



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

ASSISTANT PRIEST:

Fr. Kishore Reddy Gade Msfs

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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Michelle Penson (0499 891 101)

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

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Wednesday 7.30pm-8.30pm

Friday 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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29TH/30TH APRIL, 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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.*

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY-THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Friends,

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, I would like to share some thoughts of my own journey of vocation. I was born in Vinh diocese in the north of Vietnam, into a family with 9 children. Before my entry to the seminary, I was a mathematics teacher in a secondary school in Vietnam.

But my vocation to the priesthood started at a very early age. When I was a child, my parents used to take me to daily Mass, teach me how to pray and tell me lots of stories about some priests they knew. My Dad said he wanted so much to be a priest himself, but couldn't because of the political situation at the time in Vietnam.

Perhaps my sense of vocation began from then on. I remember I used to imitate my parish priest at home, his words and actions at Mass-acting out Mass at home.

When I was 16, I went to live with my parish priest so that he could support me in study and the spiritual life.

Then, although, I worked as a teacher for 5 years I came to realize God was calling me to a life of service in the priesthood.

So, at the end of 2005, I decided to apply to study to be a priest for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I began my seminary programme in 2007 at our seminary in Carlton, Corpus Christi College and I was ordained a priest on 28 June 2014. I have been a priest for nearly 9 years now and have served at five different parish communities including the parishes of Brunswick, Sunshine, Doncaster, Yea and Alexandra before coming to serve our parish here at Heidelberg. I always love my vocation and love being a Catholic priest. I find lots of joy and a privilege in my priestly ministry in my humble service of God and His people.

On this special day of prayer for vocations, could I ask you also please to pray for me, for our Assistant Priest Fr Kishore and for all the priests of the Church and all in the consecrated life that we may always be faithful to God, serve Him and God's people wholeheartedly.

Today, then, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, what does it mean for us? Hopefully, we can sense more deeply our vocation in life, appreciate it and feel affirmed in it and it encourages us all to consider the call of the Good Shepherd-the call to draw close to Him in the living of a particular vocation.

Fr Vinh— Parish Priest

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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: WE REMEMBER

We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you
when you come in your glory, Lord,
we remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls are yearning
just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

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 *Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with
the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud
voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that
God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both
Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and
said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do,
brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and

every one of you must be baptised in the name of
Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you
will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise
that was made is for you and your children, and for all
those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord
our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a
long time using many arguments, and he urged them,
'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They
were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted
what he said and were baptised. That very day about
three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 15:1-2.5.7-11

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I
shall want.

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,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R./

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R./

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R./

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2,20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing
punishment patiently when you are punished after
doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do,
because Christ suffered for you and left an example
for you to follow the way he took. He had not done
anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his
mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with
insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but
he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing
our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we
might die to our faults and live for holiness; through
his wounds you have been healed. You had gone
astray like sheep but now you have come back to the
shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10: 1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

COMMUNION: 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 : ALLELUIA SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne
Alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool,
heaven thy throne.

Thou within the veil has entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.



29/ 30 April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	Annaliza
Communion	TBA	Christopher Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Leela Cherubim
6 /7 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Jacqueline Lewis	Mark Aiello
Communion	TBA	Margaret Bradley	Mary Furlan	Sally Tramontana

MORNING TEA— 7TH MAY: Barbara & Liz (H)

COLLECTIONS FOR TWO WEEKS ENDED 23RD APRIL 2023

First Collection is for the support of our Parish Priest, Asst Priest, the Archbishop, the sick & retired priests, priests in less fortunate areas around Archdiocese of Melbourne <i>(it is taken up after the Prayers of the faithful)</i> ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			Second Collection is for the support of our Church, its operating expenses Gas, electricity, water, insurance, rates, staff wages, Church & ground maintenance just to name a few. <i>(it is taken up after Communion)</i> ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$750.60	\$2,772.80	\$990.00	\$866.20	\$713.67	\$1,175.00

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Each of us is called to live different types of vocation whether married life, committed single life, religious life and priesthood. But today our thoughts centre especially on the priesthood and religious life.

We may consider, in particular, how important the place is of the priesthood in the Church. We all know how central the priest is to the life of the Church and the celebration of the Sacraments, especially Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for vocations; it reaches out to young people with a positive message- to consider the vocation to priesthood and to the religious life, especially for young men to think of a vocation to the priesthood.

My own story shows that people make a difference- family (like my parents) can make a difference- by our words, our prayers and our faith. The sharing of faith helps to make God's love known and encourages us. May all of us know our vocation in life and may we be helped to prepare for it.

God bless,

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE : Next Sunday 7th May following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All our welcome.



FOURTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA :

in St John's Hall on Tuesday May 23rd at 10.30a.m. Entrance \$10 (on the day).

Enjoy a delicious morning tea, raffle, games, door and lucky seat prizes. At this stage we are looking for donations of goods towards door and raffle prizes. If you could help out in this way please leave items in the basket in the church foyer. Examples of items include sweets, chocolate, wine, champagne, tea, gourmet biscuits, pantry sauces, jam, pasta, movie tickets, department store gift voucher, or an idea of your own. Thank you in anticipation.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT: The four weekends of **6-7 May, 13-14 May, 20-21 May and 27-28 May** have been selected for the count. The count should include ALL those in attendance at the Mass, including babies.

GEMS: We resume on Tuesday May 2nd following our few week's break at the Henry Barkly at 12.30 for lunch. Bookings Elizabeth 0447195553.

PLEASE NOTE: After several years, we have now completed migration over to a new software program – **PACEM**. Parishioners on Credit Card and Direct Debits may see a change in the description on your account or Bank Statement for your Thanksgiving and/or Presbytery Donations. **'Fat Zebra'** is the provider PACEM is using to process your Direct Debits and Credit Card transactions through the PACEM program. This platform ensures the safety of your Credit Card and Direct Debit account numbers. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact parish office on 9457 1066, email heidelberg@cam.org.au *Thank you*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Charlotte Goodrope.

RECENTLY MARRIED: Laura Ryan & Jared Claxton.

THE SICK: Wendy Wales, Anne Caswell, Aileen Powell, Sue Lew-Kee, Lou Farinotti, Val Wallis, David Morck, Margaret Frigo, Sonia Robinson, Paula Staples, Marie Hankin.

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