



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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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
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*12TH/13TH FEBRUARY 2022,
SIXTH 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.*

ADVANCE NOTICE OF NEW MASS TIMES : From the weekend of
March 5th/6th mass times will return to the following:
Saturday: Vigil mass 6.00p.m.
Sunday: 8.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 5.00p.m.



FACE MASKS: Please remember face masks mandatory inside the church unless you have a medical exemption. Thank you for your understanding.

BEING PREPARED TO BE VULNERABLE

Hardly any statements in the Gospels are more challenging than the Beatitudes and Woes with which Jesus begins his sermon. To understand them we have to attend to the context of the sermon and the biblical meaning of beatitude.

The context is that Jesus is instructing his disciples before a great multitude of burdened and afflicted people who have come from far and near to access his healing power. The implication is that the disciples are to be something for this troubled wider group, and Jesus is going to tell them how.

In the biblical tradition "Blessed ..." does not strictly speaking indicate a moral attitude to be adopted. A beatitude declares a person to be in a fortunate or advantageous position. They are "in a good place" because what will soon come about through the faithfulness of God.

Jesus is not endorsing poverty or hunger. He is insisting that what most people reckon to be advantages and disadvantages are relativized because God is on the side of the poor, rather than the rich and well off, and will move to reverse the situation—as Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). What the Beatitudes depict is a preparedness to be vulnerable in view of this sense of God.

This brings us back to the context in which this instruction is given: the afflicted multitude longing for healing. A vulnerable community can become for the afflicted an instrument of healing and life. It is those who approach the wounded with vulnerable love, rather than power, who make the world safe for humanity.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

12/13 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 9:30am
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie
2 nd Reader	Pamela Smith	Michelle LeMaster	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
19/20 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 9:30am
1st Reader	John McGrath	Pietro Sciotto	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie
2 nd Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA



CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022: This Chaplaincy Sunday, 13th February, and throughout the month of February, CatholicCare Victoria need

your support to ensure our chaplains can continue their mission. The Chaplaincy Appeal highlights the vital work and mission of hospital chaplains, to ensure they can continue to support patients and their families and offer hope at the darkest of times; times of pain, uncertainty, stress and fear. CatholicCare chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year regardless of their spiritual or religious belief or background. In 2021, CatholicCare Victoria's hospital chaplains provided 4,682 episodes of care across eight major public hospitals. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

GEMS (GREGARIOUS ENERGETIC MEMBERS OF ST JOHN'S) 50+: Our next gathering is on Tuesday February 15th in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room 10.00a.m. to 12.00. for conversation, board games and morning tea. New members always welcome and transport is available. Elizabeth 0447195553

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

LOOKING AHEAD - FEBRUARY

- 14th** Confirmation Class for 2021 group 4.00pm - 4.45p.m Francis Xavier Meeting Room
- 15th** GEMS 10.00a.m. St Francis Meeting Room
- 21st** Confirmation Class for 2021 group 4.00pm - 4.45p.m Francis Xavier Meeting Room
- 22nd** GEMS 10.00a.m. St Francis Meeting Room
- 26th** Confirmation Ceremony for 2021 group 2.00p.m. and 3.30p.m. in St John's Church



Palms Australia

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OVERSEAS:

To find Out More, Phone 0422 742 567. Join online forum at 5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March, attend and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A MINISTRY

We have a few ministries that require assistance to continue with the wonderful service they provide. Many of our parishioners enjoy the fellowship which involvement in such service to the Parish brings and would appreciate the extra helping hands. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work'. Are you able to join one of our ministries?

Training will be provided.

Flowers: We are seeking parishioners interested in joining the Flowers Team on a roster basis.

Reading: Would you like to help others hear clearly the Word of God at the mass of your choice on a roster basis.

Welcoming: Greeting parishioners and visitors and handing out the parish newsletter on a roster basis.

Collectors: We are seeking parishioners to take up the collection at the various masses on a roster basis.

Catechists: 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 facilitators. 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.

Please contact the Parish Office on 94571066 during office hours, Tuesday to Friday 9.30 -2.30 or email us at: heidelberg@cam.org.au to express an interest or ask questions regarding any of the above ministries.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Cliona Harrison, Noah Bruschi.

THE SICK: Gertruda Krzysik, Carol Walsh, Sylvia Found, Patricia Wong, Sepfianto Arifin, Margaret Ryan, Aileen Powell.

ANNIVERSARY: Timothy White, Catherine Cummins, Maureen Packer.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Aurora Ashworth, Neville Caulfield, Kenneth McLean.

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

'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. Please contact the parish office, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 - 2.30 to express your interest.

ENTRANCE : COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Refrain:

We are companions on the journey,
Breaking bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we share
for we believe in the love of our God,
We believe in the love of our God.

No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's House;
We are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
By the strength of those who care.

COMMUNION : BREAD OF LIFE

Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again.

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain:
just as now it is gathered,
make your people one.

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup:
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love.

RECESSIONAL: FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

For the fruit(s) of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

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

Refrain

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

Refrain

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,

Refrain

(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

Be my protector, O God,
 a mighty stronghold to save me.
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5.

Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
 who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
 nor lingers in the way of sinners
 nor sits in the company of scorners,
 but whose delight is the law of the Lord
 and who ponders his law day and night.

R./

He is like a tree that is planted
 beside the flowing waters,
 that yields its fruit in due season
 and whose leaves shall never fade;
 and all that he does shall prosper.

R./

Not so are the wicked, not so!
 For they like winnowed chaff
 shall be driven away by the wind.
 For the Lord guards the way of the just
 but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Rejoice and be glad;
 your reward is great in heaven.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
 and what they craved the Lord gave them;
 they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – MESSAGE FOR ALL**

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people – not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judaea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judaea.