

The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

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

Today, we open a new liturgical year. Advent, which means “coming,” is a time of preparation for the Lord’s coming. The Gospel for this First Sunday of Advent invites us to be awake and prepared. May we have this disposition as we start a new stage of our Advent pilgrimage.

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy
and love, and grant us your
salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Prayer: Father, through the coming
of your Son, show us your
love and salvation.

ANOTHER ADVENT IS UPON US

Why? Why does the Church lead us along the same path every year, repeating the same seasons, even the same readings? Is it for lack of creativity and imagination? No, the Church is always young, and never runs out of creativity. In every generation she gives the world new saints, new religious orders, and new artists. The Church is forever ancient, and yet forever new.

Is it out of condescension? Does the Church think we are too unintelligent to understand it the first time around? No, the Church is a wise, loving mother who knows her children well, sincerely respects them, and is always leading them forward, never backward.

Is it out of malice? Does the Church want to bore us to death? No, it is certainly not out of malice. The Church may often be demanding, but when she is, it is for our benefit, not for our destruction.

So what is the reason for another Advent?

The word "advent" comes from the Latin "ad-venire", meaning to come to, to come towards. This season spotlights the three comings of Christ: the first, 2000 years ago; the last, sometime in the future; and the ongoing - Christ's constant coming into our lives is through His grace, His providence, and His sacraments.

We live in the final age of human history, the age which will end in Christ's second coming, the destruction of the cosmos as we know it, and the creation of a new heaven and earth - the full establishment of Christ's Kingdom, as today's readings described.

We are already citizens of that Kingdom, because we are members of His Church. The Church gives us the season of Advent in order to remind us of this, and to give us a chance to check up on the quality of our citizenship. As we begin this advent season, let us be wise and make sure we take advantage of being citizens of God's kingdom by acting and behaving like one.



“We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the Kulin Nation and pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.”





Mass Intentions for the Week

Birthday Celebrants this week 🎁

Paul, Loan, Freya, Christine, Leonie, Lavin, Mark, Thanh, Jerome, Lina, Ninh, Thuy, Jeoffer, Harry, John.



Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ricardo Cuenca Jr.

Death Anniversaries: Stanislaus Pinto, Tuong Thi Nguyen, Kitty Seymour.

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, Carina Pabustan, Helen Dellamore, Joseph Louis Spiteri, Sharon Venzon.



Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

Our Lady's 8:00 am
 Christ the King 9:30 am
 Our Lady's 10:00 am
 Vietnamese Mass 11:30 am¹
 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 10:00 am
 Our Lady's 8:00 am

SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady's 5:00 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

In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

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: \$ 40.00



3/4 December 2022

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comtr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Patrick Pham	Leanne Ma	TBA	Mary's choir
SUN	8:00am	OL	Paul Handley	Charles Budiman/Antonietta Pezzano	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Lily Do	Betty Do	Samia Tawaf	CTK Church
	10:00am	OL	Ruth Roa	Jesse S/Austin Leong	Giuseppina Genovese	OL Church Choir
	11.30am	CTK				Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Phuoc Lam	TBA	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Terri Napiza	Benedict Alvares	Tony Sobredo	Coro di Dio

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Romans 15:4-9
 Matthew 3:1-12

“Welcome Home”, a message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Last week, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli released a pastoral letter to the Churches in Melbourne called ‘Welcome Home’. Reflecting on the sadness of being unable to gather physically in our communities during the pandemic, he pointed us towards Jesus Christ, ‘the Word who became flesh’ and who ‘left for us his sacramental presence’. This bodily reality at the centre of our communities draws us in and binds us together.

In light of this, the Archbishop announced that the time has come for us to return home. **As of the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted.**

You can read the letter here: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/welcome-home-a-pastoral-letter-from-archbishop-comensoli>

2nd Rite of Reconciliation



In preparation for Christmas, our parish will celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Thursday 8th of December at 6:00 pm in Vietnamese and in English. We have invited other

confessors aside from our resident priests to accommodate more people during that day.

VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Saturday 3rd December
Time: After the 5pm Vigil Mass
Location: Our Lady’s Large Hall

All Volunteers in the parish are invited to attend our Volunteer Christmas party. Dinner and games will commence in the Large hall after Mass.



