



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 OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 9:30am to 2:30pm

MASS TIMES:

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday:

9:15am

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 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:

Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

ST JOHN'S HALL HIRE:

Contact parish office.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every

Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish

house in the Francis Xavier Room. All

Welcome. Fatima Statue Enquires,

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27TH / 28TH MAY , PENTECOST 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.*

"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit"

Dear Friends,

Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal Mystery-the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus-culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father (at the request of His Son), on Jesus' disciples.

The Feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church Jesus established more than 2,000 years ago.

Today's Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today's readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

On this Feast Day, we are reminded that on the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Advocate or Paraclete. The gift of the Spirit would enable his disciples to fulfill Jesus' commission to preach the Gospel to all nations. Today's Gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. *"Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained."* These wonderful words, which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit with the gift of forgiveness, are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But they have a much wider meaning. Those words remind us of the Christian vocation we all have, to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgmental and vengeful.

The Feast of Pentecost offers us the chance to look at the role which forgiveness should play in our dealings with others. Thus, we are challenged to examine our sense of compassion, patience, tolerance and magnanimity. Learning to forgive is a lifelong task, but the Holy Spirit is with us to make us agents of forgiveness. If we are prepared on this day of Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit into our lives, we can have confidence that our lives will be marked by the Spirit of forgiveness.

Come Holy Spirit, come and transform our lives!

With every blessing,

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: SPIRIT COME

Refrain:

Spirit, come, transform us.
Come be our breath, be our hope.
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Come be our breath, be our hope.

Deep in the womb of our heart
Reveal your presence, O God.

R:

Draw us to share others' burdens,
Healing and loving with truth.

R:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, 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 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles
had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard
what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven,
the noise of which filled the entire house in which
they were sitting; and something appeared to them
that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated
and came to rest on the head of each of them. They
were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to

speaking foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the
gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem
from every nation under heaven, and at this sound
they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear
these men speaking his own language. They were
amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these
men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that
each of us hears them in his own native language?
Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from
Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and
Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of
Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome –
Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we
hear them preaching in our own language about the
marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34.*

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the
face of the earth..

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

R./

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

R./

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

R./

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the
influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to
the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in
different people, it is the same God who is working in
all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is
given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many
parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though
many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one
Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks,
slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to
us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and
kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Save us, Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

COMMUNION: O GOD YOU SEARCH ME

O' God, you search me, and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
And with love everlasting, you besiege me
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning through and through
You are with me beyond my understanding
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me
Still I search for shelter from your light
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me
Gave me life within my mother's womb
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

AS THE DEER

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

Refrain:

You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver,
And the apple of my eye.

Ref.

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love you You more than any other,
So much more than anything

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LOVE

Holy Spirit, Lord of love,
Wisdom coming from above,
Gifts of blessing to bestow
On your waiting Church below.

Once again in love draw near
To your people gathered here;
Since our great baptismal day,
You have led us on our way.



27 / 28 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	John McGrath	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	TBA
3 / 4 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Claire Newsome	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana

MORNING TEA , 4TH JUNE: MARIA & FRANCOISE

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 21ST MAY 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 *(it is taken up after the Prayers of the faithful)*

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. *(it is taken up after Communion)*

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318

Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$490.50	\$701.40	\$490.00	\$688.00	\$390.50	\$1935.00

PARISH OFFICE ADDITIONAL PHONE NUMBER: The additional number that you can call the parish office on is 70643906. Please note that when you get a call from the parish office this is the number that will be displayed in your caller id. You can still call us on 94571066, it will be redirected to the new number.

MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE : Next Sunday 4th June following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All our welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteering during Mass is a beautiful way to share your faith and gifts. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our parish. Their generosity of time and talents allows us to be the physical presence of Christ in our world today. The various roles as to how you can get involved are: Lectors (readers), Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Welcomers, Collectors and Sacristans. Training will be provided. We invite you to take the first step in this journey of volunteering by talking to Father Vinh after mass at the weekend or by contacting the Parish Office 94571066.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS: This weekend at the various parish masses we welcome the children from our parish who are preparing to make their First Communion on the weekend of June 10th/11th Please keep these children in your prayers.

FOURTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA : Thank you to those who contributed items towards the raffle, those who attended the morning tea and those who couldn't attend but made a donation. You all contributed to the \$950 we raised towards cancer research.

WEEK OF GLOBAL PRAYER FOR CHINA: This Sunday marks the beginning of the third annual Week of Global Prayer for China. The Week of Global Prayer is a time for prayer for the Church and people in China.

The Global Week of Prayer was initiated in 2021 in response to the call of President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences **Cardinal Charles Bo** for prayer for the people and Church in China. Following the arrest of Hong Kong Cardinal Joseph Zen, Cardinal Bo has renewed and strengthened his call, writing "I urge Christians of all traditions everywhere to pray for Hong Kong especially, and the Church in China, as well as the Uyghurs, Tibetans and others facing persecution in China, during that Week of prayer." Pope Francis has also called for prayer for China during this time.

Please visit www.globalprayerforchina.org for more information about the Prayer Week.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Hugo Winstanley.

THE SICK: Michael Spence, Joan O'Donoghue, Graham Foote, Wendy Wales, Anne Caswell, Aileen Powell, Sue Lew-Kee, Lou Farinotti, Val Wallis, David Morck, Sonia Robinson, Paula Staples, Marie Hankin.

ANNIVERSARY: Jean Ingram, Giovanni Privitera.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Pikines.

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