



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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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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11TH/12TH FEBRUARY, SIXTH SUNDAY OF 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.*

TRUTH-TELLING

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an abuse.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person truths.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13)

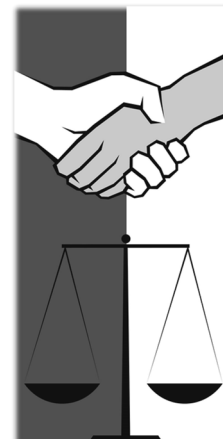
We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep all that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

Fr Michael Tate

ENTRANCE HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song of praise shall be:
Holy holy, holy ! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All your works shall praise your name,
in earth and sky and sea:
Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
 a mighty stronghold to save me.
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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*Sirach 15:15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
 to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set
 fire and water before you; put out your hand to
 whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before
 him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.
 For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty
 and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him,
 he notes every action of man. He never commanded
 anyone to be godless, he has given no one
 permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34*

Response: Happy are they who follow the law of the
 Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
 who follow God's law!
 They are happy those who do his will,
 seeking him with all their hearts.

R./

You have laid down your precepts
 to be obeyed with care.
 May my footsteps be firm
 to obey your statutes.

R./

Bless your servant and I shall live
 and obey your word.
 Open my eyes that I may consider
 the wonders of your law.

R./

Teach me the demands of your statutes
 and I will keep them to the end.
 Train me to observe your law,
 to keep it with my heart.

R./**SECOND READING***1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have
 reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is
 true, still less of the masters of our age, which are
 coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which
 we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God
 predestined to be for our glory before the ages began.
 It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age
 have ever known, or they would not have crucified
 the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the
 things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard,
 things beyond the mind of man, all that God has
 prepared for those who love him.
 These are the very things that God has revealed to us
 through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of
 everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
 heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the
 mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 5: 17-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I
 have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have
 come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell
 you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one
 dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law
 until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who
 infringes even one of the least of these
 commandments and teaches others to do the same
 will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven;
 but the man who keeps them and teaches them will
 be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I
 tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the
 scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the
 kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors:
 You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must
 answer for it before the court. But I say this to you:
 anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it
 before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he
 will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man
 calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire.
 So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar
 and there remember that your brother has something
 against you, leave your offering there before the altar,

go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

COMMUNION HYMN: LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with men, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love is his way.

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendor and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love is his mark.

Ref.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
This is my body, this is my blood,'
Love, only love is his sign.

Ref.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest your forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST IN THE HEIGHT

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

11/ 12 February	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Claire Newsome	Peter Greenham	Leela Cherubim
Communion	TBA	Christopher Ratnayake	Elizabeth Williamson	Sally Tramontana
18/ 19 February	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Margaret Bradley	Brian McIntosh	Leela Cherubim

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

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
74.35	804.40	497.50	329.25	392.35	1812.50

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).

PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023: This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death. Thank you.

MORNING TEA : Next Sunday 19th February following the 10.30 am Mass morning tea will be available in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. This will be an opportunity to welcome back Father Vinh and thank Father Michael. Parishioners and visitors warmly welcome.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): For the past 10 weeks three candidates have been working through a process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become in full communion of the Catholic Church. Our candidates are now well on the way of being prepared for the Easter Sacraments in 2023. Next Sunday at the 10.30a.m. Mass we will have the Rite of Sending Forth. This rite gives us opportunity to express our approval, to rejoice in the decision to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and to assure the candidates of the community's care and support. As we draw closer to the celebration of Easter we ask parishioners to pray for the RCIA Enquirers, Sponsors and the RCIA Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The Archdiocese of Melbourne requires all parish volunteers to undertake Safeguarding training. It can be done online at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

For those who would like to do it in a group. We have this available at Parish Meeting Room on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm. The training is to be completed by **March 31st 2023.**

A CHARISMATIC MASS: with Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Thursday 16th February at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All welcome. For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

"SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF EVENING PRAYER : to celebrate 50 years of theological education. Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO Chancellor of University of Divinity, on Sunday 5th March at 3.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Enq. at sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or 9412 3333. The celebration is open to everyone and we particularly invite any past students of Catholic Theological College to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 22nd, Mass times are 9.15a.m. and 7.30p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: David Morck, Franca Floreani, Cath Kemp, Margaret Frigo, Vicky Huffman, Sonia Robinson, Paula Staples, Marie Hankin, Vin Sier, Agnes Fernandez, Joan O'Donoghue.

ANNIVERSARY: Neville Caulfield, Catherine Cummins, Maureen Packer.

RECENTLY DECEASED: .

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