



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

# ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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):**

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

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**22ND/ 23RD JULY, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR 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,

As I mentioned last weekend at all Masses sadly Fr Kishore and his religious order made the decision for him to return to India for a personal reason after only 5 months with us. Unfortunately because of the short notice, Fr Kishore did not have time to say farewell to our parish community, but he texted me saying, "I thank you sincerely for everything you did for me during my stay. I will remember you always. Also please convey my gratitude to the parish community as they showed me concern, care and love. I assure you of my prayers...Keep me in your prayers." We are very grateful for Fr Kishore and thank him for his time with us here, his ministry of serving, care and love for our community and we wish him well and all the best for his future ministry. Let us keep Fr Kishore in our prayers as he remembers us in his.

On the last two Sundays at 10:30am Mass, it was lovely that we especially welcomed our four young people Bella, Hannah, Mikaela and Madeline who joined our parish community for Mass and a blessing before they departed joining with millions of young Catholics from all over the world for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. Over the course of a week, they will have a chance to meet with the Pope. They are invited to participate in meetings of prayer, sharing and leisure. Besides that, before that week, they are in different groups to make their pilgrimage to famous and sacred places or shrines such as the Holy Land, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, etc...and after that they might be in a week of retreat and reflections. Let us continue to pray for them and for all young people of our parish community.

This Sunday is close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. So, today, the Church celebrates the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. In a message from Pope Francis to young people preparing for WYD Lisbon 2023, the Holy Father extended a warm invitation for them to engage with the elderly. He emphasized, "Engage in conversations with your grandparents, for they possess a wealth of wisdom." "From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future." "Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!"

Let us pray for our Grandparents and the Elderly in our parish community and our own elsewhere: "Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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

## ENTRANCE: PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST

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.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### 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 *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you

govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16.*

*Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. *R./*

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. *R./*

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. *R./*

### SECOND READING *Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to 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 13:24-43*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim  
your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

#### COMMUNION: 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 God has given to me, and the giving is  
gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment have been blessed  
by the strength of God's love.

At the turn of each tide God is there at my side, with a  
touch that is gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from your  
presence, and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on your name in the dark of my shame,  
and your mercy was gentle as silence.

#### LORD BE MY VISION

Lord be my vision, supreme in my heart,  
Bid every rival give way and depart:  
You my best thought in the day and the night,  
Waking our sleeping, your presence my light.

I ever with you and you with me, Lord:  
You my great Father and I your true son,  
You in me living and I with you one.

Be my strong armour, for you are my might;  
You are my shelter and you my high tower  
Raise me to heaven, O Power of my power.

#### RECESSIONAL : CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

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#### Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

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22 / 23 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Marnie Keenan	Peter Penson	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Marni Mant	Mary Furlan	Elizabeth Williamson
29 / 30 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Claudia LaCivita	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	Annaliza
Communion	Sally Tramontana	Chris Ratynayake	Brian McIntosh	TBA

### COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 16TH JULY 2023

<b>First Collection</b> is for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick & retired priests, priests in less fortunate areas around Archdiocese of Melbourne <i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i> ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			<b>Second Collection</b> is for the support of our Church, its operating expenses, staff wages, church & ground maintenance etc. <i>(It is taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</i> ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>Bank Direct</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>Bank Direct</b>
\$93.70	\$867.70	\$297.00	\$513.70	\$456.75	\$3458.00



**CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL:** This weekend, 22nd/23rd July at all Masses. Partnered with the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste to help continue life-saving program like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic run by them for families from disadvantaged background. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) PROGRAMME AT ST JOHN'S:** Are you someone or do you know someone who .....

- Just wants to know more about the Catholic faith?
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- May have experienced 'stirrings of the heart'?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



RCIA is a 'journey' designed for those who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to participate in the RCIA with your questions, your insights and your faith story. You can approach Fr Vinh directly to discuss and find out more about the programme. Or contact Parish Office during office hours on 9457 1066, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 to 2.30 or email at 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.

**GEMS:** There will be **no GEMS** gathering next Tuesday, July 25th as the Francis Xavier Room is unavailable.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE HEIDELBERG – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Heidelberg Conference of St Vincent De Paul serving people in the area for over 90 years is looking for volunteers to donate less than one hour per week to deliver food vouchers and/or Vinnies shop vouchers to people who are disadvantaged or living in poverty in the Heidelberg Heights, Heidelberg West and Heidelberg area. If interested to make a difference in people's lives or ask questions regarding volunteering for Vinnies please see Elizabeth after one of the weekend masses or contact the parish house during office hours, Tuesday to Friday 9.30 – 2.30.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**THE SICK:** Sandra Kemp, Alice Hyland, Cynthia and Giuseppe Amoroso, Desmond Ralph, David Pauloski, Peter Newton, Charlie Catajur, David Morck, Eamon Whealan, Daisy & Tyler Sanderson, Shelby Jentz, Michael Spence, Joan O'Donoghue.

**ANNIVERSARY:** John Ryan, Kay Radzikowski, Ana Pejic.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Nicholas Teague.

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