

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.

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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 house in the Francis Xavier Room. All Welcome. Fatima Statue Enquires, Contact Sue 0449260206

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5TH / 6TH NOVEMBER, 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, VR 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,

We have begun the month of November marking the two Feasts of All Saints and All Souls' Days. We are reminded of the Communion of the saints as we profess our faith on every Sunday and on a solemnity Mass that "I believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." It is that profession that captures what the entire month of November represents for prayer and reflection within the Church.

In the celebration of the feast of All Saints, we rejoice with all the saints in heaven to praise God. "We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: humility, a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage. We take comfort in knowing that from their home in heaven they intercede for us still."

All Souls Day reminds us of "our unity with all who have died. They are our 'brothers and sisters' and we express our unity with them by praying for the eternal repose of their souls." We focus our prayers especially during this month of November for all the departed so that they too will be fully united to God and all of the saints in due time.

The Lord Jesus, throughout the Gospel teaches us that there is an everlasting life, the resurrection after death, especially in this Sunday's Gospel he confirms that and as he says, "those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world, they no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection, they are sons of God."

Each Sunday and on a solemnity Mass we end the Creed with these words: "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come." Belief in an afterlife is one of the most important of our beliefs as Christians. Without it, our lives on earth are a journey to nowhere. With it, our lives on earth are a journey to the promised land of eternal life.

Hope is a vital part of life. What bread does for the body, hope does for the spirit. We spend a great deal of our lives waiting, hoping, and longing for one thing or another. But we know that this world can never fulfill our deepest hopes and longings. Only God can do that.

God has made us not for death but for eternal life. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

God bless,

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

ENTRANCE HYMN: 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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.

FIRST READING 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16:1.5-6.8.15

Response: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

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I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

R./

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke* 20:27-38

Some Sadducees — those who say that there is no resurrection — approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers.

The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup. We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

COMMUNION HYMN: 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 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"
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Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give Thanks

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Over the mountains, the waters and byways, valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going, he promised to be there to help us along.

And over the mountains we'll walk on together, to know all the wonders he's given to me.

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN

Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well; on the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's king; hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sins away, now with him in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord, we pray: Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Savior, you are God alone in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

5 / 6 November	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Claire Newsome	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Collectors	Paul Zebrowski	Colin Ingram	Michael Mathai	-
	Zen Zebrowski	Mary Ingram	Liam Reeves	
12/13 November	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	John McGrath	Margaret Andrews	Mark Aiello
Collectors	Paul Zebrowski	-	Francis Seymon	-
	Zen Zebrowski		Stan Jernejcic	

Morning Tea 6th November: Rosa & Maureen

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 30TH OCTOBER 2022								
ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318					
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct			
164.80	980.70	930.50	1390.10	413.95	224.50			

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).

MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Join us after the 10.30am. mass this Sunday for morning tea and a sausage sizzle. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to attend and socialise members of our parish family.

DEACON VINH: will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday November 19th at 10.00a.m. at St Patrick's Cathedral. If you would like to contribute to Deacon Vinh's ordination gift from St John's Parish please use the envelope provided and give it to Father Vinh, put it in the collection bag or leave it at the presbytery. The gift will be presented to him when he returns to St John's on November 20th at 10.30a.m. to celebrate his first Mass. A card for him is also available to be signed in the foyer of the church.

GEMS 50+: will resume on Tuesday November 8th at 10.00a.m. in the St Francis Xavier Parish Room.

FLOOD APPEAL - THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The Archbishop has asked to commend to the you Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State. Contributions can be made by calling 13 18 12 or at https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022 or making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase or via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

SAFEGUARDING: All volunteers are asked to undertake Safeguarding training either by attending one of the two sessions to be held in Francis Xavier Meeting room at St John's Presbytery on 29th November 7-8pm or on Wednesday 30th November 10am-11am or online at

www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/ You will need your WWCC number from your WWCC card to login. Please contact parish office on 94571066 during office hours or email heidelberg@cam.org.au for enquiries or assistance. Thank you volunteers.

CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL: Next weekend 12th/13th November. This special collection will help support the Catholic deaf.

ADVENT RESOURCE: 'Heart of the Disciple' is available in the foyer of the church. Cost is \$5 per booklet. Please use the envelope provided and place it in the collection bag or leave it at the presbytery or to Father Vinh.

November Mass Offerings - What Happens to These Offerings?: Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available in the church. The Bishops of the Province of Melbourne decreed on 8th of March 2001 that the offering to be made for November Masses is \$20.00. When envelopes for November Masses are received, the offerings are added together and then divided by 20 therefore giving the total number of November Masses to be offered.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Charlotte Pastro.

THE SICK: Margaret Thomas, Alice Hyland, Rosalie Prince, Aileen Powell, Helen Griffiths, Charlie Catujar, Noah

Thorley, Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow. **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Concetta Molinaro.

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

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