



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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17TH / 18TH JUNE, ELEVENTH 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,

At last weekend Masses, it was lovely to welcome our young people who joined us to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi and receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. It was wonderful to see the church full particularly at Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 10:30am and 5pm Masses because on this occasion we also welcomed our children's families and friends who joined our community here at St John's for this great Feast and a such celebration. It is a visible sign of unity for a community in a celebration of the Eucharist. Let us give thanks to God and pray for unity and God's mission in our community. In particular, let us continue to pray for our young people that they may always be nourished by the Holy Eucharist so that they and all of us may grow in our love for God and for one another.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Each of us as a member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission. As Jesus instructs His disciples and us to freely give what we have received, he also encourages us to serve others with love and generosity.

God bless,

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: HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
Then turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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

Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 99:2-3. 5.

Response: We are his people: the sheep of his flock .

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R./**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R./**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R./**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

COMMUNION: CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me.
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me.
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

RECESSIONAL : GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart, I feel voices
whispering to me.
Words that I can't understand;
meanings I can't clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close,
lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into evening shadows
one more time!

Refrain:

So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord! (rpt)

In my memories, I know how you
send familiar rains falling gently on my
days; dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more, in the
Fortress of my mind, to believe in falling rain
as I travel deserts dry!

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17 / 18 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Mary Furlan	Sally Tramontana
24 / 25 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	John McGrath	Elizabeth Williamson	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	TBA

MORNING TEA AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER MEETING ROOM : 18TH JUNE - Marnie

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 11TH JUNE 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
\$2848.00	\$670.10	\$125.00	\$978.65	\$1731.80	\$470.00

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2023: We'll have our SVDP annual winter appeal this weekend the **17th/18th of June** at all Masses.

SVDP envelopes will be available in church pews and on the bench at the entrance door. Receipts can be issued by simply completing name and address on the envelope.

On Line: vinnies.org.au, in terms of directing funds back to the Heidelberg Conference, we request that you state Heidelberg in the "Comments/Conference Name box" which is just after the postal address box.

By Phone: call 13 18 12 and state your donation is for the Heidelberg conference.

Direct Credit: BSB 063003 Account 10081787 with a reference, Heidelberg. In this way monies will be credited to the Heidelberg Conference account and stay within our community.

Older women are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates. Your generosity will provide shelter, food, clothing and long term support to older women in crisis and help rebuild their lives.



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN ST JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE: Advertising space available in the quarterly parish magazine THE EYRIE. You can advertise your business and support the parish at the same time. This magazine goes out online to all parishioners and school families and hard copy is printed and given out at masses on Sundays. Contact Michelle on 0499891101 or email parish office: heidelberg@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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.

*CONGRATULATIONS to St. Martin of Tours Macleod/Rosanna
on the occasion of their
50th Anniversary of the Blessing and Official Opening of their church.*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Leo & Poppy Petkovic.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Joan Cannuli, Concetta Merlino.

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