



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals God as full of mercy and rich in compassion. God is so loving that he is willing to take the extra mile to look for the lost. Today, the Father invites us to go back to his loving embrace through Jesus Christ, his Son.

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

Response: I will rise and go to my father.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Prayer: Father, help us become your face of love and mercy.

Lost And Found

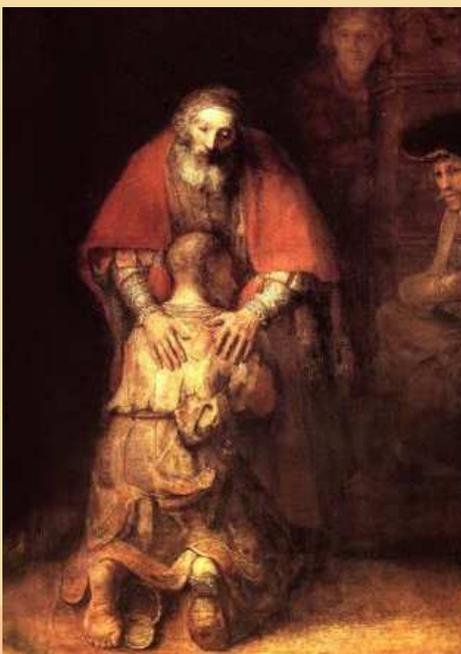
Fr Gerald Binegas RCJ

God loves the just but does not ignore the sinner, for whom there is always a place in his kingdom. The church is not an exclusive club. The Pharisees resent God's mercy. The parable of the lost sheep does not deny the goodness of the virtuous majority but makes the point that there's a special place for the repentant sinner. The lost coin is important to the careful housewife, and her joy at its recovery is shared because it is deeply felt. The sum may be modest but it's sentimental value matters a lot to her. All are V.I.P.s in God's eyes, and especially what was lost and found.

But there is another side to this story: the Prodigal Son "came to his senses." He opened his eyes to see, his ears to hear; he reached out for help and got in touch with reality. The father's welcome was extraordinary, but it could only happen because the son came back home. Are we willing to let the father embrace us, and are we prepared to come to our senses too? His mercy is there for any of us who turn to him with all our hearts.

The parable of the prodigal son is a classic of narrative skill that is timelessly relevant. We need to know that a loving Father awaits our return home. We also need the reminder that the same loving God expects us to forgive one another and to keep in touch with one another. The joy of a son's homecoming was spoiled for the father by the sulking of the elder brother.

How sad that the elder brother resented his brother for having been such a waster in the past? God wants us all to be merciful. Leaving people helpless is no part of his plan. Though living under the same roof, the elder son was isolated from his father. Focussed on his own rights and needs, he could not accept his brother's safe return. Calling him "this son of yours" must have grieved his father. Faithful and dutiful disciples need to be open to welcome home the wild ones, even the apparent wasters, for that is how things are done "up above", according to Jesus.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Birthday Celebrants this week

Xuan, Yen, George, Nita, Katherine, Nga, Dung, Nela, Mahli, Maria, Connie, Gabriela, Maria, Abby, Rina, Hanh, Neil, Thi, Maria.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Celestino Ferreira.

Death Anniversaries: Michelle Ann Ciavarella.



Comfort & Healing

Mary Hoang Thi Voi, Rhodora Dagondong, Marylou Drayton, Mary Drayton, Joseph, Maria, John, Tuy Family, Father Barry, Chai Balcombe, Vu Thi Hy, Joseph Phuong, Betty Linsley, Carina Pabustan, Helen Dellamore.



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
 Our Lady's 7:00 pm³

THURSDAY

Christ the King 10:00 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

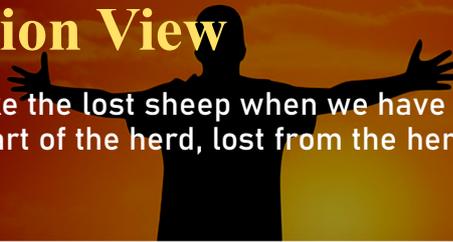
2 months-notice required.

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



We are like the lost sheep when we have not found our place in life. Are you part of the herd, lost from the herd, or a leader of the herd?

Are You New to the Parish?

Welcome! If you would like to be contacted, please give us your contact information via our website welcome page and we will get in touch with you shortly.

Even better, we encourage you to introduce yourself to the Lectors or Commentators who will be able to help you settle in.



ALTAR FLOWERS DONATION

Please use our Donation Point Tap Device for Flower Donations for our Sanctuary.

