



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

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

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):

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

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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hours.

16TH/16TH MAY, ASCENSION OF THE LORD 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.*

VOLUNTEER WEEK

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE, CELEBRATE AND THANK THE VOLUNTEERS HERE AT ST JOHN'S AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS, NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK.

Volunteers are at the heart of all that is accomplished in the parish. From the catechists who share faith by guiding children and teens to attentive altar servers. Today, all volunteers will be blessed during the liturgy. When we extend ourselves for others, God's love moves along in ever wider circles. Whether you volunteer in the parish or in the larger community or simply are a good neighbour, know that you are responding to your baptismal call to serve and that you never go alone. Thank you to all who volunteer at St. John's. Your names and roles are too numerous to mention! Father Joel deeply appreciates the hands, hearts and spirit that is offered for the benefit of our parish and parishioners. Your time and talent are truly appreciated!

Thank you!

QR SCAN CHURCH ATTENDANCE

On Friday May 7th 2021 the Victorian Government announced that it is moving to a single QR Code Covid-19 check-in system. By Friday May 28th, the Melbourne Archdiocese is requesting that all parishes use this free Government Service. They are also asking that we strive to encourage and assist people in checking in at relevant parish activities (masses, weddings, baptisms etc.) Manual record keeping with pen and paper is only to be used if there is an internet outage or other technical issue arises.

To this end we are asking for volunteers to assist parishioners who do not have access to or struggle to use their phones to check in. Hopefully we will have sufficient volunteers to make up a roster so that the task doesn't fall to a few. If you are able to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Mary at the parish office, Tuesday to Friday 9:30am-2:30pm on 9457 1066 or via email at heidelberg@cam.org.au

15/ 16 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	TBA	Michelle Robertson	Mary Kotefski
2 nd Reader	Grace Lew-Kee	Jan McCaffrey	TBA	TBA
Communion	Donna Richardson	Leo Hernandez	Ann Domaingue	TBA
22/ 23 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Joanne Martinez	Marguerite Ryan	Michelle LeMaster	Leela Cherubim
2 nd Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Ronnie Maloney	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Wendy Hernandez	Marni Mant	Leela Cherubim



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING

TEA: Tuesday May 25th: It is one of Australia's most well known fundraising events and

plays a vital role in raising money towards Cancer Council's work in research, education, prevention and support. As an independent, not-for-profit organisation, the Cancer Council play a leading role in reducing the impact of all cancers on all people.

Here at St John's we are hosting a BIGGEST MORNING TEA in St John's Hall on Tuesday May 25th 10.30a.m. Entrance \$5 (on the day). Enjoy a delicious morning tea, raffle, games, door and lucky seat prizes. Please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church.

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021: This weekend at all masses, to support the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains among young people in youth justice centres, patients and their families in hospitals, people living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. Please give generously.

GEMS 50+: Tuesday May 18th at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. Games and a cuppa. New members always welcome and transport is available. Elizabeth 0447195553

ANNUAL NATIONAL MASS COUNT: Over the month of May we will be conducting our regular Mass Count at all weekend Masses at St John's.

PRAYING FOR INDIA: Mon. 24th of May at 7.30pm Mass celebrated by Fr. Christian Fini OMI. At Good Shepherd Parish, Academy Ave, Wheelers Hill The Mass will be offered for India and the collection proceedings to go to the Oblates Indian Mission. All welcome. Prayer and praise 7:00pm | Mass starts at 7:30pm.

WARNING: Please be careful with your belonging at mass. Sadly a wallet went missing from a parishioner's handbag at 8:30am mass last Sunday.

CARITAS IN INDIA: India's COVID-19 death toll has officially passed 250,000, as the country continues to struggle through its second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are now more than 18 million confirmed cases in the country, with the local healthcare system overwhelmed by the crisis. The daily death toll is reaching 4000 people. However, fewer than a quarter of all deaths in India are registered, which means that current estimates of the COVID-19 fatality rate fall far short of the true picture. Many Indian cities are struggling to manage a chronic shortage of hospital beds, with several cities reporting that they have nearly run out of hospital beds altogether, especially in ICU departments. Places of worship, sports complexes and even railway coaches have been converted into makeshift hospitals in order to keep up with the demand. There are also serious shortages of medical equipment, including oxygen and the anti-viral drug remdesivir, across the country, putting further pressure on the already stretched healthcare system. "The populations that we work with in India are some of the most marginalised and vulnerable, who have had limited access to clean water and PPE for each outbreak, and are now among those with the least ability to access timely medical attention," said Chanthea Nou, Caritas Australia's Program Coordinator for Cambodia and India. Local organisations are doing all they can to support the country's most vulnerable, and encourage the Australian community to continue sending both prayers and donations to help alleviate the situation. Donations can be made through Caritas Australia, which continues to work with Caritas India to provide support to the most marginalised and vulnerable through the Asia Emergency Appeal. Donate online or call 1800 024 413.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Thomas Limosani, Emelia Cerra, Samuel Bienias.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Adam O'Toole.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

ENTRANCE : O RAISE YOUR EYES

O raise your eyes on high and see,
There stands our sovereign Lord;
His glory is this day revealed,
His word a two edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour
and the pow'r of him who conquered death,
the Christ in whom the universe
knows God's creating breath.

COMMUNION: SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall
be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Where two or three
are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst;
and whatsoever ye ask, I will do.
Allelu, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL: HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

REFRAIN:

Then sings my soul my Saviour God to thee
How great thou art, How great thou art,
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee
How great thou art, How great thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and see the gentle breeze. **Ref.**

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9.

RESPONSE: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

R./

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R./

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. .

R./

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception

of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

