



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

Welcome. Fatima Statue Enquires,

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**23RD/24TH SEPTEMBER, 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A**

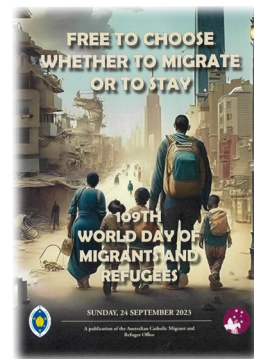
### PARISH PRAYER

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.*

### Migrant and Refugee Sunday 24th September

*"The migrant is not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door." We are to construct "bridges and not walls, expanding channels for a safe and regular migration."*

*Pope Francis*



### PRAYER

*God, Father Almighty,  
grant us the grace to work tirelessly for  
justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy  
the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.*

*Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world,  
and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children  
and the harmony of our common home.*

*Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,  
so that we can reflect your tender love  
to every migrant whom you place in our path,  
and to spread in hearts and in every situation  
the culture of encounter and of care.*

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

A reminder to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour for the start of 2023-2024 daylight saving period on Sunday October 1st.



**SPRING**

**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: LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU**

**Refrain:**

Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord.

Let all the peoples praise you:

Let all the peoples praise you.

O Lord, let all the peoples praise you.

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord,

And all the rulers of earth your glory

When the Lord shall build Sion again

Coming in glory. Alleluia

**Ref.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,

I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**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**

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

**All reply:** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18.*

**Response:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever.

the Lord is great, highly to be praised,

his greatness cannot be measured.

**R./**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures.

**R./**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,

who call on him from their hearts.

**R./**

**SECOND READING**

*Philippians 1:20-24. 27*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**All reply:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard.

Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius

each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go.

I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection until you come again.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

#### COMMUNION: 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

#### GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
Give thanks to the Holy one  
Give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ his Son.

Twice

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Twice

#### RECESSIONAL : CHRIST OUR LORD, THE PRINCE OF AGES

Christ our Lord, the Prince of ages,  
Christ the nations' glorious King,  
Whom we praise with exultation,  
Saints and angels answering,  
To your throne with true devotion,  
Hearts and minds and senses bring.

Come, O Lord, and claim your kingdom,  
Rebel hearts your grace can gain;  
Bend the stubborn will of rulers  
Who from homage still refrain:  
In the home as in the city  
Be supreme, O Christ, and reign.

23/24 SEPT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Peter Penson	John McGrath	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Margaret Bradley	Sally Tramontana
30 SEPT/1 OCT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Claire Newsome	Annaliza
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Elizabeth Williamson

MORNING TEA: 1ST OCTOBER - Marnie

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

<p><b>First Collection</b> is for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick &amp; retired priests, priests in less fortunate areas around Archdiocese of Melbourne <i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i></p> <p>ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267</p>			<p><b>Second Collection</b> is for the support of our Church, its operating expenses, staff wages, church &amp; ground maintenance etc. <i>(It is taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</i></p> <p>ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318</p>		
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>Bank Direct</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>Bank Direct</b>
\$220.70	\$1,204.40	\$967.00	\$495.10	\$458.50	\$638.00

**MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Next Sunday 1st October following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish hall. All are welcome.

**PARISH SURVEY:** As a parishioner of St. John's your opinion is valued. We invite you to contribute your ideas for the future of our parish. We are seeking constructive practical ideas and suggestions. The survey form has 9 simple questions and your name (which is optional). This is YOUR OPPORTUNITY to assist our parish to move forward, to share your voice, help build our parish community and a sense of belonging, It will help strengthen relationships, build a mission and vision with the love of Christ as the centre of all we do. Please take the form home to complete or complete it today. Return your completed form to the 'SURVEY BOX' in the porch of the church or email it to: heidelberg@cam.org.au before the 30th September.

**PIZZA EVENING:** Join us after 6.00p.m. mass on Saturday October 7th in the parish house for pizza, wine/soft drink. If you are able to join us please add your name to the list at the back of the church for catering purposes. All are welcome.



**KEEP THE DATE FREE:** Parish luncheon Sunday October 29th following 10.30am Mass.

**GEMS:** Bookings are now full for the trip to the Tesselaar Tulip Festival on Tuesday October 3rd. Thank you to those who responded to the invitation.

**REGISTER FOR THE MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Sunday 22 October 11am St Patrick's Cathedral. Couples and their families are invited to join the celebration of the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate. Register by 15 October.

**PARISH CENSUS PROCESS:** If you haven't completed a census card you can find one at the back of the church. Only one per family is needed. This information will be kept private to the parish. Having up to date information helps us as a parish connect and grow in our faith together.

**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) PROGRAMME AT ST JOHN'S:** Please 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

## Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary

### Pat & Colin Chenoweth

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Sean O'Leary, Nicky, Val Wallis, Alice Hyland, Cynthia Amoroso, Desmond Ralph, David Pauloski, Peter Newton, Charlie Catajur, David Morck, Eamon Whealan, Daisy & Tyler Sanderson, Shelby Jentz, Michael Spence, Joan O'Donoghue.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Rev. Fr Lawrie Moate SDB.

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