



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—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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10TH/11TH FEBRUARY, 6TH 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.*

LUNAR NEW YEAR

In our parish community here at St John's we are blessed to have people from many nationalities and backgrounds. This weekend February 10th/11th, many of us together with our families, and members of our own nationality and cultural background, celebrate the New Year according to the lunar calendar of East Asian countries (known to many as 'Chinese New Year') like China, Taiwan, the Korean Peninsula, and Southeast Asian countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam, etc... As I am of Vietnamese background I would like to share with you briefly my experience of culture and customs regarding the celebration of the Lunar New Year for the Vietnamese and how Vietnamese Catholics celebrate Lunar New Year. Lunar New Year, also known as Traditional New Year or simply "Tet," is the celebration of New Year according to the lunar calendar.

To people in the East, Lunar New Year represents the communion between heaven and earth, and between humans and gods. But the most sacred aspect of the day here is that it is a reunion day for all Vietnamese families. When Tet comes, no matter what job they do, or where they are, Vietnamese people look forward to reuniting with their families in these three days of Tet. A special sacred way for Vietnamese Catholics to welcome the New Year is that we prepare a pure soul by going to confession, doing charitable works, and visiting and giving gifts to the poor and the disabled. Vietnamese believe that these actions will bring luck and blessing for their families and children in the future.

On the night of January 30 (lunar calendar), most parishes in Vietnam have a New Year's Eve Mass. In this moment between the old year and the New Year, Vietnamese Catholics attend Mass to give thanks to God for the upcoming year and to ask God to help us to use the coming year, according to God's will. At the same time, we also apologize to God for our shortcomings toward Him and towards our brothers and sisters, especially our lack of concern for the poor around us as they are the image of God.

Vietnamese Catholics attend Mass on New Year's Day to pray for peace in the new year, for the country and for the faithful. They always trust this new year is in God's hands, and they ask God to guide them in living better each day for the family, for the Church and for society: "Entrust the way of life to the Lord, trust in him, and he will take action" (Psalm 37:5). We also ask God to give the poor people a peaceful and happy new year. On the second day of the Lunar New Year, the church is dedicated to remembering and praying for the deceased ancestors, asking God's mercy to forgive the mistakes they made while alive and asking God to bring them to heaven. We also ask that God bless the poor who have passed away that they may sit in His heart and be embraced like Lazarus was embraced by Abraham because they had suffered all their lives.

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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: 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.**

You are the one whom prophets hoped
and longed for;
you are the one who speaks to us today;
you are the one who leads us to our future:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **Ref.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 31:1-2 5,11.

Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **R./**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **R./**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R./**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink,
whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.
Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or
Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be
helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my
own advantage but for the advantage of everybody
else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched

him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

COMMUNION: BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

RECESSIONAL : SING TO THE LORD

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness! Alleluia! **Ref.**

Sing to the Lord! Praise the Holy One!
God alone is our salvation! Alleluia! **Ref.**

REFLECTION OF ARTIST: DR JENNY CLOSE

This is the second of three gospel readings about healing: last Sunday a woman with fever was revived, today a man with leprosy is cleansed and next week a paralysed man is forgiven and made whole. It is apparent that God's work of creation is an ongoing process in which Jesus plays a part. Through his hands the creative and nurturing power of God is at work in the world.



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	-
17 / 18 FEB	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Sheila Serrao	John McGrath	Peter Greenham	Mark Aiello
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Pietro Sciotto	Margaret Bradley	Leela Cherubim
	-	-	Mary Furlan	-

MORNING TEA 18TH FEBRUARY: Maria & Francoise

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 4TH FEBRUARY 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
\$458.70	\$968.25	\$380.00	\$724.60	\$382.90	\$2345.00

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On the third day of the Lunar New Year, Vietnamese Catholics are invited to pray and ask God to sanctify their jobs throughout the new year. We offer to God the jobs of everyone and remember especially those who are unemployed and those living in poverty. May God bless them with a New Year of success in their jobs so that they can earn a living.

In the spirit of the first days of spring and the New Year, each Vietnamese person constantly gives thanks to God and entrusts our lives to him; because he has always been the God of Spring, the God of Love and the God of Life. When we are willing to open our hearts to others, it is easy for us to open our hearts to God.

I am sure that many of us who are celebrating the Lunar New Year also see this very special time for them and their families as a time that they would like to share with you too.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Lunar New Year.

God bless,

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

PANCAKE TUESDAY: February 13th following the 9.15am Mass. 'Kitchen' closes at 11.00a.m. 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' 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. Cost of the resource booklet is \$10. Individuals may prefer to use the programme at home.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent, commencing on Friday February 16th at 7.00pm. We pray the traditional prayer of the Way of the Cross in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's passion and death.

ST JOHN'S SACRAMENT PROGRAMME: Classes are offered for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. for children attending schools other than St John's School. 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. Register your child/ children via the parish office: 94571066 or Heidelberg@cam.org.au **by February 29th, 2024.** For further information please contact Elizabeth at 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: Margaret (Peg) Power, Timothy White.

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