



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—10.15am (during  
Adoration)

Sat 9:45 am & 5:30pm.—5.50p.m.

**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, Contact Sue 0449260206

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*3RD/4TH FEBRUARY, 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B*

**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.*

**CHURCH RENOVATIONS:** Renovations to the church will be undertaken starting this Monday the 5th of February with refurbishment of the porch and rebuilding the entrance steps etc. The works may require the closure of the church from time to time or blocking of entry/exits. Sorry for the inconvenience and your co-operation in keeping ourselves safe when the works are being carried out will be greatly appreciated.

*Fr Vinh - Parish Priest*

**FRANCIS' FOCUS**

'Taking care of the sick of every kind', Pope Francis says, 'is an integral part of the Church's mission, as it was for Jesus.' It is our calling, he elaborates, 'to bring God's tenderness to a suffering humanity.'

Pope Francis' famous image of the 'field hospital' Church flows directly from Jesus' own mission, a mission given to the Church. Again, Pope Francis captures the essence of this Gospel succinctly. He says that 'it is a predilection of Jesus to draw near to people who suffer in both body and spirit. It is the Father's predilection, which he incarnates and manifests with deeds and words.' In reaching out to Peter's mother-in-law Jesus showed her and those around her that God was present.

In our own times and places, we are all therefore called to follow Jesus and manifest His tenderness towards those in need. In reaching out to a world in need the Church makes Jesus present.

And underlining all of this is Peter's mother-in-law. Unnamed, and unknown but for this episode, she serves as a model of Christian values. When she was down and seemingly out, Jesus helped her up. In doing so, He healed her. Then she got to work, thinking of others and seeing to their needs.

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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 PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come we before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he does us feed,  
and for his sheep he does us take.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

**CONFITEOR**

I confess to almighty God and to you,  
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*(And, striking their breast, they say:)*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*(Then they continue:)*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints, and you,  
my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**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**

*Job 7:1-4. 6-7*

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth  
nothing more than pressed service, his time no  
better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing  
for the shade, or the workman with no thought but  
his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to  
me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in

bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think,  
'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till  
twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days  
have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my  
eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 146:1-6*

**Response:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-  
hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due.

*R./*

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name.

*R./*

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

*R./*

**SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it  
is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be  
punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this  
work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I  
have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into  
my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this:  
in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News  
free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel  
gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made  
myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I  
could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made  
myself all things to all men in order to save some at  
any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel,  
to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*Mark 1:29-39*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James  
and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew.  
Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with  
fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He  
went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up.  
And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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

Save us, Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have redeemed the world.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

#### COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

##### Refrain.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need,  
Here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table  
Where saints and sinners are friends  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
To share the cup of my love.

Ref.

O come and eat without money  
Come to drink without price  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
With faith and fullness of life.

Ref.

My bread will ever sustain you  
Through days of sorrow and war  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
To flood the depths of your soul.

Ref.

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
will send my rain on the soil.

Ref.

#### RECESSIONAL : City Of God

Awake from your slumber!  
Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

##### Refrain

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning;  
We are daughters of day.  
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light  
for his people to set their hearts free.

Ref.



3 / 4 FEB	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Adrian Daly	Pietro Sciotto	Jacqueline Lewis	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Chris Ratnayake	Leo Cosio	Mark Aiello
	-	-	Charito Cosio	-
10 / 11 FEB	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Pamela Smith	Marnie Keenan	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Micelle Penson	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
	-	-	Liz Sier	-

MORNING TEA 4TH FEBRUARY: Barbara & Liz

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 28TH JANUARY 2024**

**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
\$383.15	\$938.45	\$360.00	\$796.05	\$623.80	\$550.00

**MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** This Sunday 4th February following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish hall. Parishioners and visitors are warmly welcome.

**BLESSED PALMS :** Last year's blessed palms/greenery can be placed in the basket in the church foyer. These will be burnt and used on Ash Wednesday.

**PANCAKE TUESDAY:** February 13th following the 9.15am mass to 11.00am. parishioners are invited to the Francis Xavier Room to enjoy some pancakes and a cuppa. Hope you can join us.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** February 14th. A day of fasting and abstinence. Masses with the ceremony of ashes at 9.15am. 12.00pm (school) and 7.00pm.

**LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP 'LIVING IN HARMONY':** We are offering an opportunity each week during Lent for parishioners to spend time in prayer and reflection on the gospels. Using the 'Living in Harmony' (booklet cost \$10) resource, the programme opens the Sunday readings and provides us with probing questions. If you would like to join this group, please use the signup sheet in the foyer. The programme commences on Thursday 15th February at 2.00pm. in the Parish House.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday during Lent, commencing on Friday February 16th at 7.00pm.

**ENROLMENT FOR ST JOHN'S SACRAMENT PROGRAMME**

The St John's Parish Sacrament Program is offered for children attending schools other than St John's School. The classes are offered for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. This programme is run entirely by the Parish and coordinated by the Parish Pastoral Associate, Elizabeth Williamson.

It involves attending compulsory Family Faith evenings, attendance at weekend Mass and participation in Catechist Classes.

Parents are asked to register their child/children via the parish office: 94571066 or Heidelberg@cam.org.au by February 29th, 2024.

Please note that Baptism and Reconciliation (also known as Penance or Confession) are a pre-requisite for First Communion.

Reconciliation and First Communion are pre-requisites for Confirmation. Children need to be Year 3 or older for the Reconciliation programme; Year 4 or older for the First Eucharist (Communion) programme and Year 6 or older for the Confirmation programme.

For further information please contact Elizabeth Heidelberg@cam.org.au or 0447195553

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Frank Viola, Bill Barnes, Kevin Andrews, Margaret Sinclair, Joan O'Donoghue, Samantha Byran, Frank Dempsey, Davis Morck, Caterina Chincarni, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Val Wallis.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Leo Milesi.

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