



# ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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 9:30am  
 & 10:30am  
**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  
 0423478504.  
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 Contact parish office during office  
 hours.

13TH/14TH NOVEMBER 2021  
 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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 friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I convey to you what in truth really is great news. Ezekiel Bartlett, who has been staying here at the parish for the past year, has finally been given clearance to travel to Ireland to pursue his vocation to the priesthood. Specifically, the diocese of Waterford and Lismore under the guidance of Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. Despite constant setbacks and rejections from Governments and embassies, Ezekiel has stayed the course and after hearing of his acceptance, booked to depart Melbourne on Tuesday, November 23 without wasting a moment.

It has been a real God-send to have such a good companion over these difficult months of restrictions: being able to share a beer (Ezekiel enjoys his crafties), getting beaten by him constantly at ping-pong and even hear him argue that Cameron Smith is not the greatest NRL player of all time are things that I'll miss. Most of all, his sacristy work and serving at the altar is something that helped me and others pray the mass with greater dignity and reverence, which has brought graces to our parish that are known only to God.

If you'd like to contribute to a going-away gift I'm sorting out, drop an envelope off to the presbytery or hand something to me before or after mass. Most of all, I know Ezekiel will greatly appreciate our prayers as he treads a path to the Lord's vineyard.

With every blessing,  
 Fr Joel.

**LIVING THE GOSPEL – PEOPLE OF HOPE**

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

**MASS TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

Tuesday to Saturday 9.15a.m.

Saturday Vigil 6.00p.m.

Sunday 8.30a.m. 9.30a.m. 10.30a.m.

Your are required to book for weekend masses.

Masses are capped at 30 people.

**FR TED'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Last Sunday at the 10.30a.m. mass parishioners gathered for mass to celebrate and pray for Father Ted on the occasion of his 80th birthday. It was lovely to have Father Ted back in St John's Church to say mass. Following mass we moved to the hall where we sang 'Happy Birthday' and shared a delicious birthday cake and lots of conversation. We give thanks for the person Father Ted is and all he means to our parish of St John's and wish him every blessing in the coming year and beyond. Thank you to Michelle Penson, Barb Dabal, Marguerite Ryan and Amelia Boyle for their important contribution to the occasion.

**NOVEMBER MASSES:** In the month of November we remember our loved ones who have died. November Mass envelopes are available in the porch of the church. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of Remembrance found on the sanctuary.

**'TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE' (ST AUGUSTINE):** Due to a variety of reasons our choir numbers have dwindled. We would dearly love parishioners to consider joining our Parish Choir and would welcome both singers and musicians to share their talents in this ministry. The choir sings each week (except in January) at the 10.30a.m. mass and spends a short time after mass to practise for the following week. Music plays an important part in life celebrations and even more so in liturgy when we raise our voices to praise God. Is this a way you could actively give service in your parish? Please contact the parish office, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 - 2.30 to express your interest.

**'THE WAY' PRAYER GROUP:** You are invited to join in celebrating a Healing Mass (with Sacrament of Anointing) on Thursday 18th November at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass. Please book your attendance via the following Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVHSU> For further details, please contact Emilia 0418120902 or Rose 0411650339.

**MASS GUIDELINES**

We welcome the latest set of guidelines from the DHHS to return to Church but also remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious and anxious. The following information is provided if you are unsure about what is required.

- Current Covid Regulations allow for 30 people in St John's Church for mass. These masses are Vaccinated Status Unknown.
- Bookings required for weekend masses. Not required for weekday masses. You can make a booking by ringing Mary during office hours, Tuesday to Friday 9.30 - 2.30 at the parish house 94571066 or emailing [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)
- Must check in using QR Code through the Service Victoria app upon arrival.
- Do not attend if you are unwell or awaiting a COVID-19 test verification (even without presenting symptoms) or closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.
- Please wear face Masks except when an exception applies.
- Please remember to sanitize the pew before you leave. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES:** needed to support parishioners in entering their information into the QR system, clean the seats after each Mass. To volunteer please contact Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am to 2:30pm the Parish office on 94571066.

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you to all who have continued to support the parish during the times of lockdown. Your contributions have assisted us significantly. 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.

**GEMS (50+):** We Our first gathering following the opening up in Victoria will be at the 'Terrace' in the Henry Barkly Hotel on Tuesday November 23rd for lunch at 12.30p.m. All welcome and bookings are essential by contacting Elizabeth, 0447195553. All entertainment venues require patrons to be double vaccinated and to show proof of such.

**ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP:** is walking on Monday 15th November leaving from outside St John's Church at 9.30am. We will walk to and around Warringal Parklands. All are welcome. For further information contact Jan on 0423478504.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Stella & Greta Easton, Hugo Di Maggio.

**THE SICK:** Margaret Ryan, Aileen Powell, Jerzy Baczkowicz.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Stan (Sr) Jernejcic

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Wishing all students sitting exams this final week the best of luck. It has been a long and complicated road to get here but we send them our prayers and know they will do the best they can. Good Luck to everyone.

**ENTRANCE : COME TO THE WATER**

**Refrain:**

Come to the water! You who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!  
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!  
Come! Listen! Live.

Why spend your money on what cannot fill  
The emptiness deep in your heart?  
Listen to My word and you will enjoy  
Goodness and peace in your heart!

**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 : STRONG AND CONSTANT**

I will be the Spirit who walks with you!  
You will be always within my hand!  
Take your heart and give it all to me!

**Refrain**

Strong and constant is my love!  
Strong and constant is my love!

Should you wander far away from me,  
I will search for you in ev'ry land!  
Should you call, then you will truly know:

**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.

**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.

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**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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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

## FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:5. 8-11.

**Response:** Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R./

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let your beloved know decay. R./

You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness forever. R./

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,

that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the

moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**ARCHDIOCESE STREAMING OF MASS:** The daily 1pm is livestreamed from St Patrick's Cathedral at

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

On Sundays, the 11am Mass is livestreamed, televised and broadcast on community channel C31 (channel 44 on digital Television).

**HOLY COMMUNION:** If anyone would like to have Holy Communion at home because they are housebound or not yet comfortable to return to Masses at the moment please contact Elizabeth, 0447195553 and we can organise a time and day that suits you.

*KINDLY TAKE THE NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AFTER USING IT AT MASS. THANK YOU*