



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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Vinh Nguyen

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PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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MASS TIMES:

Tues to Sat: 9:15am & Sat Vigil
6pm, Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am &
5pm

ADORATION: After Friday morning
Mass with Benediction.

EXPOSITION & RECONCILIATION:

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:

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tues—Fri 9:30am to 2:30pm

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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1ST / 2ND APRIL, PALM SUNDAY 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.*

Palm Sunday-What might it mean to us as we begin this Holy Week?

The day is called both "Palm Sunday" and "Passion Sunday." The first name comes from the fact that it commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the crowd had palm branches. The second name comes from the fact that the narrative of the Passion is read on this Sunday.

It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, welcoming Jesus into our lives and asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death and Resurrection. This is the time of the year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation.

The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. These liturgies enable us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which results in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. In this way, we will be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. During this week of the Passion-passionate suffering, passionate grace, passionate love and passionate forgiving-each of us is called to remember the Christ of Calvary and then to embrace and lighten the burden of the Christ whose passion continues to be experienced in the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the aged, the lonely and the outcast.

Today's liturgy combines two contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering-the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of His trial which ends in His crucifixion and death. Let us rejoice and sing as Jesus comes into our life today. Let us also weep and mourn as His death confronts us with our sin.

Have a blessed Holy Week,

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

CHILD SAFETY: St John's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all our children, young people and vulnerable adults. Children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times in the church and when leaving the church for any reason.

ENTRANCE HYMN: HAIL REDEEMER

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
 Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,
 King, whose reign shall never cease,
 Prince of everlasting peace.

Ref.

REFRAIN:

Angels, saints and nations sing :
 "Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
 Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
 King of love on Calvary!"

King, whose name creation thrills,
 Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
 till in peace each nation rings
 With your praises, King of Kings.

Ref.

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.

FIRST READING*Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 21:8-9.17-20.23-24*

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
 let him release him if this is his friend.'

R./

Many dogs have surrounded me,
 a band of the wicked beset me.
 They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
 I can count every one of my bones.

R./

They divide my clothing among them.
 They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
 my strength, make haste to help me!

R./

I will tell of your name to my brethren
 and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
 all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.'

R./

SECOND READING*Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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GOSPEL*Matthew 27:11-54*

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished

making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including the
Virgin Mary, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess you
Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my
drinking it, your will be done.

COMMUNION HYMN: WILL YOU LOVE ME?

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Ref.

REFRAIN:

Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,
and the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world.

Ref.

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire?

Ref.

AS GENTLE AS SILENCE

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see he has given to me,
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
Have been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,
And his touch is as gentle as silence.
There've been times when I've turned from his presence.
And I've walked other paths, other ways,
But I've called on his name in the dark of my
Shame, and his mercy was gentle as silence.
Silence.

RECESSIONAL : ALL GLORY, PRAISE, AND HONOUR

Refrain:

All glory, praise, and honour
to you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel,
And David's royal Son,
and, in the Lord's Name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

Ref.

The company of angels
Are praising you on high;
as here on earth your people
Respond with joyful cry.

Ref.

1/ 2 April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Barbara Barnes	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Kevin Andrews	Elizabeth Williamson
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
8 / 9 April	Sat 7.:30pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Marguerite Ryan	Pietro Sciotto	Elizabeth Williamson	NO MASS
Reader 2	Kevin Andrews	-	TBA	-
Reader 3	Margaret Andrews	-	-	-

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 26TH MARCH 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
129.05	1374.90	250.00	613.00	408.65	380.00

First Collection is for the support of our Parish Priest, Assistant 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 : This Sunday 2nd April following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All our welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION APRIL 7TH: This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians, parishes, orphanages and to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: are available in the pews. Money from the Easter Offering (together with the collections to priest support) goes to support priests in our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in poorer parishes and the ministry of the archbishop. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Contributions (boxes and Envelopes) for Caritas Australia can be returned from Holy Thursday to Second Sunday of Easter. It can be placed in the collection plate or into the basket on the sanctuary or return them to the sacristy or the parish office. Thank you.

INVITATION: Parishioners are invited to the Parish hall after the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 8th of April for drinks and refreshments to celebrate Easter.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

HOLY THURSDAY: 6 April, Confessions 9.30am to 11am
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm - After the "Prayer after Communion" the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the Parish Hall for Adoration concluding at 10.30pm with Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY: 7 April

Confessions 9.30am to 10.30am

Stations of the Cross 10:30am in the church gardens & school grounds

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY: 8 April Morning Prayer in the church at 9am; Easter Vigil 7.30pm.

EASTER SUNDAY 9 April, Masses at 8:30am & 10:30am
(Please note- No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER: Learn the lost art of using gold leaf in one lesson! For adults or children. No artistic experience necessary. Thursday 13th April 10:30am or 7pm in the Francis Xavier Room \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, \$35 for family group 3 or more. To book, please contact Bernadette Thorley on 0408038561.



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Sue Lew-Kee, Lou Farinotti, Val Wallis, Natalie Richardson, David Morck, Cath Kemp, Margaret Frigo, Sonia Robinson, Paula Staples, Marie Hankin, Joan O'Donoghue.

ANNIVERSARY: Vera O'Callaghan, Dorothy Wood.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Father John Tollan.

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