



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  
house in Xavier Room. All  
Welcome. Fatima Statue  
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*11TH/12TH JUNE 2022, HOLY TRINITY 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.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

I haven't been as regular in writing bulletin messages to you over the past couple of months, which I am sorry for. I usually do enjoy reaching out to you in this way and I know there are some of you out there who appreciate when I do.

I can't say I'm enjoying as much in writing this one, as it is to let you know that I will be leaving the parish of St John's at the end of the month. I leave to take up a new appointment at the parish of Caroline Springs as an assistant priest, beginning Wednesday June 29.

We began here in Heidelberg on July 1, 2020 amid the thick of lockdowns and various restrictions. We battled our way as best we could with all that, coming out the other end with a few cuts and bruises but still in one piece! The last few months have been a lot better and the community has really been up and about. So it is a bit unfortunate that as we were getting to a point where we could really look ahead and plan for the future we've been asked to move on. Such is life.

My departure of course makes way for a newcomer. It was wonderful to get the news last week that Fr Vinh Nguyen will take up his appointment here as Parish Priest. Fr Vinh comes to us from the parish of Alexandra and Yea located out east on the way to Lake Eildon. Fr Vinh and I studied together at Corpus Christi College for a number of years and I consider him a very good friend. He is a man of real faith with a great love of Our Lord and his priesthood. Not to mention a great sense of humour! The parish is very blessed to have him and I know you'll show him all the support you can.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time here as your parish priest. Thank you to all who helped particularly during my time here – readers, choir members, sacristans, flower arrangers, cleaners and servers. To our finance committee and parish council members. A special thanks to Mary our secretary and Elizabeth Williamson our pastoral associate, for putting up with my disorganised diary and random requests. You've been fantastic. Thank you all for your love and prayers. Do continue to remember me in them from time to time. You can be assured of mine and a special place in my heart always.

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr Joel.

11/ 12 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Claire Newsome	Margaret Andrews	Leela Cherubim
18/ 19 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	Elizabeth Williamson	Mary Kotefski

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to Fr Michael Anghel who will be looking after the weekday masses for the parish over the next couple of weeks while I am away. Fr Michael is a retired priest who has recently moved into the area. You may have seen Fr Michael at a couple of the weekend masses recently. He is a most generous and warm hearted man. I appreciate his help and support very much.

**MONDAY MASS:** I am pleased to announce that the parish will now start to offer mass on Monday mornings at 9:15am. Typically, Monday has been a day I am away from the parish and therefore a day when public mass is not offered in our church. Fr Michael Anghel has generously offered to say a mass for us on this day. I know there are many of our parishioners who have a devotion to daily mass which is so beautiful. To have a brother priest provide for the parish in this way give me great joy!

**WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR:** I will be away from the parish for a few days over the next couple of weeks. With my leaving at the end of the month the timing is not great, but all this was planned out before I got the news I'm sorry. Next week I will be attending the annual clergy conference down at the RACV Club at Cape Schanck. The week after I am heading up north for a few days of annual leave. In light of this, there will be no Holy Hour on the Wednesday nights of the 15th and 22nd of June. I apologise for that but do appreciate your understanding... *Fr Joel*

**FATHER JOEL'S FAREWELL:** All are invited to farewell Father Joel at the 10.30a.m. mass and afterwards in the St John's Parish Hall on Sunday June 26th. Please bring a plate of food to share and leave it in the hall prior to 10.30a.m. mass. If you would like to contribute towards a parting gift for Father Joel leave your contribution at the Parish House (Tuesday to Friday 9.30a.m. to 2.30p.m.)

Enquiries please contact Elizabeth on 0447195553. A group card to sign will be available from this weekend and onwards in the church foyer.

**GEMS 50+:** The next gathering of the GEMS will be on Tuesday June 14th in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room at 10.00a.m. Join us for games, a cuppa and a chat. New members are always welcome.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL:**

next weekend, 18th/19th June.

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day. Next week Catholic Missions will offer us the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, our gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need. We hope we will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



**CHARISMATIC MASS:** on Thursday 16th June at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS:**

: Mercy Connect Melbourne is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centres. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. The training day is in July. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Tel: 9326 1895

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY**

Glory be to the Father,  
Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God. Glory be to the Son,  
Who by His Precious Blood opened for me the gates of heaven.  
Glory be to the Holy Spirit,  
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His goodness.  
Glory be to the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever.  
Amen.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Isla Friggi, Michael Reid.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian McGrath.

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

### ENTRANCE : TRINITY SONG

Father, in my life I see  
 You are God who walks with me  
 You hold my life in Your hands  
 Close beside You I will stand  
 I give all my life to You  
 Help me, Father, to be true.

Jesus, in my life I see  
 You are God who walks with me  
 You hold my life in Your hands  
 Close beside You I will stand  
 I give all my life to You  
 Help me, Jesus, to be true.

Spirit, in my life I see  
 You are God who walks with me  
 You hold my life in Your hands  
 Close beside You I will stand  
 I give all my life to You  
 Help me, Spirit, to be true.

### COMMUNION: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Make us your own, your holy people,  
 light for the world to see.

#### Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the darkness.  
 Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
 Longing for hope, many despair.  
 Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
 Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
 Longing for water, many still thirst.  
 Make us your bread, broken for others,  
 shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
 Make us your building, sheltering others,  
 walls made of living stone.

### RECESSIONAL: HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all the works Thy Hand hath made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty 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  
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
 And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze;

Ref..

### 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.

Ref..

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.

Ref..

God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,

Ref..

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.)*

Ref..

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

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

## FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 108:4-9

**RESPONSE:** O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him?

R./

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet

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## SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 16: 12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the  
Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



## A DIVINE COMMUNION OF LOVE

The Christian mystery of the Trinity arises out of a sense of God as an active communion of love. I say 'active' when perhaps it would have been more appropriate to say an 'outgoing' community of love.

The first disciples of Jesus came to understand that in their interaction with him they were being drawn into the unique personal relationship that he enjoyed with the God he addressed as 'Abba, Father' (Mark 14:36; see Luke 10:21-22).

Jesus' death did not put an end to this experience. A key aspect of the disciples' experience of his resurrection was a sense of still being grasped within this relationship between Jesus and the Father. So powerful was the experience that they attributed it to the creative power of God known in the Old Testament as the 'Spirit' (Gen 1:1-2; Ezek 36:26-37:14). So personal was the experience that, eventually, they came to recognise it as involving a third divine person.

So, without injury to the basic monotheism which Christianity derived from its origins in the Jewish faith, the sense of Three Persons in the One God came into being—not as an arid theological puzzle but as a way of expressing a sense of being drawn into a divine communion of love.

In today's gospel Jesus assures his disciples that their sharing in the intimate relationship between himself and the Father will not cease with his physical absence. It will continue through the gift of the Spirit, empowering them to extend that experience of divine love to the world.

*Fr Brendan Byrne sj*