



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, 10:30am & 5pm**

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: Meet every
Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish
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*12TH/13TH MARCH 2022,
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, 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.*

"THIS IS MY SON, LISTEN TO HIM!"

As Jesus sets out on the journey to Jerusalem, where he will suffer and die, the Transfiguration confirms the direction of his life and mission.

In Jewish thought of the time, the two prophetic figures, Moses and Elijah, were both expected to return in the messianic age. Hence Peter interprets the transfiguring of Jesus and the appearance alongside him of the two prophets, Moses and Elijah, as a sign that the time of messianic glory has arrived. His offer to make dwelling places for Jesus and the other two implies that all three are on the same level—an inadequate understanding sharply corrected when the voice (of God) from the cloud pronounces the true identity of Jesus: "... my Son, the Beloved", according him a status far outstripping that of Moses or Elijah.

The divine voice goes on to add: "Listen to him". Listen, that is, to what he has been saying about the direction his ministry will take. Precisely as God's Son he will go up to Jerusalem and accomplish the "exodus" that is his Father's will for him. The allusion is clearly to Jesus' death. It is called "exodus" because, although it will be a monstrous miscarriage of justice on the part of human authorities, it will also be a divine liberation comparable with, and indeed fulfilling, the Exodus from Egypt of old.

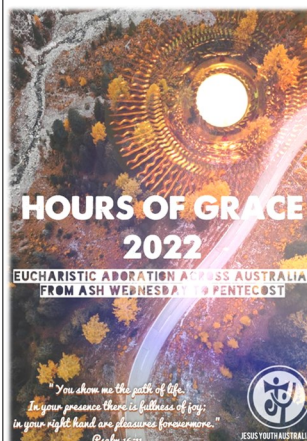
For the remainder of Lent, we are invited to accompany Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. This will be our essential preparation for a deep experience of the paschal mystery in Holy Week.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

HOG AT OUR PARISH FROM 6-7PM ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD MARCH 2022.

Hours of Grace (HOG) is a national initiative of Jesus Youth Australia commenced in 2011. It is a chain of perpetual adoration that occurs during the Paschal season, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost across many Australian cities. These are moments of grace where Jesus invites each one of us who love him through this Heavenly Sacrament into an intimate encounter for a loving embrace.


Individuals and groups are encouraged and welcomed to come together for prayer.



12/13 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Margaret Andrews	Leela Cherubim
19/20 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	John McGrath	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski

ST JOHN'S PARISH DINNER: Disappointingly it has been decided to **postpone** the St John's Parish Diner on Wednesday, March 16th. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

MORNING TEA: Thank you to Francoise & Maria for serving Morning Tea last weekend following 10.30a.m. mass. It was pleasing to see many parishioners attending.

GEMS: Our next gathering is on Tuesday March 15th in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room  10.00a.m. to 12.00. for an early St Patrick's Day celebration. If you are able please wear a touch of green. New members always welcome and transport is available. Elizabeth 0447195553

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday in Lent at 6pm.
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 - March

- 15th GEMS Francis Xavier Parish Meeting Room 10.00a.m.
- 17th St Patrick's Feast Day
- 18th Stations of the Cross 6.00p.m.
- 21st Eucharist Preparation Class 4.15p.m. - 5.00p.m.
Francis Xavier Room
- 23rd Eucharistic Adoration 6.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.
- 25th Stations of the Cross 6.00p.m.



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*

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



PROJECT COMPASSION: As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future. To help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

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A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE



Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

LENT AND EASTER

Each year, the Church makes its pilgrimage to the cross and beyond—through the refining trials of the wilderness, to the heart-rending breakthrough of Calvary and into the expansive Easter hope that motivates and animates all that we do. This selection of useful and inspiring resources and articles from around the web has been collected to help you enter more deeply into the Lent season: <https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/libraries/2022/lent-and-easter-useful-links/>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Hazel Harkin, Ruby & Aria Bagala.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Kevin Smith, Charles Braden, Jim Stella, Livio Scenna, Maxwell Ingram, Joseph Dickinson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: George Kennedy, Father Kevin Mogg.

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

ENTRANCE : LORD, BE MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

COMMUNION : SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Refrain

Seed, scattered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The Living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,
Work of our hands, one cup that is
Shared by all; the Living Cup,
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,
A sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
The blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock
Will wither and will die,
The seed within good ground
Will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills
Was gathered and was grown,
So may the Church of God
Be gathered into one

RECESSIONAL: HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

REFRAIN:

Then sings my soul my Saviour God to thee
How great thou art, How great thou art,
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee
How great thou art, How great thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and see the gentle breeze.

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.

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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.)

R.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.

R.

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.

R.

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

GOSPEL FOCUS – ASLEEP AGAIN?

It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus' true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! The gospel of Luke is unique in suggesting that the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is on about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energised by it, and consequently they're not ready to witness great events when they come along.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink?

R./

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

R./

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

R./

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

R./

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of

something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased;
listen to him.



SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – GOSPEL PARALLELS

The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The word, synoptic, means 'seen together' and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. It is now accepted that the gospel of Mark was the first written as so much of it appears in the other two, while the gospels of Matthew and Luke both seem to have also drawn on another source of Jesus material (known as the 'Q' source). Despite the parallels, each writer uses the same story to convey the particular message of that gospel.