



# ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

52 Yarra Street  
HEIDELBERG



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Wurundjeri-Balluk clan of the Woi wurrung people in the Kulin Nation.  
Central to the mission of St John's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe and supportive environment in which to flourish.

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**MASS TIMES:**  
Tues to Sat: 9:15am & Sat Vigil  
6pm, Sun: 8:30am 9:30am &  
10:30am  
**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):**  
Sat 9:45-10:30am & 5:30-6pm  
**WEDDINGS:** By appointment  
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*29TH/30TH JANUARY 2022,  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C*

**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.*

Dear parishioners,  
The Australian Open has been an interesting one this year to say the least. I've got no interest delving into the details of the Djokovic saga, but I do think it's a blight on the game and our society generally when politics is able to intervene and do what politics always does - poison things. Sport and entertainment should be a place where we are free of the posturing and moralism that abounds in our day, but it would seem nothing is immune (pun intended). Tennis commentator Robbie Koenig was asked in a radio interview on Thursday if he was happy or unhappy that Djokovic was ruled out of the tournament. He said quite bluntly in return that of course he was unhappy. He's a tennis fan and a commentator at a major tournament: when the world's best player and defending champion isn't there - for whatever reason - it's no good for anyone who's interested in the actual sport.  
Speaking of moralism, there's our newly found doubles experts getting a fair bit of attention, and not always for the right reasons. Nick Kyrios and Thanasi Kokkinakis must be playing some good tennis but I wouldn't know, save for the fact they are still in the thing late into the second week. I must admit I find doubles tennis hard to get into. Surely it makes a mockery of the discipline when a couple of lads in Kyrios and Kokkinakis get together for a laugh and then go ahead and knock off the world number 1 outfit? But I digress...  
Apart from a fair bit of attention what the Australian boys are also getting is a fair bit of flack for their on-court and post-match antics. Accusations of disrespecting opponents and not playing in the "spirit of the game". Etiquette and sportsmanship certainly have their place, but I think people can get far too precious about these things. I've never been an adult member of a golf club, partly because I've moved a lot in the past years and partly due to the prohibitive cost. But also because some of the carry on from club member types is unbearable. I remember going to Royal Queensland Golf Club a few years back and almost not being allowed on the course because our socks were too short! Give us a spell.  
Disrespecting opponents and using foul mouthed language is a bit different to the length of your socks, but you'd want to be careful pouring cold water on something that is getting eyes and attention on your game for the sake of a "spirit" that no one can seem to define. Especially when that attention is very much lacking.  
With every blessing,  
Fr Joel.

5/6 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 9:30am
1st Reader	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
12/13 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 9:30am
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Pamela Smith	Michelle LeMaster	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>MORNING TEA : 6TH FEBRUARY - Barbara &amp; Liz</b>				

**MORNING TEA:** in the parish hall recommences next Sunday, February 6th, following the 10.30a.m. mass. Please join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

**CATECHISTS FOR 2022:** Would you enjoy helping primary school-aged children to learn especially about our faith? If you have those gifts we invite you to consider joining our catechist team in 2022 as one of our teachers. This programme teaches Catholic children who don't attend a Catholic primary school about our faith, including (at the right age) preparing them for Sacraments. You will be supported with materials and mentoring. If you are interested, please call 94571066 or email [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)

**TONGA - YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED... CARITAS:** You can provide vital relief to communities impacted by natural disasters, such as the volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga. With your support, Caritas Australia's partners on the ground can respond immediately when crises strike. Tonga has been cut off from the rest of the world following a violent underwater volcano eruption on 15 January that triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the Pacific island nation in ash. There are reports that some coastal communities in Fiji and Vanuatu have been damaged by large waves and tsunami warnings were also issued across the Pacific, Australia, US and Japan. We are currently working to restore communications with our local partners to assess the situation on the ground and determine the most urgent needs. The volcanic ash is hampering emergency flights into the country and the damage to telecommunications infrastructure has made it difficult to get in contact with affected communities. There are fears that the volcanic ash and saltwater inundation from the tsunami waves may contaminate drinking water and threaten the health and safety of vulnerable communities. Your support is needed today to help communities affected by this disaster. To make a donation to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal please visit [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-responseappeal](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-responseappeal)

### PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Loving God,  
we place into your care  
all our doctors, nurses and  
healthcare workers.  
Give them courage of heart  
and strength of mind and  
body.  
Keep them safe from harm.  
May they know  
our deep gratitude  
for all they are doing to heal  
and help those affected by  
the coronavirus.  
God of all consolation  
may they know your  
protection  
and peace.  
Bless them in these  
challenging days  
and bless their families.  
Amen.



**VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES:** please contact during office hours Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am to 2:30pm the Parish office on 94571066 or email at [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)

**HOLY COMMUNION:** If anyone would like to have Holy Communion at home because they are housebound or not yet comfortable to return to Mass at the moment please contact Elizabeth, 0447195553 and we can organise a time and day that suits you.



**FACE MASKS:** Please remember face masks mandatory in the church unless you have a medical exemption. Thank you for your understanding.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Tara Swarnapuri, Alessandro Mastrogiovanni.

**THE SICK:** Carol Walsh, Sylvia Found, Patricia Wong, Sepfianto Arifin, Margaret Ryan, Aileen Powell.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Margaret Power, Cornelius Power, Nicholas Francis Stella.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lise Ferriere.

Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by **Thursday morning latest**. Thank you.

**WELCOME BACK:** This weekend we welcome back our singers and choir to our masses.

**'TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE' (ST AUGUSTINE):** Due to a variety of reasons our choir numbers have dwindled. We would dearly love parishioners to consider joining our Parish Choir and would welcome both singers and musicians to share their talents in this ministry. The choir sings each week (except in January) at the 10.30a.m. mass and spends a short time after mass to practise for the following week. Music plays an important part in life celebrations and even more so in liturgy when we raise our voices to praise God. Please contact the parish office, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 - 2.30 to express your interest.

### ENTRANCE : CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me.  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand.  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting.  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

### COMMUNION: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Ref..

### Refrain

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through  
the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Ref..

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Ref..

### RECESSIONAL: GO NOW, YOU ARE SENT FORTH

Go now, you are sent forth to  
live what you proclaim; to show the world you  
follow Christ in fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth to  
walk this troubled earth, to share your faith with  
other men and prove your real worth.

### CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you,  
my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
(*And, striking their breast, they say:*)  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
(*Then they continue:*)  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints, and you,  
my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
(*At the words that follow, up to and including and  
became man, all bow.*)  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,  
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17.

**Response:** I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me.

R./

Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked.

R./

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my help. R./

My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still

R./

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to

shame, for I call on you.

