



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street
HEIDELBERG



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Wurundjeri-Balluk clan of the Woi wurrung people in the Kulin Nation. We respectfully recognise elders, both past and present, and join in a silent prayer for healing of the pains caused by our ancestors.

Central to the mission of St John's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

4TH / 5TH JULY 2020, 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A



*To Fr Joel from the Parishioners of St John's
We wish you blessings on your journey with us.*

Dear Friends,

Greetings! It was with great joy that I received the news a few weeks back that I would be appointed Parish Priest of St John's here in Heidelberg. I know it to be a community of great history and beauty and I feel so privileged to have been entrusted with its care. Though having been here for only a few days, I have already experienced the wonderful warmth and hospitality of the people here, but more importantly their prayerfulness and sense of devotion. It gives me great joy to know that the Holy Spirit is alive and well in this place.

My beginning at St John's does mean the completion of Fr Mario's time here, to whom we wish every blessing as he takes up a new mission in the Philippines. The strength and activity of a parish is a reflection of the hard work and fidelity of its leaders, and so we thank Fr Mario for the time he has put in helping the parish become the fine community it is today.

I am sure we will all get to know each other in time, but until then a little information about me:

I grew up in Gladstone Park and attended the local Catholic primary, the School of the Good Shepherd before heading to St Bernard's College in Essendon. Off to university, I completed a Bachelor of Business at RMIT and also a Diploma in Education, which had me working both in industry and then as a school teacher at Penola Catholic Secondary College. I was constantly discerning my vocation during this time and after some months of prayer and direction I entered Corpus Christi College Seminary, finally completing my studies in 2015. I was ordained a priest at St Patrick's Cathedral in September of that year.

Archbishop Hart sent me to the parish of St Macartan's in Mornington for my first appointment as assistant priest, and then St Peter's in Epping, before I was invited to be Administrator of the parish of Brunswick this past year. All were wonderful and enriching experiences. My favourite saints seem to always be Jesuits, which is rather interesting: Francis Xavier, Edmund Campion, Isaac Jogues and Peter Claver to name a few. I think it's because they had such an unshakeable faith in the power and efficacy of the sacraments. I have a real love of sports with golf being my favourite. I barrack for North Melbourne in the AFL and have a soft spot for Melbourne City in the A League. I am a bit of a petrol head, but with my daily drive being a Nissan Pulsar you wouldn't know it!

We're living in strange times indeed, so though I would love to meet you all in person soon, that might not be possible for some time. We are looking to provide the opportunity for people to attend weekend masses as of Sunday July 12, with attendees booking ahead either online or by a call to our parish office. The aim is to give our faithful the chance to attend mass at least once over the next month or so, with the hope that restrictions ease in time as we get on top of this virus.

Through the intercession of St John the Evangelist, may we continue to show our love for one another by acts of kindness and generosity, and most especially by keeping one another in prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Joel.

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OFFICE HOURS:
Mo, Tu, Th, Fr; 9:30am to 2:30pm
MASS TIMES:
WEEKEND: Saturday: 6:00pm
SUNDAY: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
AUSTIN HOSPITAL:
3rd Sunday of the Month at 9:30am
WEEKDAYS: 9:15am
RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):
Saturdays at 9:45am & 5:30pm
or by appointment
BAPTISMS: Sundays at 11:45am, by
appointment
BAPTISM INFORMATION EVENING:
Last Thursday of each month at
7:30pm in the parish house, except
Dec and Jan
WEDDINGS: By appointment
FIRST RECONCILIATION,
FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:
Parish Secretary (9457 1066)
ROSARY: Monday to Saturday after
morning Mass
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Wednesday: 7:30pm - 9:00pm;
Thursday: 9:40am - 11:00am,
Friday: 8:00am - 9:00am
LECTIO DIVINA: Every second and
fourth Monday of the month at
7:00pm, in the parish house
LEGION OF MARY: Every Tuesday
night at 7:00pm in the parish house;
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PARISH PILGRIM STATUE OF MARY:
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PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we the parishioners of St John's are grateful for all we have received from the men, women and children of our past. Help us to cherish and maintain our parish heritage. Most of all, enable us to be people who welcome the stranger, the needy, the sick and the lonely. Like St John, our patron saint, may we be people who love others, as your Son Jesus, asked us to do. We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO MARY: O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. 'Protectress of the Roman people,' you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. *Amen.*
We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

SAFEGUARDING PRAYER: We the parishioners of St John's Heidelberg commit ourselves as a community in which our children, young people and vulnerable adults are nurtured and have a voice that is heard. May we treasure them, be vigilant and fearless in protecting them from harm, and live as a community ensuring that the well-being and safety of all children is at the forefront of all we do and each decision we make.

