



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

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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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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7TH/8TH OCTOBER, 27TH 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 Parishioners,

It is with pleasure that I inform you of the appointment of Ms Allison Dean as the new principal of St John's Primary School from 2024. One of the objectives of the new Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools organisation is 'working in mission with our parishes.' I look forward to working with Ms Dean and welcome the continued cooperation with her and the staff.

At this time on behalf of the parish of community of St John's, I would like to express my gratitude to Elizabeth Whiting in her leadership role as Acting Principal over the past two years.

Beside is a copy of the message from Marwin Austerberry, Regional General Manager, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, sent to the school parents this week informing them of Ms Allison Dean's appointment.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest



St John's - Principal Appointment

12:00pm • Year 3, Year 4, Year 6, All

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware there has been a Local Selection Panel involved in the appointment of a new Principal. We would like to announce that Ms Allison Dean has been appointed as Principal, St John's Primary School, Heidelberg. Ms Dean is an experienced educator and leader and she is currently the Deputy Principal, St Mark's Primary School, Fawkner.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Elizabeth Whiting for her leadership in 2022 and 2023 and to the Leadership Team, staff and community for their ongoing support.

We are sure that you will join with us in congratulating Ms Dean and extending to her every best wish as she takes up the role of Principal in 2024.

Marwin Austerberry

Regional General Manager

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

Father Vinh Nguyen

Parish Priest

St John's Parish, Heidelberg

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: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

Refrain:

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things,
the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

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 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take

away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9.

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R./**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R./**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R./**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R./**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

COMMUNION: LIKE A SHEPHERD**Refrain**

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;

Jerusalem, here is your God.

Ref.

I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.

The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and
pasture them, giving them rest.

Ref.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,

I will give you rest.

Ref.**RECESSIONAL : FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION**

For the fruits of this creation, Thanks be to God;
For these gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

7 / 8 OCT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Margherite Bechelli	Marguerite Ryan	Peter Greenham	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Elizabeth Williamson	Mary Furlan	Sally Tramontana
14 / 15 OCT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Sheila Serrao	Pietro Sciotto	Kate Mathai	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Christopher Ratnayake	Margaret Bradley	Elizabeth Williamson

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 1ST OCTOBER 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
\$171.95	\$1,125.15	\$127.50	\$320.00	\$465.70	\$1367.50

Dear Parishioners, in two weeks, our Parish will begin a Parish Offertory Giving Campaign; this will involve re-assessing and re-dedicating the pledge you make to our parish. Leading up to this time, please prayerfully reflect on your offering and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart. Your offering is a personal prayer to God who is full of generosity.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

PARISH SURVEY RETURNS: As it has been holiday time and people may have been away we will now close the survey returns box on Friday 13th October. If you haven't as yet put in your survey in please do so before then. There are survey forms in the porch of the church. Your ideas and feedback are much appreciated. Thank you to those who have returned theirs to the box at the back of the church or emailed it to the parish - Heidelberg@cam.org.au

PARISH LUNCH: will be held on Sunday October 29th following the 10.30a.m. Mass in the presbytery garden. For catering purposes please add your name to the sheet either in the church porch or in the side chapel.

GEMS: Unfortunately, the trip to the Tulip Festival had to be postponed due to the weather. It will now take place on Tuesday October 10th The bus will leave at 10.00a.m. from outside the parish house.

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP: Expressions of interest are asked from those interested in joining a small group to pray and reflect on the readings during Advent. Day of the week and time of the day to be decided. Please indicate your interest on the sheet either in the church porch or in the side chapel.

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 this Wednesday the 11th of October at 5pm at the parish house in St Francis Xavier meeting room.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS: will be available for sale after Masses in November.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Maria Casonato, Loretta Roberts, Benedetta Tancredi.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Ryan, Noreen Condon, Henry Johnson.

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