



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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30TH SEPT / 1ST OCTOBER, 26TH 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.*

OCTOBER-MONTH OF THE ROSARY

'The family that prays together stays together' is a quaint old saying. But it was a favourite saying of Saint John Paul II and Saint Teresa of Calcutta, and the daily practice of Pope Benedict XVI's family, according to his brother's biographer. Pope Francis says he keeps two things in his pockets at all times: a Rosary and a Way of the Cross booklet.

On this Sunday we begin the month of October, that is the month of the Rosary, it reminds us of our special devotion to Our Lady.

'The main thing about the Rosary is the use of it. It is a practical way of praying. It is a way of putting prayer into practice. Whether it is regarded as a precious tradition or a way of discovering new thoughts, it is meant to get the mind and heart moving in prayer. The Rosary invites the Christian mind and heart into the realm of the Holy Trinity, into the home and the world of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the world of the Apostles, early disciples. Once there, we can begin to see ourselves and our world in relation to the world of the mysteries and characters surrounding Jesus in the drama of salvation.'

As one of the joyful mysteries, we reflect on the story of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth: Mary sets out upon her mission with haste to Elizabeth. "Filled with the Holy Spirit," Elizabeth blesses Mary for the mission she has undertaken. Mary then begins her second mission, a mission to all people. She gives expression to this mission with her Magnificat.

The Magnificat is first of all a song, which is filled with mercy, joy, and hope. It overflows with gratitude, holiness, blessedness, and wonder at God's works.

May each one of us also learn from Our Mother Mary to set out with haste upon our mission. Let us ask Our Lady to intercede for us, so that our life may also be a 'fiat' as Mary gave to God and a life filled with mercy, joy and hope to be praising God always.

May Our Lady of the Rosary intercede for our parish community, our families and each of us.

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: BLEST BE THE LORD

Refrain:

Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord
The God of mercy, the God who saves
I shall not fear the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day .

He will release me from the nets of all my foes
He will protect me from their wicked hands
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure

Ref.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down
No evil settle in my soul

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces

sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9.

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

R./

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

R./

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

R./

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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 you Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

COMMUNION: SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

RECESSIONAL : SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Refrain

Sing to the mountains, Sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and song.

Ref.

Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Ref.



30 SEPT/1 OCT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Sheila Serrao	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Annaliza
Communion	Sally Tramontana	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Elizabeth Williamson
7 / 8 OCT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Peter Greenham	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Pietro Sciotto	Mary Furlan	Elizabeth Williamson

MORNING TEA: 1ST OCTOBER - Marnie

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 24TH SEPTEMBER 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
\$221.05	\$826.60	\$430.00	\$520.10	\$773.70	\$1330.00

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

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.



PARISH SURVEY: Thank you to those who have returned their parish survey to the box at the back of the church or emailed it to the parish - Heidelberg@cam.org.au

We value your opinion and encourage you to share your voice with us to help build our parish community and a sense of belonging. Surveys were due back this weekend.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL: The Appeal totaled \$1,536.25. Thank you for your generosity.

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

TESSELAAR TULIP FESTIVAL: Gems members and parishioners who have booked to go to the Festival on Tuesday October 3rd are asked to meet at 9.50am outside the parish house.

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. 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 The programme will commence in the next few weeks.

ANNUAL MISSION FAIR: by the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on Saturday 14 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the renovation and extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Sean O'Leary, Nicky, Val Wallis, 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: .

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