



JESUS, MERCY: MARY, HELP!

SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF
CHRIST THE KING IN BRAYBROOK AND
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP IN MAIDSTONE



5th Sunday of Lent (A)

Members of the Western Highway Deanery
2nd April 2017

Deeply moved by the death of his friend Lazarus, Jesus performs his greatest sign: he raises Lazarus to life, proving that, indeed, Jesus is the resurrection and the life. And yet this gift of life costs our Lord his own life. But it is in dying, in his powerlessness, that Jesus accomplishes the greatest good—giving us eternal life.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Response: With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel
Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the
life, says the Lord; whoever
believes in me will not die for
ever. Glory and praise to you,
Lord
Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Prayer: Lord of life, hear our prayer

CHRIST RESTORES US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT...

Fr. Gerald Binegas

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. The Church reminds us that what gives life to our mortal body is the Spirit of God. The same Spirit will resurrect Christ on Easter day. He is the one that makes a difference in the life of every child of God. Hence, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, we must be docile to the Spirit of God that gives us life.

The first reading is from the book of prophet Ezekiel. He is often remembered as a reminder of Lent. He announced a promising future for his ruined people. It was a promise that God made to Israel while she was in exile. Today, this promise is still valid for us through Christ our Lord. It is a promise of the regeneration and restoration of our lives weakened by sin, sickness, and the difficulties of this life.

In the second reading, Paul also reminds us that it is only the Spirit of Jesus that can restore us to life: *"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you...he will give life to your mortal bodies..."* In other words, without the Spirit of God one is as good as dead. This is because Christ himself tells us that: *"What gives life is the Spirit of God, the flesh profits nothing"*.

This was evident in the life of Saul, the former king of Israel. Immediately the Spirit of God left him, he became miserable and mischievous (I Sam 16: 14-16). Therefore, the Spirit of God is the evidence of God's activity and life in us. Hence, Paul warns us: *"... Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who is God's mark of ownership of you..."*. This is very important because he is the one that guides and sustains us.

The gospel of this Sunday presents us with Jesus' demonstration of power. By raising Lazarus from death, Christ proved that he is really, the resurrection and life. He could not have achieved this without the power of the Holy Spirit. Regeneration, resurrection and restoration are all possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. All we need to do is, humble ourselves, and allow him to use us.

There are a few lessons we must learn from today's gospel. First, this miracle is an expression of love. We were told that when the message came to Jesus: *"The man you love is ill."* Jesus went because of the love he had for Lazarus and his family. Just as their joy was his joy, also, their sorrow became his sorrow. So, *"Jesus wept!"*

Second, our faith is very important in the working of any miracle for us. Christ asked Mary and Martha: *"I am the resurrection and the life...Do you believe in this...?"* So, in order to resurrect Lazarus, the love of Christ and the faith of his sisters brought down the power of the Holy Spirit. Hence, the third lesson is that with Christ, and through power of the Holy Spirit everything is Possible. This is because, Jesus has authority over life and death.



VOCATION VIEW

Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

Let us pray for the sick members of our community and their carers

Cesare Bettoni, Jack Considine, Vin Beasley, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Patricia Shires, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony & Etta Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunato Scalzo, Leone Morganti, Pham Thi Chat, Betty Linsley, Jamie Dumapias, Richard Brown, Cesar Banzon

Eternal Rest Grant to those who have gone ahead of us, O Lord!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Oscar Douglas Reay

ANNIVERSARIES: Michelina Senese, Sandra Scantlebury, Feliciano Tinio,

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

ST. JOHN'S & OUR LADY'S

8th & 9th April 2017

Mass Time	5.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
Readers:	C Joward Sawadan	Anna Nguyen	Claire Lawson	Fred Lipana
	R Jeresa Sawadan	Antonietta Pezzano	Peter Anastasi	Albert Leung
E Ministers:	1 Agnes Attard	Kathleen Crowley	Lorraine D'Silva	Rose Sobredo
	2		Giuseppina Genovesi	Antonio Sobredo
	3			
Music:	Mary's Choir	Recorded Music	Parish Choir	EXXEMOZ Choir
Counters Team:	1 G. Keys	D. Pezzano		
Cleaners Team:	1 C. Lovery	Legion of Mary ladies		

CHRIST THE KING

Mass Time	6.30pm	9.30am	5.00pm
Readers:	C John Ho	Christine Chu Ping	Kelly Maglalang
	R Quang Son Ho	Christopher Chu	Kathe Casas
E Ministers:	1 Hoa Ton	Florian Raymundo	Helen Delmo
	2 Sr Michaela	Helen O'Keefe	
	3	Ana Da Silva	
Music:	St Cecilia's Choir	Parish Choir	Recorded Music
Data Projector:			Volunteer
Parish Bus:	9- Apr	Igor	

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

St. John's	8:00 am
Christ the King	9:30 am
Our Lady's	10:00 am
Christ the King (SP) ²	12:00 nn
Vietnamese Mass:	3:00 pm ¹
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 to SATURDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Our Lady's	7:00 pm ³
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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 Sunday Masses in Spanish are held at Christ the King every 12:00 noon.

