



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.

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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

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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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10TH/11TH APRIL, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.*

ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN LORD

Thomas is one of the most clearly defined characters in the Gospel. Born loser, realist, pessimist, having missed out on the Easter night appearance of Jesus, he won't believe in the resurrection simply on the other disciples' claim, "We have seen the Lord". He will believe only if certain highly "physical" conditions are met. A week later, with the divine "courtesy" featuring in all the resurrection stories, Jesus is prepared to meet Thomas' conditions exactly. But, at the sight of the Lord, Thomas abandons them. He, the obtuse late-comer, then makes the most exalted act of faith of all: "My Lord and my God!" It is left to the hesitant one, the doubter to bring out the full identity of Jesus.

A further comment from Jesus brings us into the picture too. Thomas has believed because, like the other disciples present in the room, he has seen the risen Jesus. Succeeding generations of believers will not see Jesus. Unlike Thomas, we have to believe simply on the report handed down in the Church's preaching, "We have seen the Lord". On them—and us—Jesus pronounces a blessing: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe". Why "blessed"? Because the new situation will require a faith greater than that of Thomas. The greater the faith, the more scope for the power of God.

Subsequent generations are in no way disadvantaged compared to the disciples who first saw and heard and touched Jesus. In the written Gospel believers have all the knowledge necessary for a life-giving encounter with the risen Lord.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj



10/ 11 April	Sat 8:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Ronnie Maloney	Elizabeth Williamson	Des O'Brien
2 nd Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Michelle Robertson	TBA
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Vin Sier	Charito Cosio
17/ 18April	Sat 8:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Adrian Daly	Jan McCaffrey	Margaret Andrews	Mark Aiello
2 nd Reader	Michael Leonard	Peter Penson	Michelle Robertson	TBA
Communion	Sue Lew Kee	Bobbie Bartkus	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA

CHARISMATIC MASS: at St Thomas the Apostle parish, 251 Diamond Creek Road, Nth Greensborough on Thursday, 15th April. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with praise and worship, followed by Mass. Booking required via TryBooking. <https://www.trybooking.com/BQIXI> For any assistance with bookings or any further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

'GIFTS DIFFERING': Understanding Your Personality Type', Saturday 17 April 2021, 10am-3pm. This reflection day explores the Myers Briggs personality types, and how these influence our communication, relationships and spiritual life. Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$60. Book and pay via website heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: If you or a loved one are celebrating a significant birthday (18th, 21st, 30th, 40th...) or a wedding anniversary please let us know at the parish office (Heidelberg@cam.org.au) so we can celebrate and pray for you as a community.

GEMS 50+: We are taking a break for 2 weeks. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday April 20th at 10.00am in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room.

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.

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

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN ST JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE: The Eyrie comes out quarterly and reaches all school families and parishioners on line as well as glossy hard copies. Single Advertisements \$75 per issue or advertise in each of our 4 issues for only \$200 per year. Phone Michelle on 0499891101 or email parish office: heidelberg@cam.org.au

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.*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Annette Kandi.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Colin Anthony Bolger, Mary Kutty John.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Hion.

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

ENTRANCE : ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

COMMUNION : LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

Refrain:

Lord to whom shall we go?
You are our bread,
broken and shared.
Lord to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.

Our fathers ate,
yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R.**

O Lord, you feed us
with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life. **R.**

The bread you give
is the living bread,
your flesh for the life of the world. **R.**

Your word, O Lord,
is a lamp for my steps,
a light for my path of life. **R.**

RECESSIONAL: CHRIST IS ALIVE! WITH JOY WE SING

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
We celebrate our risen Lord,
Praising the glory of his name.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He is the grain of wheat that died,
Sown in distress and reaped in joy,
Yielding a harvest of new life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

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

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24.

RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Give Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

R./

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

R./

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

R./

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is –keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the

world –our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness –since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.