholic Church in Australia will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, marking the beginning of NAIDOC Week 2021. This year's theme explores the various ways in which our country needs healing: environmentally, socially, and spiritually. It's something not lost on Pope Francis, who in *Laudato Si'* advocates for Indigenous communities to become 'principal dialogue partners' in caring for the earth and its inhabitants.

## Previous Popes

In 1970, Pope Paul VI visited Australia and from Sydney addressed the nation as a whole, including its Indigenous inhabitants. To them he said:

We know that you have a lifestyle proper to your own ethnic genius or culture – a culture which the Church respects and *which she does not in any way ask you to renounce*.

Fundamental to recognising the catholicity of the Church, its universal quality, is respecting the many cultures that constitute her. That which is *positive* in a culture is never expected by the Church to be left at the door. On the contrary. Pope Paul VI went on with strong words:

... the common good never can be used legitimately as a pretext to harm the positive values of your way of life.

In other words, the beauty and the goodness of one's culture should be drawn out, highlighted and celebrated. Any attempt on the part of the others to try and efface that in the name of the common good – in the name of anything, really – is *wrong*.

When Pope John Paul II visited Australia in 1986, he echoed the words of Paul VI but also pointed out some particularities of Indigenous culture that would later feed into Pope Francis' reflections in *Laudato Si'*. This has to do with the relationship between people and the land.

Pope John-Paul II said this:

For thousands of years this culture of yours was free to grow without interference by people from other places. You lived your lives in spiritual closeness to the land, with its animals, birds, fishes, waterholes, rivers, hills and mountains. Through your closeness to the land you touched the sacredness of man's relationship with God, for the land was the proof of a power in life greater than yourselves. You did not spoil the land, use it up, exhaust it, and then walk away from it. You realized that your land was related to the source of life (§4).

It is precisely this approach to the land that Pope Francis picks up in *Laudato Si'*, urging us to reframe our relationship to the earth using a basic principle of Catholic Social Teaching.

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" EZEKIEL 2:2-3*

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

## stewardship

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$787.25
Church	\$2,307.35

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$404.40
Church	\$906.05

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.

## SCHOOLS

### St. John's Catholic School

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Tel: 9311 7387 : Fax: 9312 6755  
principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au

### Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

## CHURCHES

### Christ the King Church

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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

### Parish Office

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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CATHOLICS IN AUSTRALIA

First Nations Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church.



**133,528**

The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics



**5.8%**

The percentage of Catholic population aged under 5



**16**

The number of Dioceses which have over one-fifth of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population who identify as Catholic



**10.2%**

The percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics aged under 5



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!*

*This week's events*

**MONDAY**  
10:00 am

**5th July**  
Italian Prayer Group O/L

**WEDNESDAY**  
7:00 pm

**7th June**  
Novena Mass O/L

**SUNDAY**  
3:00 pm

**11th July**  
Vietnamese Mass O/L

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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](mailto:maidstone@cam.org.au)** or visit our website at **[www.hfp.org.au](http://www.hfp.org.au)**



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