

The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

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

Jesus remains the sole foundation of the Church: Peter and those given the power of the keys can be effective only if they are faithful stewards and exercise their pastoral authority according to the example, and in the spirit, of the Lord. Let us pray for the Pope and the leaders of the Church. May we all grow in faith and remain devoted disciples of Jesus in the bosom of the Church.

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Response: Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of
your hands.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on
which I will build my
Church; the gates of hell
will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Prayer: Remember your Church, O
Father.

Who do you say I am?

It's interesting to consider the many different opinions on who Jesus is or who he was. Today's readings remind us of this truth, and the First Reading in particular shows the contrast between a faithful steward who was entrusted with everything, and one who was stripped of his position due to his infidelity. The master of the palace, a steward, represented the king's interests in many ways and in the king's name. When Isaiah refers to the house of Judah and the House of David he is referring to much more than a building: he is referring to the royal family and the kingdom. A good steward to the king serves him, his family, his servants, and his people. This level of responsibility brings an incredible pressure from all sides trying to curry the steward's favor or bring about his downfall. It requires a solid acknowledgment on his part of who is truly in charge: the king. We don't know what Shebna did to get fired, but Isaiah sees in Eliakim, a man who will stand firm in his service to all. This reading is a Scriptural foundation for the Church's faith on what it meant to have Christ, Our King, entrust the keys of the kingdom of Heaven, his keys, to Peter and his successors.

Today's Gospel reminds us that it's important to reflect on our own beliefs about Jesus. Our Lord asked his disciples who they thought he was, and Peter gave a powerful response: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This profession of faith was bolstered by grace, and we should strive to have the same faith as Peter. St. Paul also reminds us that Peter and his successors have been entrusted with the deposit of faith, the truth about who Jesus is and the path to holiness and happiness. The Church has faithfully watched over this treasure throughout history, and it's up to each of us to reflect on our own beliefs and build our own relationship with Christ.



"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

Nguoi, Dien, Vincent, Julieth, Joanne, Alvin, Van, Christopher, Thomas, Bincy, Maria, Daniel, Helen, Frank, Merri, Grogorio, Augustine, Anh, Maria, Trung, Joseph, Thi, Archie, Uriel, Adeline.



Eternal Repose

Recently Deceased: Maria Ngoan Le, Fr Massimiliano Nobile, RCJ.

Death Anniversaries: Teresa Nguyen Thi Nghia, Mary and George, Shaw Frances Laverick.

Comfort & Healing

Mary Hoang Thi Voi, Rhodora Dagondong, Marylou Drayton, Mary Drayton, Joseph, Maria, John, Tuy Family, Father Barry, Chai Balcombe, Vu Thi Hy, Anna Pham Thi Riu, Joseph Phuong, Carina Pabustan, Helen Dellamore, Sharon Venzon, Josie Aiezza, Vu Duy Hoa, Ruth Witteveen, Ann Reinish.



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 am 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	10:00 am
Our Lady's	8:00 am

SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady's	5:00 pm
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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

Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

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.



Father's Day

Next Sunday is Father's Day, so that there will be a collection for the Priest's Retirement Foundation who cares for our Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please donate using the envelopes on the pews or electronically by logging on to:

www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation and make your donation through Paypal.

Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.

We are a community of faith and love, growing, living and proclaiming the Way of the Gospel by forming new disciples

02/03 September 2023

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Erin Nguyen	Patricia Sawko/ Nene Casas	Maria Ng	Mary's Choir
SUN	8:00am	OL	Paul Handley	Claire Lawson	Lucy Inocencio	-
	9:30am	CTK	Lily Do	Betty Do/ Helen O'Keefe	Samia Tawaf	CTK Church Choir
	10:00 am	OL	Hong Lam	Hung Lam/ Ruth Roa	Thanh Le	OL Church Choir
	11.30am	CTK	TBA	TBA	TBA	Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Theresa Seymour	Kathe Casas/ Catherine Seymour	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Lydia G	Benedict Alvares/ Terri Napiza	William Napiza	Coro do Dio

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION GROUP

Following Jesus in Uncertain Times

- ◆ Connect in fellowship;
- ◆ Reflect on scripture; and
- ◆ Consider what it means to follow Jesus in these uncertain times.

When:

Thursdays beginning 7 September
at 7.30 PM

Where: Presbytery Pavilion

RSVP: Sign up using the QR code
or email: Maidstone@cam.org.au



DIVINE RENOVATION

Thriving Faith
Discipleship in Uncertain Times



Fr James Mallon

This reflection and discussion group is open to all past Alpha participants. If you have not participated in Alpha before but would like to join us, please contact the office and we will get in touch with you.

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"

Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

stewardship

Mass Collections & Envelopes

Presbytery	\$ 2,545.85
Church	\$ 3,367.30

On Line Giving

Presbytery	\$ 200.00
Church	\$475.00

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.

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...

**Live Your Best Married Life
in Love"**



Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!!

