



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.

**EXPOSITION:** Wednesday 7.30pm-  
8.30pm

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):**

Will resume after Fr Vinh returns.

**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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**HALL HIRE:**

Contact parish office during office  
hours.

## 14TH/15TH JANUARY 2023, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### 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,

The Christmas season for this year ended with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and last Monday began the first week of Ordinary Time. Today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. The main theme of today's Scripture readings is Divine vocation – that everyone is called by God to be a witness for Christ by doing something for others with his or her life, using his or her unique gifts and blessings. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for Jesus, the *Lamb of God*, by leading lives of holiness and purity. Today's Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we are to grow in faith and become witnesses for him.

Bearing witness to Christ is an active rather than a passive enterprise. Knowing Jesus is a matter of experience. One could know the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, all 700 pages of it, by heart, and still not know Jesus.

Bearing witness to Christ, then, demands that we should have personal and first-hand experience of Jesus. We get this personal of experience of Jesus in our daily lives – through the meditative reading and study of the Bible, through personal and family prayers and through the Sacraments, especially by participation in the Eucharistic celebration. Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the Good News of love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus.

The essence of our witness-bearing is to state what we have seen, heard, experienced and believed, and then to invite others to "come and see." Other people will see Jesus in our lives when we love, forgive and spend time doing good.

A dynamic and living experience of Jesus will also enable us to invite and encourage people to come and participate in our Church activities.

May God bless you all.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

### PLEASE Note:

*Fr Vinh will be on his annual holiday from Monday 16th January to mid-February 2023. During Father Vinh's absence, we thank Father Michael Anghel who will celebrate Masses for us on weekdays and weekends at this time.*

*Fr Vinh has requested some priests in neighbouring parishes to assist in case there is an emergency call for a priest. So, please contact Mary Peeris, the parish secretary, during office hours (Tuesday - Friday, 9.30 - 2.30) or out of hours contact Elizabeth Williamson or Michelle Penson, so they can approach a priest for you (see parish bulletin for phone numbers).*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**FIRST READING***Isaiah 49:3.5-6*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Ps 39:2.4.7-10.*

**Response:** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

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**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

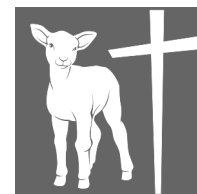
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***John 1:29-34*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



14 / 15 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Peter Greenham	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Christopher Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Leela Cherubim
21 / 22 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	TBA	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	TBA
Communion	Michelle Penson	TBA	Elizabeth Williamson	Sally Tramontana

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Terryna D'souza & Christopher Clark.

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Wal, Pat and Faye Kennedy, Gino Piermarini, Anna & Marcus Lai.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Cardinal George Pell, Sepfianto Arifin, Alain Loertscher.

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