



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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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
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28TH /29TH MAY 2022, Ascension SUNDAY 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.*

JESUS ASCENDS TO THE FATHER

Jesus has made his risen presence known to those who are to become his key witnesses. Now Luke's gospel depicts him making an ascent to heaven like that of the prophet Elijah in 2Kings 2:1-18. As Elijah had promised his disciple Elisha a double share of his own prophetic spirit, so Jesus promises his disciples that they should wait in Jerusalem to be 'clothed with power from on high.' This promise of the Spirit, to be realised at Pentecost, ensures the continuity between his ministry, empowered by the Spirit (Luke 3:22;4:14,18), and that of the Church that will carry it on.

Beyond this, the feast of the Ascension celebrates the risen Lord's exaltation to God's right hand - whence, through the power of the Spirit, he will continue his messianic subjugation of all powers hostile to God and the return of the entire cosmos to the rule of God (1Cor 15:22-28;Phil 2:9-11). The full realisation of this programme remains an act of hope, as we know all too well. But Jesus' paschal victory has dealt the forces hostile to God a fatal blow. As the Church, empowered by his Spirit, carries on his messianic work, the Ascension assures her that in all her labour and suffering, the risen Lord stands at the right hand of God, interceding on behalf of all. So the Ascension is not just something that happened to Jesus: it is the feast that celebrates the hope that his triumph will ultimately be ours as well.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

GOSPEL FOCUS - A MESSAGE FOR ALL PEOPLE

One of the defining features of the Gospel of Luke is the fact that the message preached and practised by Jesus made salvation available to all people. At times in the gospel some of the Jewish audience became quite angry at Jesus because he said that pagans and gentiles were also included in the salvation he promised – something they regarded as exclusive to the 'chosen' people. The two accounts of the Ascension make very clear that the message and ministry of Jesus are to be carried to all nations – even to the ends of the earth!

28/29 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Elizabeth Williamson	Leela Cherubim
4 / 5 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
MORNING TEA : 5th June - Barbara.				

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)

RSVP (for catering purposes): Add your name to the list in the church foyer or call Elizabeth 0447195553.

An overwhelming number of parishioners have responded to our request to donate goods for raffles and door prizes for which we are most grateful.

There will be two raffles on the day with lovely gifts donated by generous parishioners, a silent auction and spot and door prizes. Remember to bring along your most colourful tea towel and or a decorated biscuit if you would like to enter the competitions. If you are unable to attend the St John's Biggest Morning Tea you may like to leave a donation at the Parish House.

GEMS 50+: No gathering on May 31st instead you may like to join us for the Biggest Morning Tea in St John's Parish Hall from 10.30a.m.

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 heidelberg@cam.org.au Closing date for applications is Friday June 10th.

THANK YOU: to the Legion of Mary for gifting each of the children who made their First Communion the past weeks a pair of Rosary Beads and a prayer card.

CONGRATULATIONS: With thanksgiving to God we are pleased to announce that Alisha McLennan will be baptised this Saturday at the 9:15am mass here at St John's. Alisha will also be Confirmed and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, and so be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Alisha's daughter Elle will also be baptised in the same ceremony. Do pray for them both!



MORNING TEA: in the parish hall next Sunday 5th June, following the 10.30a.m. mass. You are invited to join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

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.



PRAYER TO MARY

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with

Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

'Protectress of the Roman people,' you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY MARRIED: Juliana Infantino & Joseph Trombi.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Jack Coloe, Benjamin Park.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Alexander Dickson, Jean Ingram.

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

ENTRANCE : O RAISE YOUR EYES AND SEE

O raise your eyes on high and see,
There stands our sovereign Lord;
His glory is this day revealed,
His word a two edged sword.

We glimpse the splendor and the power of
Him who conquered death,
the Christ in whom the
universe knows God's creating breath.

COMMUNION: THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too .

We are pilgrims on the journey
We are travellers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

RECESSIONAL : THIS IS A JOYOUS HAPPY DAY

This is a joyous, happy day;
We celebrate your gift of life.
Christ is with us, joy surrounds us.
Christ takes our sins and sets us free;
He fills our lives with endless life.
Christ is with us; Christ unites us.
Praise our maker, praise the Spirit.
Praise Christ Jesus.

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

R./

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R./

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

R./

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