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Date: 3-5 November 2023 in Melbourne

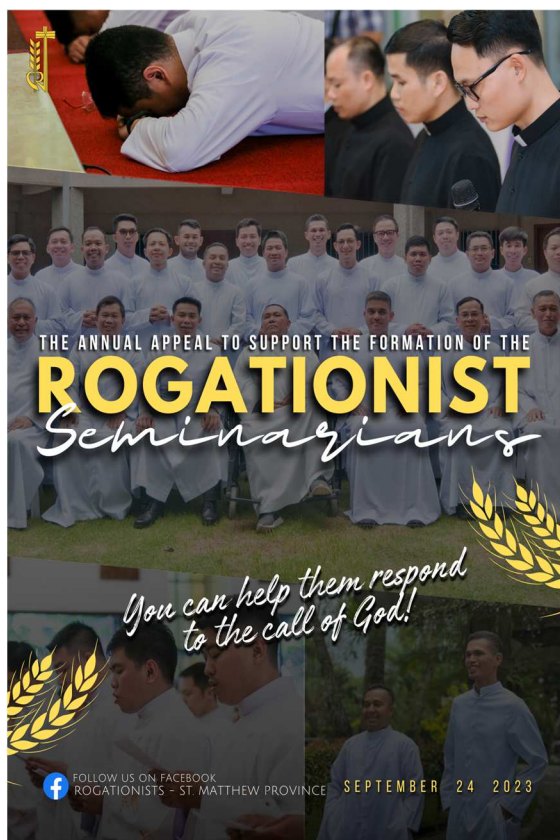
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Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Please check our website for more details

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



THE ANNUAL APPEAL TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF THE
ROGATIONIST
Seminarians

*You can help them respond
to the call of God!*

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SEPTEMBER 24 2023

Announcement

Our OFFICE has a new
phone number:
03 9454 3879



SCHOOLS

St. John's Catholic School
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28 Riley Court, Braybrook VIC 3019
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principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019
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Parish Priest*

*Fr. Gerald Bifnegas, RCJ
Fr Huy Nguyen, RCJ
Assistant Priests*

*Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ
Hospital Pastoral Associate*

*Kim Tran & Tram Nguyen
Secretaries*

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Parish Offertory Campaign

Thank you for your involvement in the Parish Offertory Giving program. I hope this process allowed you to prayerfully discern your offering towards our community. It has been so encouraging to see such a large number of pledge cards being returned to our parish office.

Thank you to everyone who handed in their cards. We are now in the follow up week where we will be seeking any pledges which haven't been returned. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to carefully consider your offering and return your pledge cards to the parish office or into any of mass collections.

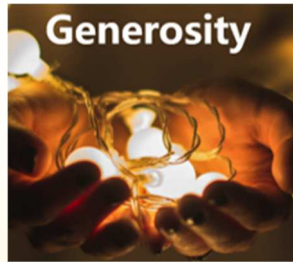
Remember each offering, no matter the amount, is an expression of love and gratitude to God. It is a testament to your faith and trust in His provision.

As a parish, having a degree of certainty in our offering gives us the confidence to budget for, and implement, initiatives related our:

- ♦ Faith journey – enabling us to deepen our relationship with God
- ♦ Fellowship – enabling us to strengthen our relationship with each other and be a welcoming community for all who seek Christ
- ♦ Facilities – that they are fit for purpose for our Mission and we can enjoy them for years to come

These are some of the important areas you mentioned during our consultation process last year.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support



Generosity

This week's events

MONDAY 8:00 am	28th August Mass at CTK & OL
WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm	30th August Novena & Mass OL
FRIDAY 9:30 AM	1st September Cuppa & Prayer—OL Presbytery
SUNDAY 11: 30 am	3rd September Vietnamese Mass CTK

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.



Safeguarding Workshop – For ALL parish volunteers (who missed out in July) and interested parishioners

Date/Time: Tuesday 29 August 2023 from 6 PM to 8 PM
Location: Our Lady's Small Hall, 15 Lyons Street Maidstone

This Safeguarding Workshop is intended to provide not only foundational knowledge about safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm but also the latest updates and new required processes. It will also help to have a clear understanding of our duty of care and expectations.

This workshop is **mandatory** for all current parish volunteers. We encourage all prospective (you are thinking of volunteering) volunteers and interested Parishioners to also attend.

For current volunteers, if you are unable to attend the face-to-face training, you will need to complete the training online in your own time and provide us with proof of completion. <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/>

For all queries, please contact the Safeguarding committee c/o maidstone@cam.org.au

To register: Use the QR code, respond to the invite in the Parish flocknote e-news or email the parish office.



WELCOME BACK!
FREE FOR 2023
10-13 YEARS OLD

FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY DURING SCHOOL TERM

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

EDGE NIGHTS FOR TERM 3:
JULY 14 & 28
AUGUST 11 & 25
SEPTEMBER 8

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



To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact Kim or Tram at (03)9454-3879 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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