



# 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  
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6TH/7TH NOVEMBER 2021  
*THIRTY-SECOND 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 brothers and sisters,

It's been a few weeks since I've been able to contribute to the bulletin. I would have done so last weekend except we had the power go out Friday morning due to the heavy winds. It's at times like that you realise how much we depend on technology and that which enables it. Me thinks too much! The topic I was to write on was St Patrick's Cathedral, as it was the anniversary of its consecration that week, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. Given it is our mother church, the day becomes a feast for all in the Archdiocese, which we joyfully celebrated.

We are blessed to have such a magnificent Cathedral here in Melbourne. It never ceases to inspire me with its beauty and grandeur each time I visit. I was fortunate to be there recently for the return of the 6:30 holy hour for youth, which is typically held every Thursday evening. It was the first time I'd been inside for a while and it was great. You could look up the details of St Patrick's for information on the place and perhaps do a tour when we can welcome visitors there more readily. But there's a couple of interesting points and tales about the place which I'll think you'll find interesting.

- The 5 acres of land in East Melbourne was granted to the Church in 1851. It's said that the ruling elites of the day ensured that the Anglicans were given the then prime land next to the Yarra, on the corner of Flinders and Swanston Street. East Melbourne was something of a backwater. Today, our Cathedral sits outstandingly on top of Eastern Hill, whilst St Paul's has since been crowded out by high rise buildings and bustling traffic. Oh well.
- When Archbishop Mannix commissioned the building of the spires in the late 1930s he didn't hold back (ensuring first of all that they were taller than that of St Paul's). They were at the time some of the tallest in the world, rivalled only by St Patrick's Cathedral in New York.
- Our cathedral is still the tallest and largest church building in the country, reaching 105m into the Melbourne sky.

Church's are built the way they are so as to inspire the faithful to be like them. St Patrick's - the greatest church in our city and one of the best in the world - stands out from the crowd, reaches to the heavens like nothing of its kind and being constructed in bluestone has the strongest of foundations. May our faith and our lives imitate this magnificent house of God.

With every blessing,  
 Fr Joel.

6/7 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 10:30am
1st Reader	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
13/14 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 10:30am
1st Reader	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

**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.

**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
- Please note this Sunday's 7th November, 10.30a.m. mass to celebrate Father Ted's 80th birthday is fully booked.*

- 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 during office hours Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am to 2:30pm the Parish office.

**ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP:** is returning to walk as a group this week on Monday 8th November leaving from outside the Church on the Yarra Street side at 9.30am. We will drive to Rosanna and walk around Rosanna Parklands followed by a coffee. For further information please contact Jan on 0423 478 504.

**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.

**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PARTNER-IN-COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER:**

Together with Alpine Valleys Fine Foods are bringing delicious handmade Christmas treats from Regional Victoria. Gluten-free plum puddings and Christmas cakes also available. Orders will be available for pick up at the school office, or can be delivered locally from 1 December. Orders close 16 November at

<https://st-johns-pic.square.site>

**GEMS (50+):** We are pleased to let you know that we will be back together soon. Please keep an eye out in the next parish newsletter for details. It will be SO good to get back together.

**MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE 'ÇUPPA WITH MARY' :** is reopening for all from Mon 8th Nov from 9 am – 5 pm. Come visit the Museum, do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. In line with the Victorian Government requirements, all visitors over the age of 16 are to be fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption when coming to the museum and or when booking and staying in the accommodation. Visitors will be required to show their COVID-19 vaccination status or medical exemption on entry. Face masks are a condition of entry for visitors 12 years and over. Contact Kate on 9926 9300.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Sebastian Oscari, Vincent Majcen.

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Maria Basilone.

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Wishing all students sitting exams in the next 2 weeks 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 : PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let he Creator's praise arise!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land by every one.

**COMMUNION: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and byways, valleys  
and highways he's waiting for me.  
I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in  
his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going, he  
promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together, to  
know all the wonders he's given to me.  
I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in  
his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

**RECESSIONAL: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this gracious God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
Preserve us in his grace,  
and guide us in distress,  
and free us from all sin,  
Till heaven we possess.

**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.

**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

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10.

**Response:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

R./

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord who protects the stranger.

R./

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

R./

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself.

Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

**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*