



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Joel Peart

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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

Tue 7:30pm 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

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20TH/21ST MARCH, 5TH 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,

Footy is Back

So the other religion in our state starts up again...footy! I'll admit that this year's season has snuck up on me a little. I guess not having a pre-season competition has contributed to that and also the fact that I'm not anticipating a great year for my Roo boys. If I had to pick someone I've got Geelong winning it, with their runner up performance last season only going to be boosted by Jeremy Cameron and former North Melbourne gun Shaun Higgins joining their ranks. Richmond will be good again. I write this after the Tigers beat Carlton by 4 goals in the season opener, which was neck and neck for most of the night. Either Richmond are falling back to the pack a little or Carlton are much improved. Probably a bit of both. I'd argue that without Dustin Martin Richmond become just a good ordinary side. He makes a massive difference. Giants, Collingwood and Hawthorn likely fall back bit and Fremantle, Bulldogs and Gold Coast get a bit better. But what would I know?

What I do know is that it's nice not to have any weight of expectation on my football side. Every other seasons seems to be laden with the storyline that North are going to take the next step and play finals football (usually after a couple of early wins), only to fall back and well short in the end. Perhaps without all the talk we can get along with building a good side that will give us something to watch over the next few years. Our new coach David Noble seems a good find and having Paul Roos on board to guide has to be a good thing.

It's a good reminder that placing expectations on others really is a futile exercise. Certainly we need to be held accountable and hold others to account in certain aspects of our life, especially where promises are made and obligations need to be met. But unnecessary pressure and expecting certain lofty outcomes is unfair on those we place such things on and will only often lead to our own disappointment. We should encourage, offer support and will other's success, but that doesn't have to mean winning or seeing rewards in the way of money and esteem in the eyes of the world. In the end, the only success and achievement that we ought to be worried about is known only to God.

With every blessing,

Fr Joel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Father Joel for his birthday on Thursday March 25th

20 / 21 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Pietro Sciotto	Michelle Robertson	Leela Cherubim
2 nd Reader	Adrian Daly	TBA	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Pauline Griffiths	Mary Furlan	TBA
27 / 28 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Anita Metcalf	John McGrath	Robyn Laurie	Mark Aiello
2 nd Reader	Pamela Smith	Garry Sproules	Margaret Andrews	TBA
Communion	Sue Lew Kee	Jerzy Kmita	Marni Mant	Leela Cherubim

GEMS 50+: Tuesday March 23rd at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. Quiz morning and a cuppa. . New members are always welcome and Transport available. Elizabeth 0447195553.

ANOINTING (HEALING) SERVICE OF THE SICK: St John's parishioners are warmly invited to attend St Pius X Catholic Church at 419-431 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West on Wednesday 24th March @ 11am for the Sacrament of the Anointing within mass. Transport available. Elizabeth 0447 195 553, Margaret 0439 891 009.

LEGION OF MARY: is celebrating the annual Acies ceremony on Thursday, 25th March at 5.30pm at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 13 Davisson Street, Epping. Holy Mass of the Solemnity of the Annunciation will be celebrated immediately after the renewal of Consecration by Fr. Nathan Rawlins at approx. 6.15pm. All active and auxiliary legionaries, and their family and friends are invited. Refreshments will be served in the school hall at the conclusion of Mass. See Notice Board.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2021

(Subject to change pertinent to COVID regulations)

Palm Sunday: 27TH / 28TH MARCH

Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am & 5pm.

RITE OF PENANCE: 31ST MARCH

2nd Rite of Reconciliation, Wednesday 7pm.

HOLY THURSDAY: 1ST APRIL

(No Morning mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY : 2ND APRIL

Station of the Cross 11.00am in the church.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY : 3RD APRIL

(No Morning mass)

Easter Vigil 8.00p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY: 4TH APRIL

Mass 8.30a.m. and 10.30a.m.

(No Evening mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (2ND RITE OF PENANCE): Wednesday 31st March we gather at 7pm for the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. We start together with a gospel reading and a reflection, followed by individual confession. Fr Joel will be joined by a visiting priest.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER: Please find sign-up sheets at the back of the church for helpers we will need for the Holy Week/Easter ceremonies.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Edith McLindon, Phoenix Foyster.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bart Palmieri.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Gregory Seymon, Giuseppa & Francesco Casaceli, Fabian Bucoy.

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

ENTRANCE : BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

COMMUNION : I HAVE LOVED YOU

Refrain

I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you, and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him;
he will bring you his light and his peace.

R.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him;
he will bring you his joy and his hope.

R.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him;
he will bring you his care and his love.

R.

RECESSIONAL: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
With heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this gracious God
Through all our life be near us!
With every joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace
And guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess.

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

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50:3-4. 12-15.

RESPONSE: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. R./

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R./

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. R./

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
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GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

