



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.

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Vinh Nguyen  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**  
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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

**ADORATION:** After Friday morning  
mass with Benediction.

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):**  
Friday during Adoration, Sat 9:45  
am & 5:30pm

**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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**HALL HIRE:**  
Contact parish office during office  
hours.

16TH / 17TH JULY 2022  
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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.*

**FATHER TED CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD:** Our warmest congratulations go to Father Ted who celebrates the 55th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this coming week. Father Ted will concelebrate 10.30a.m. mass with Father Vinh next Sunday, July 24th. All are invited to the Parish Hall following mass for Morning Tea with Father Ted.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL:** Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone.



The St John's Conference of St Vincent De Paul will hold our annual winter appeal next weekend **23rd/24th July.**

**Envelopes:** SVDP envelopes will be available in church pews and at the back of church. Receipts can be issued by simply completing your name and address on the envelope.

**On Line:** vinnies.org.au. In terms of directing funds back to the Heidelberg Conference, we request that you state Heidelberg in the "Comments/Conference Name box" which is just after the postal address box.

**By Phone:** by calling 13 18 12 and again stating your donation is for the Heidelberg conference.

**Direct Credit:** BSB 063000 Account 103 17778 with a reference W22 and Heidelberg 911. In this way moneys will be credited to the Heidelberg Conference account and stay within our community.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are wanting to offer Morning Tea each fortnight after the Sunday 10.30a.m. mass. To enable this to happen we need some more volunteers to join the Morning Tea roster. If you feel you would like to join this hospitality ministry please see Father Vinh after one of the masses or contact Mary in the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 - 2.30 or by email Heidelberg@cam.org.au Thank you .

16/17 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Robyn Laurie	Mark Aiello
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Chris Ratnayake	Tim Boyle	TBC
23/24 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Claire Newsome	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	TBA

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:** Now that the numbers at weekend masses are returning to near normal we would like to reintroduce Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in taking up this ministry or you may have been a Eucharistic Minister in the past and would like to continue please see Father Vinh after one of the masses or contact Mary at the parish office: Tuesday - Friday 9.30a.m. - 2.30p.m. or email Heidelberg@cam.org.au Also let us know which mass you would like to be rostered on and any dates that you are unavailable. Training provided.

**GEMS 50+:** We will be meeting in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room next Tuesday, July 19th at 10.00a.m. for conversation, games and morning tea. New members always welcome .

**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.

**ST JOHN'S SOCIAL NIGHT:** Tues, 19th July 2022 at St Xavier Room; everyone welcome. Join us for cards, board games, chess, a chat or for a tea/coffee. Each fortnight on Tuesdays from 7 - 8.30 pm.

**MASS BY CANDLELIGHT:** at St Thomas the Apostle Chapel, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, North Greensborough, Thursday 21st July. Mass will include the Sacrament of Anointing. Quiet music from 7.30pm; Mass at 8pm. All welcome. Enquiries: Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

### CHOOSING THE BETTER PORTION

Two sisters, Martha and Mary, give hospitality to Jesus. Martha appears to be the dominant personality, perhaps the elder. Certainly, her hospitality is more active and practical. Her sister Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet and listens. This sets up the kind of 'triangular' pattern often found in scenes in Luke's Gospel: Jesus interacts with a character, usually someone in a marginal situation; a third character takes offence at this and grumbles. Jesus defends the more marginal party, showing how their action is the more appropriate in view of what he has to bring.

In this case, it is Mary whom Jesus defends. Martha fusses about preparing many dishes. (Think of non-Western cuisine when several different dishes—fish, chicken, lamb, vegetable, etc.—are placed before guests all at once.) Jesus points out that just one dish would have been enough. Drawing a metaphor from the meal, he states that, by simply listening to him, Mary has 'chosen the better portion'—that is, of the 'meal' that he is providing.

Many readers of this episode, especially women, side with Martha. Her complaint is very reasonable.

But this is precisely the point. Frenetic service, even service of the Lord, can be a deceptive distraction from what is most appropriate. Good people often measure their goodness by all they do for the Lord, forgetting that nothing that they can ever do could match all they need to receive. The Lord's primary intent towards us is to bestow life, love and salvation. That is the 'better portion that Mary understands and receives.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

### SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Oliver Robinson, Jonathan John.

**THE SICK:** Charlie Catujar, Noah Thorley, Bill Barnes, Joan O'Donoghue, Telana O'Toole, Aileen Powell, Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Brian Thomas, Frank Sharkey, Mary Eileen Lucy, Peter Morck, Kay Radzikowski.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Helen Roselvc.

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

## ENTRANCE : GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

### Refrain:

Glory and praise to our God  
Who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways.

We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains,  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings.

R.

## COMMUNION: LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

### Refrain:

Lord to whom shall we go?  
You are our bread,  
broken and shared.  
Lord to whom shall we go?  
Yours are the words of life.

Our fathers ate,  
yet their hunger remained.  
Their hearts were not satisfied.

R.

O Lord, you feed us  
with the finest of wheat,  
our pledge of eternal life.

R.

The bread you give  
is the living bread,  
your flesh for the life of the world.

R.

Your word, O Lord,  
is a lamp for my steps,  
a light for my path of life.

R.

## RECESSIONAL: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber!  
Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night. R.

### Refrain

Let us build a city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

## 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

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and  
Resurrection you have set us free.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 14:2-5.

**RESPONSE:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. R./

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. R./

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. R./

## SECOND READING Colossians 1: 24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to

make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.