ALTAR SOCIETY: As I have retired as coordinator, I would like to sincerely thank all the ladies and gentleman who have helped me with the cleaning, linen and flowers over many years. It has been a pleasure to work with them all; past and present. I would especially like to thank Ann Wyatt, Rachel Campagnaro and Frances Hamilton who have volunteered for over 30 years. Good luck to our new coordinator, Elizabeth Williamson whom I'm sure will be an excellent Coordinator.

Thank you for your work, friendship and chats.

God Bless you all

Pauline Griffiths.

Happy 90th Birthday: Elizabeth Larkin

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stephen Holmes.

ANNIVERSARY: Iwan Peter Heller.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Giovanni Mirabella.

*Names on the sick list remain for six weeks, unless otherwise advised.
Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by **Thursday morning.***



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL: Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired

by the joy of the gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone.

As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

There will be no cash collection for this appeal this year, as there are currently no (or limited) Church Masses. You can donate by calling 13 18 12 or by visiting vinnies.org.au. You can also drop off your donations at the parish office or, outside office hours, by putting them clearly marked, in the chute at the parish office. We will forward these donations to Vinnies. Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

You are also welcome to drop off non-perishable foods for our deliveries of hampers. Please place your donations in the basket in the church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you to all who have continued to support the parish through this time. You can also give your contribution by using the link on the parish web site (bottom left) or by using our parish bank account details are Account name: St John's Catholic Parish, BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 138400957. Please indicate purpose of donation in the comments sections. Thanks.

LET US CONTINUE LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER: is there anyone you are aware of that is sick or needs help? Can you offer to do shopping for them? Can you keep in touch especially with those who are lonely and isolated?

HELP NEEDED: We dedicated people who can spend some time each week to make sure that our prayer space is clean. This involves changing, washing and ironing the altar cloths, wiping down the pews, and other odd jobs as they arise. Can I please ask you to consider if you could make yourself available for this very important ministry please. Training will be provided! Thank you in advance.

EYRIE ADVERTISEMENT SPACE: We would like to thank our past and present sponsors of the Eyrie Magazine for their generous contributions in assisting us to print such a great colour magazine for our Parish.

We understand that it is a hard time for some businesses and we have a few spots vacant for our next editions in September and December. If you have a business and would like to advertise it in the magazine both on line and in hard copy we would be pleased to hear from you.

Those in the know say..... this is THE TIME TO ADVERTISE

Email at heidelberg@cam.org.au or phone Michelle 0499891101 to discuss.

TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Today's Gospel records a moment of joyful intimacy between Jesus and the Father. The Lord rejoices because he has managed to communicate to his disciples some sense of his own knowledge of God.

The 'knowledge' of which Jesus speaks here goes well beyond knowing a great deal *about* another person. He has in mind the Semitic sense of 'knowing' that flows from experience and implies deep intimacy. Such knowledge is not gained by learning or study about God. It is a gift that comes to those who set aside all pretension to expertise in the area, and adopt before God the simplicity of a child.

Jesus goes on to present himself as one who has come to lift humanity's burdens, including but not confined to the burden of sin. In contrast to the interpretations of the Mosaic law given by the scribes and Pharisees (cf. Matt 23:4), his yoke is 'easy' and his burden 'light'. The ease and lightness do not stem from a lowering of standards but from the fact that mercy and love, rather than precise legal fulfilment, have become the supreme criterion. Twice in Matthew's Gospel Jesus quotes the prophet Hosea to this effect: 'What I (God) want is mercy, not sacrifice' (Hos 6:6; see Matt 9:13; 12:7; also 23:23).

The heart of that ease and lightness is the knowledge of which he spoke earlier. To those who worship God as a distant and fearful potentate religious and ethical prescripts can indeed appear burdensome. This ought not be the case for those who truly know the God Jesus reveals.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

 Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul,
daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter
of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and
riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a
donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and
horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be
banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the
River to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

 Psalm 88:2-3. 16-19

Response: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

R./

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

R./

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

R./

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down

R./

SECOND READING

 Romans 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in
the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his
home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the
Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and
if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the
dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus
from the dead will give life to your own mortal
bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us
to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual
lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed
to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the
misdeeds of the body you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of
heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from
the learned and the clever and revealing them to
mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it
pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted
to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son
except the Father, just as no one knows the
Father except the Son and those to whom the
Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are
overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder
my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.