



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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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 9:45-10:30am & 5:30-6pm

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

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ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP: regular

Monday morning walks leaving

from outside the Church in Yarra

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please contact Jan on

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1ST/2ND MAY, 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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.*

THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS IS THE SEED OF THE CHURCH

Dear brothers and sisters,

On Wednesday this past week we celebrated the feast day of the patron saint of Oceania: St Peter Chanel. The story of his life and some of the anecdotes around his priestly zeal and perseverance has always edified and inspired me. I thought I'd share with you here the reading from the daily prayer on his feast day, which speaks of his life and martyrdom. I dare say it will inspire you too!

As soon as Peter embraced religious life in the Society of Mary, he was sent to the missions of Oceania, and landed on the island of Futuna in the Pacific Ocean, where the name of Christ had never before been preached. A lay-brother who was constantly at his side gave the following account of his life in the missions.

"Because of his labours he was often burned by the heat of the sun, and famished with hunger, and he would return home wet with perspiration and completely exhausted. Yet he always remained in good spirits, courageous and energetic, as if he were returning from a pleasure jaunt, and this would happen almost every day. "He could never refuse anything to the Futunians, even to those who persecuted him; he always made excuses for them and never rejected them, even though they were often rude and troublesome. He displayed an unparalleled mildness towards everyone on all occasions without exception."

It is no wonder then that the natives used to call him the "good-hearted man." He once told a fellow religious: "In such a difficult mission one has to be holy." Quietly he preached Christ and the Gospel, but there was little response. Still with invincible perseverance he pursued his missionary task on both the human and religious level, relying on the example and words of Christ: There is one who sows and another who reaps. And he constantly prayed for help from the Mother of God, to whom he was especially devoted.

By his preaching he destroyed the cult of the evil spirits, which the chieftains encouraged in order to keep the tribe under their rule. This was the reason they subjected Peter to a most cruel death, hoping that by killing him the seeds of the Christian religion which he had sown would be annihilated.

On the day before his martyrdom he had said: "It does not matter if I die. Christ's religion is so deeply rooted on this island that it cannot be destroyed by my death." The blood of this martyr benefited, in the first place, the natives of Futuna, for a few years later they were all converted to the faith of Christ. But it benefited as well the other islands of Oceania, where Christian churches, which claim Peter as their first martyr, are now flourishing.

St Peter Chanel, pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr Joel

1/ 2 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Wendy Hernandez	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
2 nd Reader	Adrian Daly	Ronnie Maloney	Michelle LeMaster	TBA
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Mary Furlan	TBA
8/ 9 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Michael Leonard	John McGrath	Claire Newsome	Des O'Brien
2 nd Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Pietro Sciotto	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA
Communion	Leela Cherubim	TBA	Tim Boyle	TBA
MORNING TEA: 2ND MAY - Carmel & Marguerite				



The National Count of Attendance will again be conducted throughout Australia during 2021. All dioceses and

parishes are urged to take part. Church attendance is perhaps the most basic measure of religious practice. According to the most recent national count, conducted in 2016, about 11.8 per cent of Australia's Catholic population, or 623,400 people, went to church on a typical weekend. Most of those attended Mass in a parish, but the figure also included people attending Mass in non-parish centres, such as migrant centres, hospitals, jails and boarding schools, and also some who were not attending Mass at all, but rather a Sunday assembly in the absence of a priest. It will be a simple headcount: no other information about individual attenders will be collected. **The count will be conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May .**

FIRST COMMUNION: Over the first four Saturdays of May, 97 of our younger parishioners will be making their First Communion. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has announced the appointment of Fr Mark Reynolds as Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Schools. A priest for more than 40 years, Fr Mark has served in various leadership roles around the Archdiocese and brings a wealth of experience to this newly created role. The appointment will focus on fostering and enhancing relationships between priests and principals, especially around faith leadership within schools.

MORNING TEA: in the parish hall this Sunday, 2nd May following the 10.30a.m. mass. Please join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

GEMS 50+: on Tuesday 4th May at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. Games and a cuppa New members always welcome. Transport available. Elizabeth 0447195553.

FORTHCOMING GEMS OUTING, TUESDAY MAY 11TH: LUNCH at Warran Glen Garden Centre Café nestled on the banks of the picturesque Jumping Creek in the gold mining town of Warrandyte and is set within 5 acres of botanical surroundings. Bus leaves Yarra Street at 11.00 returning to St John's at 3.00. Bookings essential. Elizabeth 0447195553. Cost - Pay for your own lunch.

QR SCAN MASS ATTENDANCE: It is important that we all play our part with the Covid19 protocols currently in place, and register our attendance at mass. The most convenient way is scanning the QR code on your smart phone. Our QR code is displayed below for your convenience. We encourage you to scan the code before you arrive at mass to help reduce the bottlenecks when entering the Church foyer. You can QR Scan just before you arrive; at home before you leave, in your car after you park, or alternatively when you are first seated in church. If you are unsure how to use the QR scan code, or you don't have a smart phone, please arrive early to mass to register manually by signing the Sign in form and avoid unnecessary queues in the church foyer. Thank you for your support.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Julian Palermo, Khloe Zanatta, Savannah Grasso.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Krzysik.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Antoinette Villanti.

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

ENTRANCE : CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Father we praise you as Lord,
All of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

COMMUNION : ALLELUIA NO 1

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the king of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live forever.

Come, let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Refrain:

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and song.

Holy, holy,
holy Lord.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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.

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Celtic Alleluia (AOV 1/13)
Alleluia No 1 (AOV 1/15) Sing to the Mountains (AOV 1/92)*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:26-28. 30-32.

RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R./**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R./**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R./**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask

him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandment lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

