



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

52 Yarra Street

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ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Joel Peart
PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Michelle Robertson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Domenica Ashworth;

Timothy Boyle

Margaret Bradley

Karen Frost

Russell Lew-Kee

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tues—Fri 9:30am to 2:30pm

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

Sue 0449260206

ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP: regular

Monday morning walks leaving from

outside the Church in Yarra Street at

9.30am. To register please contact

Jan on 0423478504.

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6TH/7TH MARCH, 3RD 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.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Thursday night, the parish hosted its Annual General Meeting for 2021. The 25-odd people that were present received reports and updates on the various groups of the parish and their activities over the previous year, as well as their future hopes and plans. A consistent theme across the board was that it has been a very different and rather trying past 12 months. But with God's grace they got through and are looking positively to the future. They are sentiments of gratitude and hope, which are true hallmarks of our faith. Well done to all!

A special thanks needs to go to the parish council, who on Thursday completed their time of service to the parish. In accord with the parish statutes the council members offered their resignations, as is customary when a new priest is appointed to a parish. Due to the uncertain times that surrounded my beginnings in July, the council were pleased to continue their work for the remainder of the year. But it was expected and understood that at the beginning of the new year, new members would have the opportunity to step forward. A big thanks to Michelle, Tim, Karen, Domenica, Russell, Adrian, Margaret and Moira for your efforts. God bless you!

It was planned to begin the process of electing a new council this weekend, with nomination forms to be available at masses. But in the meantime I was unexpectedly contacted by the Proclaim Office of the Archdiocese. It so happens that our parish is one of ten in the Archdiocese of Melbourne that has been identified and invited to take part in pilot program commissioned by the Archbishop aimed at parish renewal. It seeks to do so by the accelerating of the mission activity of the church through mentoring and training of priests and other parish leaders, placing a real focus on evangelisation, and above all a commitment to prayer and an openness to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is an exciting opportunity that I gratefully accepted.

What it means is that the election of the new parish council will be slightly postponed. The initial stages of this support program is aimed directly at identifying the vision and goals of the parish, out of which the suitable leaders and support groups to realise that vision will emerge.

Many may be thinking "here we go with another parish program". And I appreciate that sentiment! There are no silver bullets in this battle. But the program has some wonderful success stories, which I hope we can add to. And as the Archbishop has said in championing this effort, "If you do nothing, nothing happens". Well, we're going to do something. With the support of your prayers and efforts we may see some great effects.

With every blessing,

Fr Joel.

6 / 7 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Jan McCaffrey	Margaret Andrews	Leela Cherubim
2 nd Reader	Moira Di Cesare	John McGrath	Robyn Laurie	Rosemary Vecchies
Communion	Marco Di Cesare	Bobbie Bartkus	Ann Domaingue	Leo Cosio
13 / 14 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Michael Leonard	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Des O'Brien
2 nd Reader	Grace Lew-Kee	Wendy Hernandez	Joanne Martinez	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Charito Cosio
MORNING TEA, 7TH MARCH: Barbara & Liz				

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

GEMS 50+: Tuesday March 9th at 11.00a.m. If you are able please bring along a memory from your past - a toy, photo, jewellery etc. Transport 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 or call Elizabeth 0447195553. Transport available.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent at 6.00p.m. in the church. **Please note they will not be prayed on Friday March 19th, which is the Solemnity of St Joseph.**

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

IN THE COMING WEEKS.....

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

ANOINTING (HEALING) SERVICE OF THE SICK: Wednesday 24th March @ 11am @ St Pius X Catholic Church 419-431 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West 3081

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

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Charlotte Courtot.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Megan Comer.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian and Michael Hankin, Serge & Guy Terriere, Paule Camille, Luigi Pesciniti.

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

ENTRANCE : LIVING WATER

Refrain:

I will give you living water.
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart.
Grow deep within me...filled by my spirit;
My burdens are easy; my life it is yours.

We have been with the lonely...
To the hungry we've given your bread...
We now come with all our hopes and dreams
To rest awhile with you.

To the empty we've carried...
Your word of hope and of life...
Build us now beyond our hopes and dreams
'Til we live in you.

COMMUNION : BE STILL

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

RECESSIONAL: 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.

Refrain

Let 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.

R.

Confetior

R. 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,
R. *(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

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18:8-11.

RESPONSE: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple

R./

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

R./

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just

R./

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

