



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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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:**
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LEGION OF MARY: Meet every
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23RD/24TH APRIL 2022,
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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.*

Holy Hunchbacks

Dear brothers and sisters,

Once again, a happy Easter to all! It is the most joyous time of year, celebrating and glorying in the resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour. I pray it has been a time of great blessing for you and your families.

This Sunday marks the end of the Easter octave – the 8 days of solemnity that the Church takes to honour that one great day of the Resurrection. It was traditionally known as "Low Sunday" or *Quasimodo* Sunday. The name isn't suggesting that we are all looking a little uglier after drinking and eating chocolate for a solid week, but is the Latin opening for the invitatory antiphon of the day, taken from the first letter of Saint Peter: "*Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia*". (*Quasimodo* - "as if, as it were"). The famous character in the books was of course abandoned as an infant at Notre Dame, hence his name.

It has now come to be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, as it is when we celebrate and honour what we hear in the Gospel: the Risen Lord breathing the Holy Spirit on the disciples and granting them the authority to forgive sins. That is, the ability to impart God's mercy. It's an amazing gift to the church and one that ought to be celebrated. We do this specifically on this day by venerating the image of the Divine Mercy, which we will have especially presented on the sanctuary this weekend.

The church has also extended to us on this feast of Divine Mercy the opportunity to gain a **plenary indulgence**. You may have heard the term before but not understood exactly what it meant. As the name implies, a plenary indulgence is something that provides us a complete remission of punishment in purgatory for those sins the guilt of which has already been forgiven. This remission is made available by the authority of the Church: the power of 'binding' and 'loosing' of sins (Mt 18:18)

There are of course always terms and conditions! To receive this plenary indulgence (in addition to venerating the Divine Mercy image) it is also necessary, within several days prior to or following Divine Mercy Sunday, to fulfil these other requirements. 1. To receive Holy Communion; 2. To go to sacramental confession (this can be up to twenty days before or after this Sunday); 3. To say some prayers for the Holy Father, and 4. Have no deliberate attachment to sin.

This Quasimodo Sunday, I hope you take the chance to make your souls beautiful in the eyes of God.

With every blessing,
Fr Joel.

23/24 April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Leela Cherubim
30 April / 1 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
MORNING TEA : 1st MAY - Rosa & Maureen				

MORNING TEA: in the parish hall next Sunday 1st May, following the 10.30a.m. mass. You are invited to join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

GEMS 50+: Please join us as we resume for Term 2 on Tuesday April 26th at 12.00a.m. at the Henry Barkly Hotel for lunch. Bookings: Elizabeth 0447195553.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS: St Vincent De Paul Conference collection held on Holy Thursday raised \$1,072.55; the Good Friday Holy Land appeal raised \$1,157.25. Thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES: The next instalment is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. Thank you for your generosity. Your continued contributions help the parish meet its financial commitments.

PROJECT COMPASSION: THANK YOU for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal. Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes. You can place them in the collection bag or return them to the sacristy or the parish house.

NEW !!! ST JOHN'S SOCIAL CLUB: everyone welcome. Join us for cards, board games, chess or for a chat, coffee/tea. Every fortnightly, starting Tuesday, 26th April 2022 , 7 pm - 8.30 pm (St Francis Xavier Room).

A CHANCE TO SAY THANKS: Mass of Thanksgiving for Health and Aged Care Workers. As we emerge from COVID and reflect on the experiences of the past two years, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites the community to come together in gratitude to all those who have cared for us during this time on Sunday 1st May at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

REMEMBERING THOSE WE HAVE LOST: On Sunday 22nd May at 11am St Patrick's Cathedral, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during this Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel at St Patrick's Cathedral or submitting the names online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>
The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.



THIRD ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S—MAY 31ST

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is one of Australia's most well known fundraising events and plays a vital role in raising money towards Cancer Council's work in research, education, prevention and support. As an independent, not-for-profit organisation, the Cancer Council play a leading role in reducing the impact of all cancers on all people.

Here at St John's we are hosting a **BIGGEST MORNING TEA** in St John's Hall on Tuesday May 31st at 10.30a.m. Entrance \$5 (on the day). Enjoy a delicious morning tea, raffle, games, door and lucky seat prizes. At this stage we are looking for donations of goods towards door and raffle prizes. If you could help out in this way please leave items in the basket in the church foyer. Examples of items include sweets, chocolate, wine, champagne, tea, gourmet biscuits, pantry sauces, jam, pasta, movie tickets, department store gift voucher, or an idea of your own. Thank you in anticipation.

MEDITATION ON JESUS: For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul (Through gentle postures and breathing exercises) on Saturday 30th April, 2022, From 11am to 4pm. Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD , at Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 Email: enquiries@janssencentre.org Or gilbertcarlo@gmail.com

ANZAC PRAYER

Holy God, in this season of Easter we rejoice in the New Life your Son
the Risen Jesus gives us.
You offer us hope.
You offer us peace.
We thank you for this treasured land of ours, Australia.
Today as we remember the ANZAC soldiers who fought to protect our country, help us to strive for peace in all we do.
We make our prayer in the name of our Risen Lord.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Isla & Edie Lavigne, Vivienne Prince, Alexander Power.

THE SICK: Aileen Powell, Patricia Wong, Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow, Gertruda Krzysik.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norma Cannon.

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

ENTRANCE : CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN

Christ the Lord is ris'n again;
Christ has broken ev'ry chain;
hark! The angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high; alleluia!

COMMUNION : WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod,
yet in his promise we rejoice,
and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.

RECESSIONAL: BRING ALL YOU DEAR-BOUGHT NATIONS

Bring, all you dear-bought nations, bring
your richest praises to your king,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
That spotless Lamb, who more than due,
paid for his sheep, and those sheep you,

Chorus:

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, !

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

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 117:2-4. 22-27.

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

R./

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

R./

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light.

R./

SECOND READING Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and

ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.