



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.

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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 9.45am (during Adoration)

Sat 9:45 am & 5:30pm.

WEDDING, BAPTISM, FIRST

RECONCILIATION,

FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:

Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

ST JOHN'S HALL HIRE:

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LEGION OF MARY: Meet every

Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish
house in the Francis Xavier Room. All
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21ST / 22ND OCTOBER, 29TH 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.*

"GIVE TO GOD, WHAT BELONGS TO GOD"

In Jesus' day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot, a group who agitated for the end of the Roman occupation of Israel. One of the things they did was withhold paying the Roman taxes. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot. Rather than undermine civil authority, however, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. But he does more. 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's' is followed by 'And give to God, what is God's', which encompasses all the Caesars of this world, all civil authorities and states. The sense that we as the People of God can split off our obligations to the Gospel from the State is as false as it's dangerous.

We only have to think of some of the darkest chapters last century to see what happens when good, church-going people, like us, do not put their Sunday devotion in touch with their Monday politics. Evil can reign. Christian leaders, who are charged to proclaim and defend the Gospel, are obliged to use whatever forum necessary to declare that God's personal love encompasses everyone and everything under heaven. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us today, **God calls each one of us by name.**

At times we may not agree with our religious leaders; we may think them ill informed and overstepped the mark. Then we should enable them to consider other perspectives and to broaden the basis upon which they make their judgments. But we should never be seduced by those who want the Church sidelined from the mainstream of the debates that shape the way we live, the values we share, the laws we draft and the priorities we draw up for our human community. If the Church shows disinterest in any of this, it is untrue to the very things for which Jesus lived, died, and was raised from the dead. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance, however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place.

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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: SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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 45:1.4-6*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue
nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to
force gateways before him that their gates be closed
no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my
chosen one, that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me. I am
the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides
me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that
men may know from the rising to the setting of the
sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*95:1. 3-5. 7-10.*

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R./**
The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R./**
Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R./**
Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R./**

SECOND READING*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church
in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank
God for you all, and constantly remember before
God our Father how you have shown your faith in
action, worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you
have been chosen, because when we brought the
Good News to you, it came to you not only as words,
but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter
conviction.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 22:15-21*

The Pharisees went away to work out between
them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they
sent their disciples to him, together with the
Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an
honest man and teach the way of God in an honest
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because
a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your
opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar
or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and
replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for
me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.'

They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to 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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

COMMUNION: COME TO THE WATER

Oh let all who thirst,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
Let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
Let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
Bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord.

RECESSIONAL: PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL

Praise the lord, my soul,
Let fire and rain give praise to Him,
Give praise to Him who is merciful, slow to judge;
Bless the lord, O my soul!

Bless the Lord, my soul,
Let all I am give praise to Him,
And not forget he is kind, He forgives our sins;
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

PRAYER FOR VCE STUDENTS: God, our Father, we praise you for the gifts of education, intelligence, wisdom, and friendship. We pray that as the year comes to its climax for our VCE students, you give them peace of heart, strength of mind, and joy in their spirits. We pray for the grace of recollection, resilience, and for gifted hands and thoughts as they sit their exams. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

21/ 22 OCT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Marnie Keenan	Christine Soosairaj	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Bobbie Bartkus	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
28/ 29 OCT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Pamela Smith	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	Mark Aiello
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Christopher Ratnayake	Margaret Bradley	Elizabeth Williamson

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 15TH 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

(It is taken up after Homily)

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.

(It is taken up after Prayers of Faithful)

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318

Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
246.15	903.80	\$350.00	\$605.00	\$519.25	\$545.00

Dear Parishioners, this weekend, we will commence the Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community which will run over the next three weeks. The call to generosity is God's invitation to us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians. You are encouraged to prayerfully engage with this time. We look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: A special collection will be taken up this weekend 21st/22nd October at all Masses. Please give generously to help Church-run mission programs around the world by using the appeal envelopes. Thank you.

PARISH LUNCH: on Sunday 29th October. If you are intending to attend the lunch, please add your name to the sheet either in the church porch or in the side chapel; names are needed for catering purposes. Food and drinks will be provided. There will be entertainment for the children from 12.15p.m. to 1.15p.m. A wonderful opportunity to meet fellow parishioners in a social situation. All welcome.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Next Tuesday, October 24th about 60 young parishioners will receive the loving forgiveness of God, our Father, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep these children in your prayers.

NOVEMBER-MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: November Mass envelopes are available in the porch of the church. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. Our Memorial Book will be available on the sanctuary from November 2nd to record the name of your loved ones who have died.

"Remembering our faithful departed is "one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit." – Pope St. John XXIII

ALL SAINTS ALL SOULS DAYS MASS TIMES:

All Saints Day November 1st 9.15a.m.

All Souls Day November 2nd 9.15a.m and 7pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY MARRIED: Harshini Thiyagarajah & Brendan Walker.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Billie Bawden, Mila Nzenza, Lulu Friggi.

THE SICK: Caterina Chincarini, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Nicky, Val Wallis, Joan O'Donoghue.

ANNIVERSARY: Gertruda Krzysik, Kevin White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Achille Di Santo.

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