



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):

Sat 5:30pm-6pm

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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17TH/18TH APRIL, 3RD 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.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God Loves You

On Wednesday at 7am I had my first meeting with Ron Huntley, trainer and guide of the group of priests engaged in the parish renewal program sponsored by the Archdiocese that we are undergoing. It was 6pm in Canada where he was, so he was a little sharper and upbeat than I and the five other priests from Melbourne that joined in were. But it was a very engaging and fruitful conversation, despite not going how I imagined it would.

What Ron had each of us priests do was strip back much of the busyness and task driven efforts that often inundate our ministry and take a look back. He asked us one simple but significant question: What was the one time in your life when you felt closest to God? That powerful, personal encounter that convinced you of the reality of God and the love that he has for you. It was a great thing to share with the other priests. What amazed me (but probably shouldn't have) was that every person had a beautiful story to tell. And it invariably involved tears!

As priests, this is what we are to be striving for. We are ordained to be mediators between God and humanity, most especially in the offering of the mass. But the reason for that and every pastoral effort we make is to facilitate for every soul a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. If that relationship is not struck, we can put on all the parish programs in the world and people are not going to stick around.

I think many a Catholic out there too has had, at some point, a powerful and undeniable experience of the love of God. They have either forgotten or begun doubting it in the midst of so much other pain or worldly struggle in their life. Perhaps they never have and their souls are crying out for the chance. As a parish, we need to be providing every opportunity for that to happen.

I'd say over two thirds of my priesthood is spent with Catholics who reach out to the church – for the baptizing of their child, to plan a wedding, to bury a loved one – but who also rarely darken the door of our beautiful building and who struggle to confidently muster up an Our Father when the prayer calls for it. These souls, and all those others who we aren't seeing around St John's at the moment, are the very people we need to be reaching out to and sharing our faith with. As Ron pointed out fairly starkly: if we and the people in our parishes don't adopt this missionary mindset, in 15 years time there might not be a parish left to call them into.

In Christ,

Fr Joel.

17/ 18April	Sat 6:00pm	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
24/ 25April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Pamela smith	Garry Sproules	Joanne Martinez	Leela Cherubim
2 nd Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Leela Cherubim

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: The next instalment is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church. The envelopes are in Surname alphabetical order. Thank you for your generosity. Your continued contributions help the parish meet all its financial commitments.

MOTHER'S DAY & CRAFT ART MARKET: Sunday 2nd May, 9am to 1pm at St John's Hall. Locally produced art and crafts for you to see and buy. Cash only. Fundraising effort towards our St Vincent De Paul Society.

THANK YOU: to everyone who was involved in any of our Easter liturgies in any way. Hours of thought and preparation went into making the celebrations worthy of The One whom we celebrated. There were many who led us in reading, singing and ministering to us in various ways, and to those who prepared the environment of the Church. It is greatly appreciated!

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission. Enquire now to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. Join our online InfoZoom on 2 May, visit palms.org.au , or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333.

GEMS 50+: Please join us as we resume for Term 2 on Tuesday April 20th at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. New members always welcome. Transport available. Elizabeth 0447195553.

POLICE AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS: Many people have expired WWCC and Police Checks. Our guidelines regarding child safeguarding require ALL volunteers to have a current WWCC and Police Check where relevant. Anyone who does not have a current registration cannot volunteer in their ministry until their registration is current.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

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

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: Ila Mc Keag.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Marjorie Jessie Wilson, Bruno Musig.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Balliro, Carlo Ivonetti, Maria Spinello.

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

ENTRANCE : CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN

Christ the Lord is ris'n again;
Christ has broken ev'ry chain;
hark! The angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high; alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal Lamb today;
We too sing for joy, and say; alleluia!

COMMUNION : LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is His word, love is His way
feasting with men fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is His way.

R:

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the
love of my Lord
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.

R:

RECESSIONAL: EASTER GLORY FILLS THE SKY

Easter glory fills the sky; alleluia;
Christ now lives, no more to die; alleluia;
Darkness has been put to flight, alleluia;
By the living Lord of light, alleluia!

See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia;
From the tomb where, once he lay; alleluia;
He has risen as he said alleluia;
Glorious first born of the dead, alleluia!

Mary Mother, greet your Son, alleluia;
Radiant from his triumph won, alleluia;
By his cross you shared his pain, alleluia;
So for ever share his reign, alleluia!



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Christ the Lord is risen again— Michael Weisse, Love is his word— Luke
Connaughton, Easter Glory fills the sky—James Quinn SJ.

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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 4:2. 4. 7. 9.

RESPONSE: Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy
and hear me! R./

It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him . R./

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. R./

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety R./

SECOND READING 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with
the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice
that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the
whole world's. We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who
says, 'I know him', and does not keep his
commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's
love comes to perfection in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

