



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street

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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, &  
 10:30am & Sunday 5pm.  
**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):**  
 by appointment, Sat 9:30-10am  
**WEDDINGS:** By appointment  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION,**  
**FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:**  
 Parish Secretary (9457 1066)  
**LEGION OF MARY,** Weekly meeting  
 Wed. 10.30am at Francis Xavier  
 Meeting room, Parish House.  
 Pilgrim statue of Mary:, Contact  
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**ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP:** regular  
 Monday morning walks leaving from  
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## 27TH/28TH FEBRUARY 2021, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

### 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.*

### "LISTEN TO MY SON!"

A common thread runs through all three readings today: a parent's sacrifice of a beloved child. Many may find troubling God's testing of Abraham's faith and obedience to such an extreme degree. But the story finds new meaning in the context of the other two readings.

In language that echoes Abraham's near-sacrifice of his son Isaac, St. Paul makes clear that what God did not in the end require of Abraham, God did require of himself: to redeem the human race, he "did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all" (Rom 8:32).

The Transfiguration focuses upon the same divine gift. Shortly before, Peter had responded to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?", by correctly confessing him to be the Christ. But when Jesus went on to detail what kind of Messiah he will be—namely, one who will work salvation by entering into the pain and suffering of this world—Peter protested, earning a sharp rebuke.

Now the Father's voice, affirms the true messianic status of Jesus: "This is my Son, the Beloved", but adds, "Listen to him!"—listen, that is, to what he has been saying about going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Being God's "Beloved Son" does not exempt Jesus from suffering but draws him to it in order to save the world.

The disciples, and all of us, as we continue our journey through Lent, are invited to enter ever more deeply into this mysterious blend of divine love and suffering that lies at the heart of the Paschal Mystery.

*Fr Brendan Byrnes SJ*

### PRAYER FOR LENT

God of love, giver of all that is good, help me to let go of all that is not good. May I become more open to your love and more available to those who need my love. May this season of Lent be a time of transformation so that I may become more fully the person you created me to be. Amen.

*Fr. Kenneth E. Grabner. C.S.C.*

27 Feb / 28 Feb	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Pamela Smith	Jan Mc Caffrey	Robyn Laurie	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Leela Cherubim	Marguerite Ryan	Margaret Andrews	TBA
Communion	Marco Di Cesare	Jerzy Kmita	Ann Domaingue	TBA
6 / 7 March	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Jan McCaffrey	Margaret Andrews	Leela Cherubim
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Moira Di Cesare	John McGrath	Robyn Laurie	Rosemary Vecchies
Communion	Marco Di Cesare	Bobbie Bartkus	Ann Domaingue	Leo Cosio
<b>MORNING TEA, 7TH MARCH:</b> Barbara & Liz				

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** St John's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 4th at 7.30p.m.** in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. In line with Co-vid regulations we ask that you register your intended attendance on the sheet at the back of the church.

**MORNING TEA:** in the parish hall recommences next Sunday, March 7th, following the 10.30a.m. mass. Please join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

**GEMS 50+:** Next gathering, Tuesday March 2nd at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room for Games Morning and a cuppa. New members always welcome and transport is available. Elizabeth 0447195553.

**ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY DINNER:** Our first community social gathering this year will be held at the Old England Hotel on Friday, March, 19th at 6.30p.m. Consider joining with other parishioners for an enjoyable night. Please register your intended attendance on the sheet at the back of the church.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

#### IN THE COMING WEEKS.....

**Parish Annual Meeting:** Thursday, March 4th, 7.30pm.

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday, March 5th, 6.00p.m.

**Presentation of students preparing for Reconciliation 2020 candidates:** Saturday, March 6th, 6.00p.m. mass, Sunday March 7th, 10.30p.m. mass

**Morning Tea:** Sunday, March 7th following 10.30a.m. mass in Parish Hall.

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday, March 12th, 6.00p.m

**Parish Community Dinner:** Friday, March 19th 6.00p.m. Old England Hotel Bookings essential. See sheet at the back of the church. **NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Presentation of students preparing for First Communion 2020 candidates:** Saturday, March 20th 6.00p.m. Mass, Sunday, March 21st, 10.30p.m. mass

**First Reconciliation 2020 candidates:** Tuesday, March 23rd, 7.00p.m

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday, March 26th, 6.00p.m

**First Reconciliation 2020 candidates:** Tuesday, March 30th, 7.00p.m

**Palm Sunday Procession:** 10.30a.m. mass. Gather outside the church

**Second Rite of Reconciliation With individual confession:** Wednesday, March 31st, 7.00p.m

**SHOW, SELL AND SHARE:** On Sunday 2nd May we are planning to hold an Art and Craft Market in the lead up to Mother's Day and to raise much needed funds for Vinnies. If you would like to have a stall to share with us your skills please book in early. Contact Jan on 0423478 504.

**DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO CAN'T GET TO MASS ANY LONGER?** Would they like to be visited and perhaps have communion taken to them? Contact: Elizabeth 0447195553

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Arlo Prince, Clara Essey, Shanae Mardini.

**THE SICK:** Mary Teresa Wright, James Artinopoulos, Philomena Misale and Brett Ralph, Elizabeth Finn, Pauline Hewatt, Giovanni Mirabella.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Veronica O'Brien, Graziella Pesenti, Walter Duff, Maria Petracco.

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

# Hymns For Mass

## ENTRANCE : PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

### Refrain:

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,  
Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom:  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;  
You are the Word who leads us into light;  
You are the Word who brings us through the desert;  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

R.

You are the one whom prophets hoped  
and longed for;  
You are the one who speaks to us today;  
You are the one who leads us to our future;  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

R.

## COMMUNION : WILL YOU LOVE ME?

Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?  
Will you walk in the light of my presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

R.

### Refrain:

Will you love me as I have loved you?  
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?  
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,  
and the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night for the world.

R.

Can you walk in the footprints of silence  
through the wilderness sands in the sun,  
from the desert of doubt and temptation,  
to the glorious mountain of fire?

R.

## RECESSIONAL: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber!  
Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

R.

### Refrain

Let us build a city of God. May our tears be turned into  
dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the  
night into day!

We are sons of the morning;  
We are daughters of day.  
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for  
his people to set their hearts free.

R.

## Confetior

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.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his  
only Son, our Lord,  
(*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin  
Mary, all bow*)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the  
Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and  
was buried;  
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.  
Amen.

### A Prayer to Saint Joseph

*Glorious Saint Joseph, whose power  
makes the impossible possible, come  
to my aid in these times of anguish  
and difficulty.*

*Take under your protection the  
serious and troubling situations that  
I commend to you, that they may  
have a happy outcome.*

*My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be  
said that I invoked you in vain and since you can do  
everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your  
goodness is as great as your power  
Amen.*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 115:10.

**RESPONSE:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

R./

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.

R./

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R./

**SECOND READING**

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us?  
Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up  
to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift,

that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL**

Mark 1:12-15

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

