



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

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

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6TH / 7TH AUGUST, 19TH 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.*

Dear Friends,

You may remember that on the feast of St Mary MacKillop, (8th August) last year, we found ourselves in a state of lockdown again. We could not gather in churches to celebrate communally this great feast. This year, thanks be to God, and although there is cold weather, flu, and the COVID 19 virus is still around, we are able to celebrate this feast here in our church at 9:15am Mass next Monday, 8th August. May we take courage from the words of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: *'God will carry you safely through every struggle.'* Let us continue to hold in our prayers all those in our parish community at St John's Heidelberg, in our country and around the world, who are suffering from the effects of this virus and from any other illness. As we celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), the first Australian saint, we know, appreciate, and acknowledge the greatness of St Mary. We thank God for choosing her for His great work among His people, and to inspire us with her charism, life and works.

St Mary, our remarkable Australian saint, is a great model for each of us who trust in God's providence. She lived and shared her life with us in this place, in this land, around Australia, Melbourne, and Fitzroy (not far from Heidelberg). Her whole life of serving God in the poor and needy inspires our lives to continue to reach out to those who are at the margins of our society. As St Paul tells us that: "Bear with one another, forgive each other," St Mary of the Cross also, in her words, reminds us: *"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can."*

May each of us be inspired by St Mary, to follow her example of bringing God's saving love to a world that hungers for justice and peace, dignity and life, education and healing.

We pray St Mary of the Cross bless us all and intercede for our parish community of St John's, for Australia and for the world.

With every blessing,

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: 7-14 August. Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

6 / 7 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm	
Reader	Peter Penson	Claire Newsome	Robyn Boyle	Mark Aiello	
	Vernon Curtis	-	-	-	
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Tim Boyle	-	
13 / 14 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm	
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	Elizabeth Williamson	Annaliza	
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana	
Morning Tea: 7th August - Francoise & Maria					
COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 31ST JULY 2022					
CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318			PRESBYTERY - BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
632.00	490.45	624.50	91.40	210.00	115.50

FEAST OF MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP: There will be morning mass on Monday, 8th August at 9.15am to commemorate the feast of our First Australian Saint.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: Masses at 9:15am and 7:00pm on Monday 15th August, a holy day of obligation. We are encouraged to participate at Mass on this special day.

ADORATION: Every week Wednesdays at 6pm led by Deacon Vinh Do. All are welcome.

RETURN OF THE MONTHLY SAUSAGE SIZZLE WITH MORNING TEA: Sunday, On Sunday following the 10.30a.m. mass you are invited to join with parishioners under the hall veranda to enjoy a sausage or two. Tea and coffee will also be available in the hall. Please join us if you can to reconnect with other parishioners in a social setting.

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL: Next weekend 13th/14th August. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken.

PARISH CONFIRMATION: This weekend we welcome to our masses the children preparing for Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as we encourage them to live out their faith.

SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS: in support of Corpus Christi College Seminary where young men are trained to become priests of many different dioceses within Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. There are

four prizes to be won - 1st prize \$15,000 Travel Award, 2nd, 3rd & 4th prizes of \$500, \$200 & \$100 gift cards each. The tickets can be purchased this weekend and next weekend after each Mass. They can be bought online (scan QR code or copy & paste link) <https://www.corpuschristicollege.org.au/pnf>



GEMS: We will be meeting in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room next Tuesday, August 9th at 10.00a.m. for conversation, games and morning tea. New members always welcome.

FATHER VINH VISITED THE GEMS GATHERING



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Gabrielle Stone, Luka Ladjak.

THE SICK: Helen Griffiths, Joan Pinkney, Margaret Thomas, Alice Hyland, Charlie Catujar, Noah Thorley, Joan O'Donoghue, Telana O'Toole, Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow.

ANNIVERSARY: Maria (Biviano Casaceli), Hilda Duff, Terry Green, Judith Kalotas, Peter & Maria Bortolin.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Elizabeth Donnelly RSM, John Barry Tobin.

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

ENTRANCE : ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat a banquet hall on
Holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

COMMUNION: COME TO ME

Refrain

Come to me all who labour and are heavy burdened,
And I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls,
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall never be in need,
Fresh and green are the meadows where
he gives me rest.

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
(Twice)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Twice)
Give thanks

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.

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!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

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.
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 you
Resurrection until you come again.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; or by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32:1.12.18-20.22

RESPONSE: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

R./

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

R./

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

R./

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the

country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

