



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, 10:30am &
5pm

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Sat 9:45-10:30am & 5:30-6pm

WEDDING, BAPTISM, FIRST

**RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION,
CONFIRMATION:**

Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

LEGION OF MARY:

Meet every
Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish
house in Xavier Room. All
Welcome. Fatima Statue
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14TH / 15TH MAY 2022, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR 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.*

Message from Our Blessed Mother

Dear brothers and sisters,

On Friday the church celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. I say feast, but in the calendar it is listed as an optional memorial – a celebration that you are free to observe or not in the mass and prayers for that day. I hope that it didn't simply get passed over by priests and others, as I think the messages that Our Lady gave at Fatima to the three shepherd children over 100 years ago is a message we need to hear and heed in our own day.

Some of you would be familiar with the story. It's a beautiful one, not simply in the messages themselves (they are actually quite harrowing), but in the way the children receive and respond to the apparitions they had of Our Blessed Mother. The story begins in the village of Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, appeared to three peasant children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia; ages 10, 9 and 7. These youngsters were tending their family's sheep when they witnessed "a Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun... indescribably beautiful". From May through October 1917, the Lady appeared and spoke to the children on the 13th day of each month.

When the children tried to tell others of these apparitions, they were mocked and derided for what most thought were silly stories. The children were steadfast though in their insistence that the events were true. The mayor of the town, a Freemason named Artur Santos, went so far as to arrest the three children and interrogate them, threatening them with violence if they did not admit to it all being lies. The children were unmoved and insisted on the truth of what they heard and saw.

Our Lady's final appearance on October 13, 1917 included the great miracle of the sun: an event witnessed to by 70,000 people who had turned out to see if these children and these apparitions were to be believed. They most certainly were!

In these messages, Our Blessed Mother promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if we would pray, make reparation through penance and to strive with everything we've got to not fall into temptation and offend God by our sins. The prayer she implored souls to pray each day is that of the Holy Rosary and I honestly don't know anyone who hasn't taken up that challenge and not had their life transformed.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Bless,

Fr Joel.

14 / 15 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Leela Cherubim
21/22 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CONFIRMATION: Applications are now open for enrolment in Confirmation classes for students attending schools other than St John's Primary School. Our programme is for students in Year 6 or above who have been baptised and completed the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The classes will be held between 4.00p.m. and 5.00p.m. for 6 weeks commencing Wednesday June 15th. Application forms available from elizabeth.williamson@cam.org.au Closing date for applications is Friday June 10th.

FIRST COMMUNION: Over this Saturday and next, some of our younger parishioners will be receiving their First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

GEMS 50+: Tuesday May 17th in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room for games and morning tea. Transport available, Elizabeth 0447195553.

PRAY OF PEACE: Candlelight Mass at St Thomas the Apostle Chapel, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, North Greensborough on Thursday 19th May. Quiet music from 7.30pm; Mass at 8pm. All welcome Enquiries Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902



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.

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO CAN'T GET TO MASS ANY LONGER? Would they like to be visited and perhaps have communion taken to them? Contact: Elizabeth 0447195553

SAC REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED: Our School Advisory Council here at St John's Primary provides a forum for discussion, where parents' voice and perspective are available to inform and support the decisions made by the principal and parish priest for the good of the school and parish.

I am looking for a person to represent the parish at these meetings. The candidate would be someone who has children currently attending St John's primary and is someone who strives to practice the faith in their lives through regular attendance at mass. If you believe you could help support us in our efforts to foster faith in our school children by being on this council then I'd love to hear from you.

Contact me via email at joel.peart@cam.org.au

With thanks,

Fr Joel.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA: St John's are hosting a Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer research.

Date: Tuesday, May 31st

Venue: St John's Hall

Time: 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.

Entry: \$5 (on the day)



Games, raffle, entertainment, lucky door prizes, biscuit decorating competition (bring it with you if you would like to enter), colourful tea towel competition (bring it with you if you would like to enter), RSVP (for catering purposes): Add your name to the list in the church foyer or call Elizabeth 0447195553.

We are grateful for the donations already given and we are still 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Nora James.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Pierre Ferriere, Adam O'Toole.

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

ENTRANCE : ALLELUIA NO 1

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the king of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name.

COMMUNION: A NEW COMMANDMENT

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.

RECESSIONAL : SING TO THE LORD

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness! Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known.
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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 99:1-3. 5.

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

R./

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

R./

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

R./

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is

God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



GOSPEL FOCUS – GOD'S LOVE

What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.