



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):

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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12TH/13TH AUGUST, 19TH 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,

On Tuesday 15th August, we will celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this Feast, we honour and celebrate Mary the Mother of God, assumed into heaven body and soul. Regarding the bodily Assumption of Our Lady, St John Damascene said: "It was fitting that she who in giving birth had preserved her virginity should keep her body incorrupt even after death. It was fitting that she who had borne the Creator and as a child at her bosom should have a dwelling place with God. It was fitting that the bride espoused by the Father should dwell in the bridal-chambers of heaven. It was fitting that she who had gazed on her Son on the Cross, receiving then in her breast the sword of sorrow she had been spared at his birth, should behold him seated with the Father. It was fitting that the Mother of God should be honoured by all creation as the Mother and the handmaid of God."

The Blessed Virgin Mary truly leads the way, she fulfilled her vocation in humility, and given her Immaculate Conception, the grave was no place for her body. Where she is now, we one day hope to be.

Mary completed her life as a shining example to the human race. She is offered to us as a model of deep faith, and as disciples of her Son Jesus, we are called to learn from her example so that our lives too can be offered to God in gratitude, just as Mary did, for Him to do great things in the world through us. No doubt, it is a big challenge but our complete surrender to God's will, like Mary, will make the way for God's goodness in the world.

Our Lady of the Assumption. Pray for us.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

PARISH CENSUS PROCESS: On your pews you will find a census card and pencils. Can you please take some time to fill these in after the homily. Only one per family is needed. Once completed please place these into either the first or second collection - either collection is fine. If you would like to take your time, you are welcome to complete this at home and bring it to next weekend's Mass where you can drop it into any collection.

This information will be kept private to the parish, and it is very helpful to us. A census allows us to know who you are and how best to contact you. All of our parishioners are very important and having up to date information helps us as a parish connect and grow in our faith together.

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: COME TO THE WATER

Refrain

Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!

Ref.

Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you!

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of
God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it.

Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain
before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by.
There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the
mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord.
But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind
came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the
earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But
the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there
came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah
heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and
went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14.

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

R./

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

R./

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in
union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in
union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I
want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental
anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned
and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers
of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were
adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the
covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for
them, and the promises were made to them. They
are descended from the patriarchs and from their
flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for
ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go
on ahead to the other side while he would send the
crowds away. After sending the crowds away he
went up into the hills by himself to pray. When

evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another.
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If you have love one for another.

RECESSIONAL : GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sins away,
now with him in triumph seated -
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

12 / 13 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Pietro Sciotto	Claire Newsome	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Michelle Penson	Margaret Bradley	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
19 / 20 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Marnie Keenan	Kate Mathai	Mark Aiello
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Mary Furlan	Elizabeth Williamson

MORNING TEA: St Francis Xavier's room 20th August: Michelina & Elizabeth Williamson

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 6TH AUGUST 2023

First Collection 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			Second Collection 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		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$221.10	\$922.25	\$217.50	\$557.90	\$390.95	\$2022.50

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Masses for the Feast of the Assumption (August 15th) are 9.15a.m. 12.00 (school) and 7.00p.m. This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL: This weekend 12th / 13th August.



As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday 20th August following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. All are welcome.



RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) PROGRAMME AT ST JOHN'S: 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 94571066 / 70643906 Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 to 2.30 or email at heidelberg@cam.org.au

CONFIRMATION: Please keep the young members of our parish who will be confirmed this weekend at St Patrick's Cathedral in your prayers.

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP 2024 DISCOVERY TOURS:

Monday 14 August 9:15am
 Friday 18 August 9:15am
 Wednesday 23 August 9:15am
 Private Tours available
 Please call 9459 2963



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK : Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Val Wallis, 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: Fransi Widjanarko, Houri Kouchayan, Helen McGuinness, Betty Heath.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Mullens.

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