



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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2ND / 3RD MARCH, 3RD 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.*

FRANCIS' FOCUS

'Jesus' behaviour recounted in today's Gospel passage', Pope Francis says, 'exhorts us to live our life not in search of our own advantage and interests, but for the glory of God who is love.' The Pope suggests that Jesus' action in the Temple should be seen as being deliberately and provocatively prophetic. Jesus was not throwing a tantrum! Rather, He was making a point: something was awry in the way people understood and used the Temple. Hearts and behaviours needed to change.

For his 2024 Lenten message, Pope Francis chose to focus on the first of today's readings concerning God's self-revelation on Mount Sinai. The Pope notes that there was considerable resistance in the background of this great moment. Below the mountain there was what the Pope called a 'nostalgia for slavery that paralysed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward.' Times change, and so must we all.

Given that Lent is 'a season of conversion, a time of freedom', the Pope encourages us Christians to refocus our attention on the needs of all. This is a season for 'communitarian decisions ... capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods', he said. We should reflect on 'the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon.' We should ask ourselves, what Temple tables and transactions need overturning in our own time. As the Pope so powerfully says: 'Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus.'

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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: STRONG AND CONSTANT

I will be the Spirit who walks with you!
You will be always within my hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!

Refrain

Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

Should you wander far away from me,
I will search for you in ev-'ry land!
Should you call, then you will truly know:

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

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

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these

hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18:8-11.

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

R./

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

R./

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just

R./

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

COMMUNION: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Seed, scattered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The Living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,
Work of our hands, one cup that is
Shared by all; the Living Cup,
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,
A sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
The blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock
Will wither and will die,
The seed within good ground
Will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills
Was gathered and was grown,
So may the Church of God
Be gathered into one,

RECESSIONAL : 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.



2 / 3 MARCH	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Pietro Sciotto	Leo Cosio	Leela Cherubim
	-	-	Charito Cosio	-
9 / 10 MARCH	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Christine Soosairaj	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
			Liz Sier	

MORNING TEA 3RD MARCH: Marguerite & Tina

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 25TH 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
\$526.00	\$1,141.15	\$524.00	\$1,690.80	\$564.70	\$1,371.00

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: This Sunday 3rd March following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent, at 7.00pm in the church.

MERCY MELBOURNE TUESDAY MARCH 19TH: Mercy Melbourne is an initiative that invites parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to open their doors in welcome for a special evening of prayer and Confessions. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord.

Our programme here at St John's on 19th March is as follows:

6.00pm – 7.00pm. : Adoration & Confession

7.00pm : Mass

8.00pm - 9.00pm : Adoration & Confession

DONATION POINT TAP: Is now available in front of the closed entrance door to donate by credit card until our porch work is completed. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE HEIDELBERG: Applications for Year 7 2026 closes on Friday 16 August 2024. Grade 5 students from local parishes can book in a College Tour or apply online now via our website: <https://www.olmc.vic.edu.au/>

PROJECT COMPASSION: Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. 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.

VOCATIONS NEWS: "We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year: Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble. Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort! Please continue to pray for them!" - Vocations Team

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

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: William Foote.

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