



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 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:**

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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**28TH / 29TH OCTOBER, 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR**

### 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.*

### *November-A special time to pray for the dead*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next Wednesday, 1st November we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Thursday, 2nd November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). The Church often speaks of the totality of the baptised as the Communion of Saints. The word 'saints' is used in the Scriptural sense as found in the New Testament when it generally refers to baptised members of Christian communities.

The Communion of Saints is formed of three groups. The first are those who can properly be called 'saints', that is, those who have died and are now enjoying a face to face relationship with God for all eternity. We sometimes call that 'heaven', but it is less a place than a relationship.

The second group are those who are living on earth at the present time and are part of the Pilgrim Church on its way to ultimate union with God in unending happiness.

The third group are those we are remembering on 2nd November-ALL SOULS' DAY. They are those who have died but are not quite ready to meet God face to face. Most of us would probably acknowledge that we are far from perfect and that we still need to go through some purifying process before entering the eternal presence of God. What that process is like it is not for us to speculate.

What we are reminded of today is that those who are already in the eternal presence of God and those who are still on pilgrimage on earth can help the group we call 'Holy Souls' to reach the Vision of God sooner through our good works and prayers.

November is a special time to pray for the dead. The infinite value of the Mass makes it the most important prayer we have to offer up for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We can also offer our prayers for their benefit, especially the Rosary, our work, the sufferings of life and all kinds of difficulties we experience, as well as the indulgences we merit for them during our earthly existence. Offering these suffrages is the best way we can show our love for those who have gone before us and await their definitive encounter with God. We should remember our parents with particular devotion and pray especially for our relatives and friends.

God bless,

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: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song of praise shall be:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore you,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,  
you were and are, and evermore shall be.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

**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**

*Exodus 22:20-26*

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

The word of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 17:2-4. 47. 51.*

**Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength..

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R./**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R./**

**SECOND READING**

*1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 22:34-40*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as

yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

#### COMMUNION: LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is His word, love is His way,  
Feasting with men, fasting alone,  
Living and dying, rising again,  
Love, only love, is His way.

#### Refrain

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is His way, love is His mark,  
Sharing His last Passover feast,  
Christ at His table, host to the twelve,  
Love, only love, is His mark. **Ref.**

Love is His mark, love is His sign,  
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
"This is my body, this is my blood,"  
Love, only love, is His sign. **Ref.**

Love is His sign, love is His news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'  
Love, only love, is his news. **Ref.**

Love is his news, love is his name,  
We are his own, chosen and called,  
Family, brethren, cousins and kin.  
Love, only love, is his name. **Ref.**

#### RECESSIONAL: PRAISE THE LORD, YOU HEAVENS

Praise the Lord, you heav'ns adore him;  
Praise him angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;  
Praise him, all you stars and light.  
Praise the Lord for he has spoken;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;  
Never shall his promise fail;  
God has made his saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim;  
Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,  
Praise and glorify his name.

**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.

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
4 / 5 Nov	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Margherita Bechelli	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Marni Mant	Sally Tramontana

**MORNING TEA**, 5th November: Marguerite & Tina

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 22ND 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
\$170.40	\$789.50	\$443.00	\$434.00	\$508.65	\$1372.00

*Dear Parishioners, thank you to everyone who picked up your offertory giving envelopes last weekend. There are still a number though which haven't been collected so please make sure you take yours this weekend. For those who wish to return your filled out pledge cards, you can return them in the first or second collections at Mass, at the parish office or into the designated box in the foyer. Thank you.*

**ALL SAINTS ALL SOULS DAYS MASS TIMES:**

**All Saints Day** Wednesday November 1st 9.15a.m.

**All Souls Day** Thursday November 2nd 9.15a.m, 7pm

**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*

**'MORNING TEA:** Next Sunday 5th November following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** The Appeal totaled \$647.00 Thank you for your generosity.

**PROCLAIM 2023:** Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into your local community. Hear from inspiring local and international people including Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Fr Rob Galea, Kym Keady, Karen Doyle, Ron Huntley and more. Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission!

Register: <https://proclaim.melbournecatholic.org>. Use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners.

Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au).

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**ANNIVERSARY:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Frigo, Bruno Bortolin, Giuseppe Bortolin, .

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