



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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Vinh Nguyen
ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr John Pereira

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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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17TH /18TH FEBRUARY, 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT, 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.*

RENOVATIONS UPDATE

As our parish prayer above says, "Help us to cherish and maintain our parish heritage". It is exciting that we now will have new safer steps at the back entry to our beautiful church. The old steps served us well for 170 years, yes, however they were not ideal and quite dangerous as there was no landing for our porch. The new steps give us that safe landing into and out of the porch.

The changes inside the porch are happening over the next week or two and will all be in place prior to Easter. The aim is to ensure a safe well lit entry and a welcoming uncluttered porch for the future.

We listened to your feedback in the survey and hope that you find the works undertaken improve the welcome, inform people of our history, and give better access, egress and lighting in the porch.

In the coming weeks a new confessional will be built in the back corner of the church and this will require the removal of two pews. The new confessional will replace one that was there originally and will meet standard requirements. The choir loft stairs will also be made safer, sanded and revarnished as well as have new safety treads on them.

The side chapel renovation will commence after Easter. We are moving forward and recognising our wonderful heritage as we do this.

Change is always concerning for some. If you want any further information or have query, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

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: HOSEA (COME BACK TO ME)

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
So must we to others' call.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you
To your heart where I will speak
Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life.

You shall sleep secure with peace;
Faithfulness will be your joy.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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.

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the

clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 24:4-9.

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

R./

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

R./

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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!



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	-
24 / 25 FEB	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Margherita Bechelli	Michelle LeMaster	Christine Soosairaj	Annaliza
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Christopher Ratnayake	Liz Sier	Sally Tramontana
	-	-	Olivia Musitano	-

MORNING TEA 18TH FEBRUARY: Maria & Francoise

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 11TH 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

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MORNING TEA: This Sunday 18th February following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): On Sunday our RCIA candidate will participate in the Rite of Election ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral along with hundreds of candidates from all over the Archdiocese of Melbourne. They will be presented to Archbishop Comensoli. It marks the beginning of the final preparations of our candidate, Cassie, towards receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep her in your prayers.

PROJECT COMPASSION: This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world. You can also donate by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413 413.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday \$127.50 Lent, commencing on Friday February 16th at 7.00pm.

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 Heidelberg@cam.org.au or 0447195553 .

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL - PREP 2025 SCHOOL TOURS:

- Friday, 23 February at 9.15am
- Wednesday, 6 March at 9:15am
- Tuesday, 12 March at 9.15am
- Monday, 25 March at 9.15am
- Wednesday, 27 March at 5:00pm

Please call 9459 2963 to make a booking.

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: Kazik Radzikowski, Vicky Huffman.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marita Ryan.

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