



# 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.

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Joel Peart

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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:**  
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Contact parish office during office  
hours.

19TH/20TH FEBRUARY 2022,  
SEVENTH 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 GENEROUS AS GOD IS GENEROUS**

Jesus puts before his disciples the extraordinary command to "love your enemies". He goes on to give some illustrations of what this might mean in practice. All involve responding to injury or to unreasonable demand with nothing but generosity and the abandonment of all claim to recompense. Taken by itself, such behaviour seems contrary to common sense. But Jesus is not laying down maxims to be followed literally. There is a measure of prophetic exaggeration in the examples he cites. All flow from a fundamental attitude in which one is prepared to be vulnerable to a degree deemed foolish by the standards of the world, because such vulnerability and generosity is what one both discerns in God and experiences from God. Jesus tells the disciples, "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate". The key term here is the little word "as". As children are "like" their parents, so, by loving their enemies, by being compassionate and generous to a "foolish" degree, they will be "children of the Most High, who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked". Such a vulnerable way of life disarms violence and humanises the world.

It has a future effect as well. People who are generous in giving and forgiving open themselves up to even greater divine generosity in return. It is not that God waits to see if we are generous before pouring gifts upon us. But God can only give us what we have the capacity to receive. And the measure of that capacity is our own generosity towards others.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

19/20 Feb	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
1st Reader	John McGrath	Pietro Sciotto	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
26/27 Feb	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30am</b>
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	John McGrath	Michelle LeMaster	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Last year was one of much disruption and we were sadly unable to gather as a church community would. This meant that the Confirmation ceremonies of our parish had to be postponed. Happily though the young people who prepared be confirmed in 2021 will be confirmed in St John's Church on Saturday February 26th. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**GEMS (GREGARIOUS ENERGETIC MEMBERS OF ST JOHN'S) 50+:** Our next gathering is on Tuesday February 22nd in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room 10.00a.m. to 12.00. for some fun and morning tea. New members always welcome and transport is available. Elizabeth 0447195553

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** For the next few weekends please bring Palms from last year to the Church or Parish House for burning to make ashes for Ash Wednesday (March 2nd). Thank you.

**ST JOHN'S PARISH DINNER:** You are invited to join with other parishioners at the Henry Barkly Hotel on Wednesday March 16th (St Patrick's Day Eve) at 6.30p.m. for dinner. Enjoy the company of parishioners in a social setting. Bookings are needed. You can book in the church foyer or by contacting the Parish Office (Tuesday - Friday 9.30a.m. - 2.30p.m.) 94571066 or by emailing, Heidelberg@cam.org.au

#### LOOKING AHEAD - FEBRUARY

**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

#### March

**1st** Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at Parish House 10am  
**2nd** Ash Wednesday 9.15am & 7pm  
**4th** Stations of the Cross 6.00p.m.  
**6th** First Sunday of Lent 5.00p.m. mass reintroduced.



## St John's Catholic Parish Primary School, Heidelberg

*An inclusive Catholic community, fostering a commitment to faith and nurturing a love of learning*

#### PREP ENROLMENTS 2023 NOW OPEN

*Some places available in other year levels*

#### If you would like to join us for a School Tour

Wednesday 2 March at 9:15am

Tuesday 15 March at 9:15am

Monday 21 March at 5:00pm

#### Please contact the school office to make a booking

Phone: 03 9459 2963

Email: office@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

*Alternative dates can be arranged by appointment*

#### THE EYRIE – ST. JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE

- ◆ Your **articles of interest** welcomed. Please send your opinion piece or article of interest to the parish house Email: Heidelberg.cam.org.au
- ◆ **New Sponsors welcome** – if you would like to advertise your business in the Eyrie please ring Michelle – 0499891101
- ◆ We are **seeking some Committee members** for the magazine – if you feel you can help with editing, interviewing for stories, ideas for articles then we need you. The magazine is put out quarterly so even a few hours a quarter would be great- ring Michelle 0499891101 or email the Parish House on email above.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Emilio Mladenis, Romeo Malorni, Kherington Richmond.

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Antonio Cipollone, Walter Duff, Kazik Radzikowski, John Filippi.

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

**ENTRANCE : BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD**

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

**COMMUNION : MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**RECESSIONAL: PRAISE THE LORD! YOU HEAVENS, ADORE HIM**

Praise the Lord! you heavens, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him,  
Praise Him, all you stars of light.  
Praise the Lord, for He has spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He has made.

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God has made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;  
Heaven and earth and all creation,  
Praise and glorify His name.

**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.  
Amen

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

## FIRST READING

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13.

**Response:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

R./

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

R./

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults..

R./

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

R./

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:15-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-

giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

