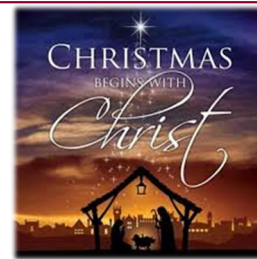




ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.

EXPOSITION: Wednesday 7.30pm-
8.30pm

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Friday 8.45am & 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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All Welcome. Fatima Statue

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25TH DECEMBER 2022, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

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.*

*Wishing all Parishioners, Visitors and Friends a
Very Holy and Happy Christmas*

Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to thank all of our parishioners for their ongoing support of our parish in so many different ways. I am very grateful to our wonderful staff & volunteers for preparing and cleaning the Church, altar servers, reading, providing music, Communion Ministers, our counting team, collectors, RCIA Team and everyone else working quietly behind the scene. Your contribution around the Parish throughout the year is very much appreciated. To everyone who contributes to the parish collections either on the 'plate' or by envelopes, direct debit, credit card or anonymously many thanks.

I thank the many parishioners for your thoughtfulness and care of me throughout the year. A special thank you for the way you have welcomed and supported me as your new parish priest. It is because of your faithful and constant support we are able to look forward to our future with a true sense of hope.

I pray that each of you may have a joyous, peace-filled celebration of Christmas with your loved ones. May God guard you and keep you safe these holidays, especially as you travel. I pray that you may be revitalized for the coming year and that God blesses you abundantly with all you need throughout 2023 – a new year of new opportunities for growth within ourselves, in our relationships with one another, and with God who continues to make his home among us.

God bless,

Fr Vinh - Parish Priest

FEAST OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST DECEMBER 27TH

Please join us at 9.15a.m. Mass on Tuesday December 27th as we celebrate the patron saint of our parish. Following mass you are invited to St Francis Xavier's meeting Room the Parish House for Morning Tea.

ENTRANCE HYMN: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
 his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
 and his name will be called Messenger of great
 counsel.

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*Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet
 of one who brings good news, who heralds peace,
 brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion,
 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their
 voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the
 Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into
 shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for
 the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming
 Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight
 of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall
 see the salvation of our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalms 97:1-6.*

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the
 saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord
 for he has worked wonders.
 His right hand and his holy arm
 have brought salvation. **R./**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
 has shown his justice to the nations.
 He has remembered his truth and love
 for the house of Israel. **R./**

All the ends of the earth have seen
 the salvation of our God.
 Shout to the Lord all the earth,
 ring out your joy. **R./**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
 with the sound of music.
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 acclaim the King, the Lord. **R./**

SECOND READING*Hebrews 1:1-6*

At various times in the past and in various
 different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through
 the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he
 has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has
 appointed to inherit everything and through whom he
 made everything there is. He is the radiant light of
 God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature,
 sustaining the universe by his powerful command;
 and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin,
 he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right
 hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the
 angels as the title which he has inherited is higher
 than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son,
 today I have become your father, or: I will be a father
 to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the
 First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of
 God worship him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
 A holy day has dawned upon us.
 Come you nations and adore the Lord.
 Today a great light has come upon the earth.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL*John 1:1-18*

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was
 with God and the Word was God. He was with God
 in the beginning. Through him all things came to be,
 not one thing had its being but through him. All that
 came to be had life in him and that life was the light
 of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that
 darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.
 He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the
 light, so that everyone might believe through him.
 He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the
 light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all
 men; and he was coming into the world. He was in
 the world that had its being through him, and the
 world did not know him. He came to his own

domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

COMMUNION HYMN: SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

What Child is this, Who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading: is pleading: **Ref.**

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own Him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. **Ref.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today:
ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today; Christ is born today.

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this:
he has opened heaven's door and
we are blest for evermore!
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
Calls you one and calls you all,
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save.

24/25 December	Sat 6:00pm	Sat 9:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am
Readers	Michelle LeMaster	Peter Penson	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Michelle Penson	Margaret Bradley	Brian McIntosh
31 Dec / 1 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Readers	Pamela Smith	Claire Newsome	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Christopher Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 18TH DECEMBER 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
134.90	826.15	525.00	495.00	74.05	2120.00

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).

JOY TO THE WORD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns,

Let all their songs employ.

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove,

the glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of his love,

And wonders of his love,

And wonders and wonders of His love.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES: at 8:30am & 10:30am

No evening Mass

NEW YEAR MASSES: Saturday 31st December, 6:00pm

Sunday 1st January - 8:30am, 10:30am & 5pm

ST JOHN'S PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: up to Wednesday, 4th January 2023. Urgent requests, please email at heidelberg@cam.org.au Thank You.

STEWARDSHIP (THANKSGIVING) ENVELOPES: The next instalment is available in the porch of the church.



Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for their various ministries with us. The St John's Parish Community wouldn't be what it is without the time and commitment given by them. We celebrated their ministry with us on Thursday the 22nd of December with Mass and light refreshments. A very special thanks to our Pastoral Associate Elizabeth Williamson for the lovely celebration.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Paula Staples, Marie Hankin, Vin Sier, Agnes Fernandez, David Morck, Alan Briges, Mary Stella, Margaret Thomas, Judy Catlow, Joan O'Donoghue, Aileen Powell, Helen Griffiths, Noah Thorley.

ANNIVERSARY: Elizabeth Dickinson.

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