



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

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

Wed 10:30am from mid January

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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Contact parish office during office hours.

15TH/16TH JANUARY,

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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 TRUE BRIDEGROOM REVEALED

In the village culture of Palestine in Jesus' day it was the responsibility of the bridegroom to provide wine at a wedding. To have the wine run out before the end of the celebration would be a grave embarrassment both to him and his family, a failure remembered for generations.

Doubtless, it was concern on this score that prompted the Mother of Jesus to draw the problem to her Son's attention. His initial hesitation to act reflects a tendency appearing elsewhere in the Fourth Gospel (see 7:3-6; 11:3-6). Jesus does not respond immediately to human prompting. He is following a divine agenda set by the Father.

Eventually, Jesus does remedy the situation, providing not only wine in abundance but "the best wine, kept till last". His miraculous provision of ordinary wine then functions as a "sign" disclosing a deeper reality: namely, that *he* is true Bridegroom at this wedding, fulfilling God's promise, as recorded in today's First Reading, to become the Bridegroom of Israel forever (Isaiah 62:2-4; see also Hos 2:14-16; Isa 54:4-8; Jer 2:2; John 3:29; etc.).

This is what the evangelist is referring to when he states, that Jesus "let his glory be seen at Cana in Galilee". He revealed himself to be "the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth" (1:14).

The Catholic tradition, in its sacramental understanding of marriage, has long found in Jesus' presence at this simple village wedding in Galilee a divine pledge to be present at all weddings and to enrich all marriages with the superabundant and unending "wine" of God's love.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

TRANSPORT REQUIRED: A elderly parishioner living in Rosanna requires transport to mass on a Sunday. If you could help with this ministry please contact Elizabeth 0447195553 for details.

CATECHISTS FOR 2022: Would you enjoy helping primary school-aged children to learn especially about our faith? If you have those gifts we invite you to consider joining our catechist team in 2022 as one of our teachers. This programme teaches Catholic children who don't attend a Catholic primary school about our faith, including (at the right age) preparing them for Sacraments. You will be supported with materials and mentoring. If you are interested, please call Fr Joel 94571066 or email heidelberg@cam.org.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10.

Response: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

R./

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

R./

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

R./

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the

same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Mason Marchesi, Addyson Brindley.

THE SICK: Patricia Wong, Sepfianto Arifin, Margaret Ryan, Aileen Powell, Jerzy Baczkowicz.

ANNIVERSARY: Gerard Sharkey, Ronald Victor Toohey, Glenn Raymond Toohey.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Felicity Moylan.

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