



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:

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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18TH / 19TH NOVEMBER, 33RD 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.*

SUCH A TALENT!

As Catholics we have no problem with the time-bound nature of the Bible. In fact, we appreciate it, believing that the scriptures deserve to be read within their context, and also need careful interpretation. It's only in the context of an agrarian society that the power of this text makes sense. In this text from the Book of Proverbs, which can seem so old-fashioned to us, was a liberating text in its day. A woman's right to work is not only defended, but also extolled. She is praised for her creativity, wisdom, goodness, strength, sense of justice, generosity, joy and faith. In any age and for either gender this is not a bad list of virtues toward which we should all aspire.

And these days of course, through the ongoing revelation of the Spirit, we believe that what the Book of Proverbs expects and praises in a capable wife, we should equally look for in a capable husband.

It is almost possible that Jesus had women in mind when he shared the parable of the talents in today's Gospel. What can often get lost in the debates about who should be ordained in today's Church, is that women have always and still 'lead' the Church in powerful and long-lasting ways. From the extraordinary abilities of religious and lay women in Catholic welfare, education, healthcare, overseas missions and theological reflections, to wives and mothers whose daily witness to the fidelity and goodness of God, this all reveals in innumerable ways the power of the parable of the talents. The reality is that if it were not for women's leadership, commitment and faith, it would be hard to see how the Church could survive. We would not be able to continue almost all of our ministries.

None of this minimises the pain and hurt some women have experienced at the hands of the Church. Some feel as though their particular contribution to the life of the Church has not been fully realised.

All we can hope and pray for is that we may find ways to use everyone's talents for the building up of the Kingdom of God, and that we may see that everyone's contribution, irrespective of gender, is precious and worthy of praise.

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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: ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat a banquet hall on
Holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here
the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace
and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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 *Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31*

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far
beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has
confidence in her, from her he will derive no little
profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the
days of her life. She is always busy with wool and
with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She
sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the
spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she
opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful,
and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the
one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands
have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at
the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R./**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R./**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R./**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything
to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since
you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going
to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are
saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst
suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come
on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for
anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for
that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all
sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to
the night or to darkness, so we should not go on
sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake
and sober.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The
kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad
who summoned his servants and entrusted his
property to them. To one he gave five talents, to
another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his
ability. Then he set out. The man who had received
the five talents promptly went and traded with them
and made five more. The man who had received two
made two more in the same way. But the man who
had received one went off and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time
after, the master of those servants came back and
went through his accounts with them. The man who
had received the five talents came forward bringing
five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five

talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

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

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

COMMUNION: YOU ARE NEAR.

Refrain

My God, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways ever-lasting

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.

Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm. **Ref.**

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there. **Ref.**

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun
in my mother's womb. **Ref.**

Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there. **Ref.**

RECESSION: TO YOU, OUR HOLY GOD

To you, our holy God, we bring our praises strong,
We call on all to laud and sing your joyful song.
Sing praise to God, who is the sov'reign of all things,
O praise the Lord!

You rule with might and strength above the firmament
We call on all the heav'n and earth to give assent.
Sing praise to God, who is the sov'reign of all things,
O praise the Lord!

18/ 19 Nov	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Peter Penson	John McGrath	Vernon Curtis	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Brian Mc Intosh	Elizabeth Williamson
25/26 Nov	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Margherita Bechelli	Michelle LeMaster	Elizabeth Williamson	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Chris Ratnayake	Mary Furlan	Sally Tramontana

MORNING TEA, 19th November: Marguerite & Tina

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 12TH NOVEMBER 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)

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 PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267

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

Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$365.10	\$709.65	\$245.00	\$603.90	\$470.80	\$465.00

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your involvement in the Parish Offertory Giving program. It has been so encouraging to see a number of pledge cards being returned to our parish office. The Pledge cards that were not collected have been posted.

Thank you to everyone who handed in their cards. We are now in the follow up weeks where we will be seeking any pledges which haven't been returned. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to carefully consider your offering and return your pledge cards to the parish office or into any of Mass collections.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

MORNING TEA: This Sunday 19th November following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

ANNUAL DEAF APPEAL: totaled \$483.10. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Please indicate your interest on the sheet either in the church porch or in the side chapel.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS: will be on sale after all masses this weekend. Calendars \$10 Christmas Cards \$5 pack of 5.

MARCELLIN COLLEGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS: Parishioners who have lost a loved one are warmly invited on Thursday 7th December, 7.30pm at Marcellin College Champagnat Chapel, 160 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen followed by a light supper in the Functions Room.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE PARISH QUARTERLY MAGAZINE-THE EYRIE: If you have a business and would like to advertise it in the parish magazine we would like to hear from you. Please contact Michelle on 0499891101. The magazine is available on the parish website, is circulated to parishioners and school families. Hard copies are also printed and available in the church porch.

St. John's celebrates 175yrs in 2026

Yes....It's not that far off!

We would like to get a 175th Committee together.

We hope to put together a book recognising our past, present and future. Also to run a few fundraising social occasions in the lead up to 2026. This will help build up our parish family, raise funds for the celebrations of 2026 and assist towards refreshing the inside of our beautiful church. If you are interested in being part of this committee then please ring the parish office 03 94571066 or Michelle on 0499891101.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Joan O'Donoghue, Samantha Bryan, Frank Dempsey, David Morck, Caterina Chincarini, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Nicky, Val Wallis.

ANNIVERSARY: Alan Ingram.

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