



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
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30TH/31ST MARCH, EASTER SUNDAY, 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.*

Dear Friends,

We are told at the beginning of today's Easter Sunday Gospel: 'It was very early on the first day of the week and "still dark."' So, we will talk about "the darkness" here, because it can be said that Easter began in the dark and began in the tomb.

But the Easter story has its finest expression in the new life in Christ, when St John says in another place in his first letter: "The night is over and the real light is already shining. Anyone who claims to be the light but hates his brother is still in the dark."

The Easter we celebrate is an invitation out of darkness into the light of the Risen Christ. In that light we see Him and recognize each other as brother and sister in the Lord. It is that light which enables us to tell that night has ended and day is on its way back.

In the Gospel story today, when Peter and the beloved disciple hear Mary Magdalene's story they immediately start running for the tomb, and we have a marvellous action picture of the 'Easter jog'! The beloved disciple runs faster than Peter, reaches the tomb first, looks in to see the cloths laying on the ground then waits for Peter. Peter goes in and sees the cloths. The climax of the story is when the beloved disciple goes in and sees the same evidence: in contrast to Peter, he believes. He sees more than discarded cloths-he sees with the eyes of faith what this means. His is a love that sees through the dark.

One of the marks of John's Gospel is the special love between Jesus and one of the disciples. The beloved disciple is presented as the ideal follower of Jesus, the one who is closest to him at the Last Supper, and the one who stands at the foot of the cross when he dies. Now in running to the tomb on Easter morning, the urgency of his love gets him there first, and the sensitivity of his love makes him the first to believe. Later when Jesus stands unrecognized on the shore of Lake Tiberias, it is the beloved disciple who informs Peter: "It is the Lord." His is a love that gets him there first.

How about us? As we are celebrating the Paschal Mystery- the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us look to the quality of our own seeing and hope, so that when the time comes we too will have the love to enable us to see through the dark. May we also be like the beloved disciple to have that love for Jesus and that eye of faith. In celebrating Easter we rejoice in the light that darkness cannot overpower; we celebrate that God raised Jesus from the dead and that God extends that homecoming to all of us; we praise God for the faith that challenges us always to see more in others, because of our love for our God.

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you all.

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: CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Father we praise you as Lord,
All of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed apostles sing praise;
Prophets and martyrs give glory;
"For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!"

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

You are the Christ ever lasting
Born for us all of a Virgin,
You have conquered death,
Opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Help those you saved by your blood, raise them to
life with your martyrs,
Save your people, Lord, as their ruler raise them up.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

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 *Acts of the Apostles 10:34,37-43*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23*

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end. '

R./

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

R./

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

R./

SECOND READING *Colossians 3:1-4*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in

God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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 you Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION: EASTER GLORY FILLS THE SKY

Easter glory fills the sky; alleluia;
Christ now lives, no more to die; alleluia;
Darkness has been put to flight, alleluia;
By the living Lord of light, alleluia!

See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia;
From the tomb where, once he lay; alleluia;
He has risen as he said alleluia;
Glorious first born of the dead, alleluia!

Mary Mother, greet your Son, alleluia;
Radiant from his triumph won; alleluia;
By his cross you shared his pain, alleluia;
So forever share his reign, alleluia!

RECESSIONAL : JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our Triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who died once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!



HAPPY EASTER!

31 / 31 MARCH	EASTER VIGIL 7:30PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Kevin & Margaret	Claire Newsome	Christine Soosairaj	NO MASS
	Marguerite Ryan	Vernon Curtis	Elizabeth Williamson	
	Cassandra Abeynaike	-	-	
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	
			Liz Sier	
6 / 7 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Peter Penson	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Michelle Penson	Leo & Charito Cosio	Olivia Musitano

MORNING TEA: 7th April - Maureen & Rosa

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 24TH MARCH 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)

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
\$482.60	\$1,193.35	\$631.00	\$979.25	\$768.15	\$1,634.00

INVITATION: Please join us in the parish hall following the Easter Vigil to celebrate the greatest feast in the Church's Year and to congratulate Cassie on her full initiation into the Catholic Church.

THANK YOU everyone who was involved in any of our Easter liturgies in any way. Hours of thought and preparation went into making the celebrations worthy of The One whom we celebrated.



There were many who led us in reading, singing and ministering to us in various ways, and to those who prepared the environment of the Church. It is greatly appreciated!

GEMS: The GEMS will take a break for a few weeks and meet again on Tuesday 16th April.

THE ALPHA COURSE - AN EXCITING REFRESHER COURSE IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH: at St Francis will start on Thursday, 11th April, 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm, at St Francis Hall, 290 Childs Road Mill Park. Alpha runs for ten Thursdays. Explore questions of life and faith and make new friendships at Alpha! Everyone is invited! Come and bring a friend! Enquiries contact Ruth on 9407 6700 or Email: Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au For booking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPYNW>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL: celebration at St John's from 3pm.

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Next Sunday 7th April following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: are available in the pews. Money from the Easter Offering (together with the collections to priest support) goes to support priests in our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in poorer parishes and the ministry of the archbishop. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION: THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or envelopes at home, please bring them back next week. It can be placed in the collection plate or return them to the sacristy or the parish office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Jacques Coomans, 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.

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