



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

# ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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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 the Francis Xavier Room.

All Welcome. Fatima Statue

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*27TH/28TH AUGUST, 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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 Friends,

Who does not want to be acknowledged and honoured by others? In this Sunday's Gospel, again Jesus finds himself in the home of a Pharisee who had invited him to dinner. He observes how those invited were choosing the first places. It is a very common happening in life and not only at table: people are forever looking for the first place in the attention and consideration of others. Everyone, beginning with ourselves, has had this experience. But note well the words of Jesus who exhorts us to abstain from seeking the first place; it is not simply an exhortation to have good manners; it is a rule of life. And Jesus clarifies that it is the Lord who gives to each one dignity and honour; it is not we ourselves who give it to them.

Jesus' story tells us how we are to live, with humility, not putting ourselves first, and not making sure that we are in the places of honour and are acknowledged in public for what we do or who we are. We are to be among the least, to serve, eat with and dwell among those at the bottom. And we are to invite and make friends with those no one remembers to invite to the feast of the Lord and to a life of abundance and justice. We should be pleased to do as much as we can for those who cannot repay us. That is the way we are with God.

May God bless you.

Fr Vinh

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, 28 AUGUST - PRAYER

*God of might, giver of every good gift,  
put into our hearts the love of your name,  
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,  
you may nurture in us what is good  
and, by your watchful care,  
keep safe what you have nurtured.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

27 / 28 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm	
Reader	Peter Penson	Claire Newsome	TBA	TBA	
Collector	Michelle Penson	Colin & Mary Ingram	Frances Seymon & Stan	Robert Locke	
3/4 Sept	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm	
Reader	Pamela Smith	John McGrath	TBA	Mary Kotefski	
<b>COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 21ST AUGUST 2022</b>					
<b>CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318</b>			<b>PRESBYTERY - BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267</b>		
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**GEMS:** We will be meeting in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room next Tuesday, August 30th at 10.00a.m. for conversation, games and morning tea. New members always welcome.

**FATHER'S DAY!** Next weekend we remember and pray for all fathers and father figures in our families. We will have the opportunity to light a taper in remembrance of fathers who are physically absent in our life. As we light the taper we offer a silent prayer for all who cared for us in this role. We also pray for all departed fathers in our community.

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL:** Next weekend 3rd/4th September, as we celebrate Father's Day, we are invited to support retired priests in our archdiocese. These priests have faithfully ministered in our parishes and are now being cared for at this stage of their life. They need our financial assistance to be able to be sufficiently looked after. Please be generous with this appeal as we 'caring for those who care.' The appeal is being held at all Masses. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax deductible; receipts will only be forwarded for donations over \$5.00. Please find envelopes at each church entrance.

**ST JOHN'S SOCIAL NIGHT:** Tues, 30th August 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:** Final 2022 Mass by Candlelight on Thursday, 15th September at St Thomas' Church, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough North. Hundreds of candles and quiet, meditative music await you from 7.30pm before Mass at 8pm. Enquiries: Rose 0411650339 or Emilia 0418120902.

**END OF FINANCIAL YEAR TAX RECEIPTS:** are available upon request from the parish office. Please call 94571066 or email on heidelberg@cam.org.au. Donations to the parish are not tax-deductible.

**PARISH MAGAZINE – THE EYRIE :**

**Advertising:** Thank you to each of our current advertisers – please support them as they support us. We have a space vacant for anyone who wishes to advertise their business. The magazine comes out quarterly and goes out on-line to all parishioners and school families. Hard copies are also printed and available for all in the church porch.

**Content for the magazine:** We would love some input from parishioners so if you wish to write an opinion piece or tell us your story-Please ring the parish office 03 94571066 or Michelle on 0499891101 if you are interested in advertising or writing an article for us.

**DONATION POINT TAP TERMINAL:** Have you ever reached into your pocket during the collection, only to realise you don't have cash? We have the solution - a Donation Point Tap Terminal in the foyer of the Church. It provides parishioners and visitors who do not carry cash and are not subscribed to our Stewardship Program with a way of donating towards our collection. The machine is set to collect a donation of \$10 per tap. If you want to donate \$20, for example, simply tap your card twice. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

**TWO COLLECTIONS:** Two separate collections at all Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation.

**First Collection** is for the support of our parish priest, the Archbishop, the sick and retired priests and priests in less fortunate areas around our Archdiocese of Melbourne (it is taken up after the prayers of the faithful).

**Second Collection** is for the support of our parish, its welfare and maintenance (it is taken up after Communion).

**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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Madeleine Johnstone.

**THE SICK:** Aileen Powell, Helen Griffiths, Margaret Thomas, Alice Hyland, Charlie Catujar, Noah Thorley, Joan O'Donoghue, Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Nazzareno Anzanello, Dominic Hue Duong.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bill Moran.

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

## ENTRANCE : GATHER US TOGETHER

### REFRAIN

Lord, Jesus Christ, gather us together.  
Make us one bread, one body in your love.

Gather your people, who long to be one,  
One with you, O Lord, in truth and love.

### COMMUNION: I HAVE LOVED YOU

### REFRAIN

I have loved you with an everlasting love,  
I have called you, and you are mine;  
I have loved you with an everlasting love,  
I have called you, and you are mine.

Seek the face of the lord and long for him:  
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the lord and long for him:  
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
He will bring you his care and his love.

### RECESSIONAL: AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

### 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.

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### 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

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

**FIRST READING** Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 67:4-7. 10-11

**RESPONSE:** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R./**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R./**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:  
when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R./**

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am  
gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Luke 14:1. 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