SCHOOLS

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CONTACT INFORMATION CHURCHES

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
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WELCOME TO EDGE! FREE FOR 2022

COME JOIN US AT EDGE, A CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGED 10-13 YEARS, WHERE WE ENCOUNTER THE LOVE OF JESUS AND EXPLORE VARIOUS CATHOLIC TEACHINGS IN A FUN AND INTERACTIVE WAY. THERE WILL BE HEAPS OF GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MUSIC, FOOD AND FRIENDS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY DURING SCHOOL TERM

7 PM - 9 PM
OUR LADY'S HALL
LYONS STREET, MAIDSTONE

EDGE NIGHTS FOR TERM 4:

OCTOBER 7 & 21
NOVEMBER 4 & 18
DECEMBER 2



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

SOAKED IN PRAYER

Divine Mercy: 15 minutes, every Saturday, before the 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady’s

Beginning this Saturday, on a weekly basis, we will be praying the 'Divine Mercy' 15 minutes before the 5pm Mass starts. if you can come early, please join in to participate in these prayer sessions with our choir.



Bắt đầu thứ bảy tuần này trở đi, 15 phút trước Thánh lễ 5 giờ chiều chúng ta sẽ đọc kinh lòng Chúa Thương xót. Xin quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em cố gắng tới nhà thờ sớm hơn để cùng đọc kinh với ca đoàn chúng con. Xin trân thành cảm ơn.

“Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know on
which day your Lord will
come.”

Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

stewardship

Our Lady’s Church

Presbytery \$974.05
Church \$1,194.15

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$770.35
Church \$885.85

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.

Fr. Rene Ramirez, RCJ
Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ
Assistant Priest

Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ
Hospital Pastoral Associate

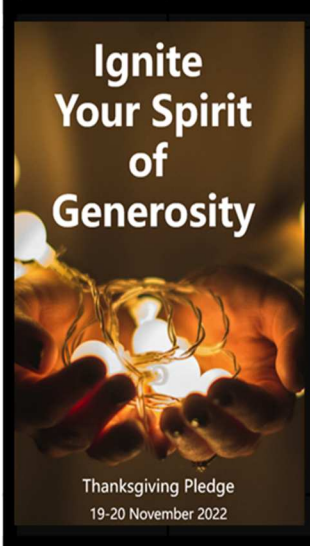
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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

TESTIMONIAL - WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

Remember to write into us at maidstone@cam.org.au or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/hfpCAM to share your thoughts on why you are grateful for your Parish. We will compile a story on our website to inspire each other to create our Amazing Parish – one that is vibrant, has vitality and is viable.



Ignite Your Spirit of Generosity

Thanksgiving Pledge
19-20 November 2022

Ignite Your Spirit of Generosity.
Help us fulfil our Mission by investing in our Vision.

After 6 weeks of discernment and asking God what he wants for you, please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give.

Your giving:

- Is a form of worship
- Grows your character
- Expresses love for your church family

As members of the Holy Family Parish, we commit to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

This week's events

MONDAY 8:00 am	28th November Mass at CTK & OL
WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	30th November Novena Mass OL
FRIDAY 9.30 am	2nd December Cuppa & Prayer – OL Pavilion
SATURDAY 6.00 pm	3rd December Volunteers Christmas Party - OL Large Hall
SUNDAY 11.30 am	4th December Vietnamese Mass CTK

40 hours of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration

3.30am Saturday 19 November
7.30pm Sunday 20 November 2022.

Last week across both our Churches, we opened the doors and kept the lights on for over 40 hours. We took turns sitting, kneeling and praying. We prayed for the fulfilment of the HFP vision, for our families, for our fellow parishioners, for our Shepherd and for the peace of the world.

We also asked God what he wants for us.

What was the answer that you got?



3.43 am Saturday 19 November 2022



12.10 am Sunday 20 November 2022

2023 Thanksgiving Commitment

Your gratitude, generosity and giving, can help us accomplish great things together that no single one of us could by ourselves. Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give in 2023 to support the vision and ministry of our parish community. By committing to fund our vision, you allow our parish to plan our annual budget and programs more effectively and faithfully.

Support your Parish!

Help fund our initiatives to move from maintenance to mission! You can now use our Parish portal to give your support. This is now our preferred way of receiving donations over CDFPay.



ADVENT REFLECTION SESSIONS.

We gather to read and reflect on the Gospel reading of the coming Sunday. It is the perfect way to connect with each other and prepare for Christmas.



Location: Our Lady's Pavilion
Time: Thursday evening 7.30pm OR Friday morning after 9.00am Mass

Morning Session: On Fridays at the Cuppas and Prayer group after the 9.00 am Mass
Fridays 25 Nov, 2 Dec, 9 Dec, 16 Dec.

Evening Session: On Thursdays at 7.30pm
Thursday 24 Nov, 1 Dec, 8 Dec, 15 Dec.
Please email or ring the Parish Office with your name and contact number and indicate which session you would like to attend.



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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