³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Parish Finance Council

Like what we did when we formed our Parish Pastoral Council, We would like to invite interested Parishioners who would like to help form our Finance Council. We need 4 people to form our Parish Finance Council composed of two representatives from Christ the King and two from Our Lady's. We would like to ask people to call the Parish Office and express their availability for this ministry so that we can set-up a meeting for an orientation and finalization of whom we will choose to form our Parish Finance Committee.

YOUTH OFFICE BLUEPRINT WORKSHOP DAY

Saturday 8 April, 9.45am-4pm

Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Blueprint Workshop day equips people working or volunteering in youth ministry with skills and training to effectively evangelise young people. All youth ministry leaders are welcome to attend for a full day of keynote presentations, workshop options for entry level and experienced youth ministers, Mass and networking opportunities.

Registration: Online registration is essential, closing Monday 3 April
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=253574>

Christ the King Church Spanish Celebrations Schedule

Martes 04 de Abril Confesiones	7:00pm
Domingo de Ramos : 9 de Abril	12:00nn
Jueves Santo : 13 Abril Cena del Señor	8:30 pm
Viernes Santo : 14 Abril Pasion de El Señor	12:00nn
Sabado Santo : 15 de Abril Vigilia Pascual, Bendicion del Fuego	9:30 pm



Semana Santa

WEEK 4: Vietnam
4th Sunday of Lent
Weekend 25-26 March 2017

A severe disability kept Nguyet behind closed doors. The future seemed bleak until Nguyet's family became participants in a Caritas Australia supported program.



Nguyet



3rd Collection for Project Compassion

During the all the Sundays of Lent, we will have a 3rd Collection in favour of Project Compassion. It would be more meaningful if you could donate the savings you may have gathered due to the practice of fasting and/or abstinence during the days of Lent to the 3rd collection. You may also decide to set-aside a fixed amount for the 6 Sundays of Lent that you may weekly fulfil through the 3rd

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$107.60
Church	\$133.40

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,041.10
Church	\$1,846.00

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$625
Church	\$1,795.25

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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Fr. Renato 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!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone

Palm Sunday — 9 April

Holy Monday — 10 April

Morning Mass 8:00 am

Holy Tuesday — 11 April

No Morning Mass in the Parish
to give way for the Chrism Mass
at St. Patrick's Cathedral 11:00 am

Holy Wednesday — 12 April

Morning Mass 9:00 am
Confessions 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday — 13 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper
(washing of feet) 7:00 pm

Good Friday — 14 April

Stations of the Cross 10:30 am
Celebration of the
Lord's Passion (English) 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday — 15 April

Easter Vigil 8:30 pm

Easter Sun — 16 April

Mass 10:00 am
Filipino Mass 3:00 pm

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67 Churchill Avenue, Baybrook

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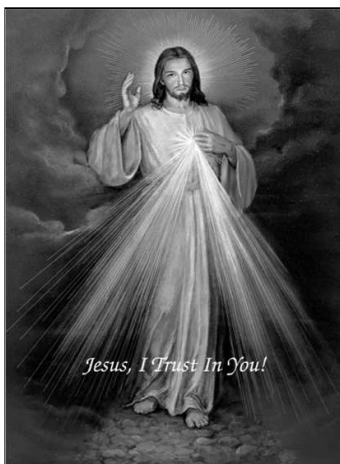
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Divine Mercy Novena

5:30pm from 14th to 22nd of April

Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday, 23rd of April
Chaplet & Holy Rosary @ 3:00pm
Holy Mass @ 6:30pm

We will have the usual 8:00am Mass at
St. John's Church on Easter Sunday



2nd Rite of Reconciliation in ENGLISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
(with resident priests and guest priests)

Date: **Holy Wednesday 12/4/2017**

Time: 7.00 pm

Confessions will take the place of
the usual 7:00pm Novena Mass

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27: 66

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please
contact **Huong or Tram** at **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.ckol.org.au