Donations this week: **\$ 70.00**



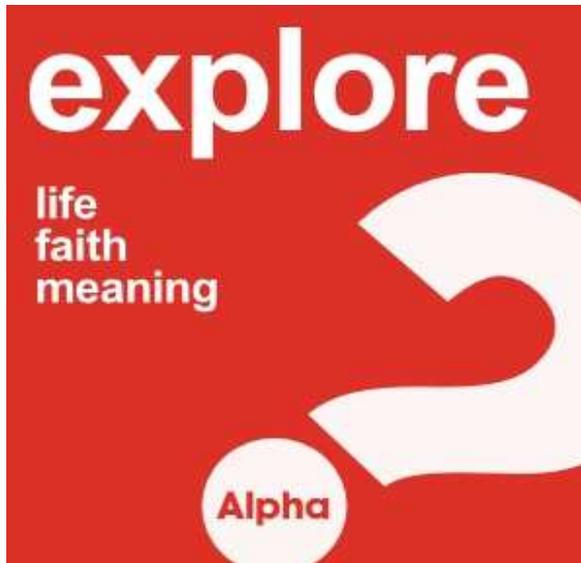
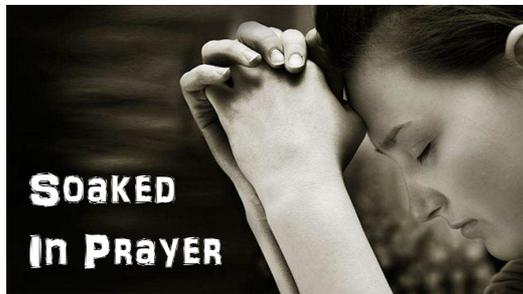
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MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Patrick Pham	Christine Medina/Quan Nguyen	TBA	Mary's choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Theresa Seymour	Peggy/Grace Dias	Lucy Inocencio	CTK Church choir
SUN	8:00am	OL	Charles Budiman	Paul Handley/Anna Thu Pham	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Lily Do	Betty Do	Christine Chu	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Ruth Roa	Austin Leong/Pearl Chen	Hong Le	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK				Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Phuoc Lam	TBA	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Terri Napiza	Benedict Alvares/Julietta Uy	Tony Sobredo	Coro di Dio

Next Week's Readings

Amos 8:4-7
 1 Timothy 2:1-8
 Luke 16:1-13



Spring Alpha Session 2

“Who is Jesus?” Session 2 of **SPRING ALPHA** focused on answering this question pointing to evidence from non-Biblical sources such as Tacitus and Josephus and discussing the validity of Gospel manuscripts. The teachings of Jesus on forgiveness, the example of healings, raising up the poor and oppressed and the command to “Love your enemy” challenged individuals and societies to make a better world. We then moved to thinking about what Jesus said about himself: Was Jesus a fraud, was he deluded or was he really the Son of God? The effect of the Resurrection on the disciples of Jesus transformed them and through them the whole world. The majority of the apostles suffered death for their belief in Jesus. There was so much to pull apart and discuss in the small groups and again, there was a buzz in the air.

The food was delicious and again we thank parishioners who contributed meals.

Alpha is on Thursday nights in the Small Hall beginning from 6.30-8.30am. Next week is the final week we can accept new participants. To Register ring the Parish Office on 9317 9298 or email maidstone@cam.org.au If you would like to contribute a meal use the same contact details and you will be contacted to arrange a pick-up. Alpha will be in recess during the school holidays and resume again on October 6.

“Everything I have is yours.”

Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

stewardship

Our Lady’s Church

Presbytery	\$916.30
Church	\$1,588.80

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$721.85
Church	\$764.45

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.



Our prayers and felicitations go to all the Teachers, Staff and Alumni as they celebrate their Centenary Reunion Celebration this weekend!

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



We proclaim a crucified Christ
ICAH 23

09 September 2022

MESSAGE FROM MOST REVEREND PETER A COMENSOLI Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne

"In 1952 before her Coronation, a young Elizabeth gave her first Christmas Address requesting our prayers – 'that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life'.

With sadness and gratitude, we now reflect on the fulfillment of those very words, and offer our prayers and condolences for a Monarch who has lived a life of commitment and devotion to her people through great change and upheaval.

I join with Pope Francis and all those who mourn her loss in paying my respects to Her Majesty as a woman of deep Christian faith, whose leadership and service was shaped by the anchor of Jesus Christ in her life.

May she rest in peace, with her King eternally."

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

NOURISH ALPHA



Inviting all those who love to cook and nourish others
Could you please prepare a meal for Alpha Participants?

Alpha

Sharing a meal is an integral and joyful part of the Alpha experience. What is incredible about food is the fact that it is a gift like manna, meant to remind us of our dependence on God and our dependence on each other (Exodus 16).

If you are able to prepare a meal, please get in touch with the office and an Alpha coordinator will contact you to confirm which Thursday (1 September to 24 November excluding school holidays) is most suitable for you.

Thank you for nourishing this important initiative that aims to build meaningful connections amongst parishioners and newcomers.

This week's events

MONDAY 8:00 am	12th September Mass at CTK & OL
WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	14th September Novena Mass OL
THURSDAY 7:00 pm	15th September ALPHA
SUNDAY 11:30 am 3:00 pm	18th September BAPTISM OL Vietnamese Mass CTK

Support your Parish!

Donate to help fund our initiatives to move from maintenance to mission! You can now use our parish portal to send your support. This is now our preferred way of receiving donations over CDFPay.



Rogationist of the Heart of Jesus
St. Matthew Province

THE ANNUAL APPEAL TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF THE Rogationist Seminarians

30 SEPTEMBER 2022
Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Jesus called them...
They followed...
You can help!



Let us support with our prayers the 33 children who will receive their first communion this Sunday during the 10:00am Mass. They did their confessions last week and attended the 5pm + Mass in Maidstone.

Join our parish mailing list to receive email updates and reflection guides.



To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact Huong or Kim 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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