



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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13TH / 14TH APRIL , THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis draws our attention to the three key verbs: look, touch, and eat.

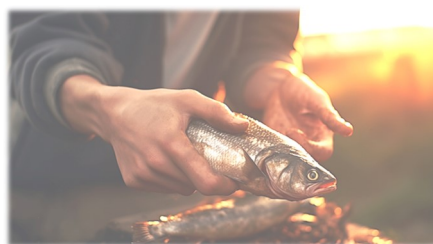
'To look is not only to see,' the Pope points out, adding that 'it is more; it also involves intention, will.' When Jesus asks the disciples to look at his hands and feet, therefore, he is not only offering visual proof of identity. Rather, Jesus is inviting his disciples to look at his wounded limbs as 'a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others.' Jesus' wounds are still present for those with the courage to look at them.

Similarly, Jesus' invitation to the disciples to confirm his presence by touch has a teaching element too. 'By inviting the disciples to touch him,' the Pope suggests, 'Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain "at a distance".' Having seen the wounds, we must be close to the wounded.

Finally, by eating with his disciples Jesus again did more than prove he was physically present at that specific moment. As the Pope points out, 'eating, when we do so together, among family or friends ... becomes an expression of love, and expression of communion.'

Once again, the Gospel suggests Jesus' action had a deeper meaning about Jesus' continuing presence among his followers. As St Augustine said of the Eucharist, we become what we consume, which means something truly amazing: The Risen Jesus still eats with us!

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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: 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!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, 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 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 4:2. 4. 7. 9

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me!

R./

It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;

the Lord hears me whenever I call him .

R./

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

R./

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

R./

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Luke 24:35-48*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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 : MY LORD HE DIED FOR A KINGDOM

My Lord, He died for a Kingdom
To redeem the hearts of men.
Now my people don't you weep,
He has risen from His sleep.
He lives again, alleluia.

Refrain:

Sing alleluia! The Lord is risen,
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

My Lord came forth like the morning
With the splendour of the sun,
Came triumphant from the womb,
From the darkness of the tomb,
The victory won, alleluia.

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13 / 14 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Marnie Keenan	Margaret Andrews	Mark Aiello
Communion	TBA	Chris Ratnayake	Margaret Bradley	Elizabeth Williamson
	-	-	Mary Furlan	-
20 / 21 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Margherita Bechelli	Pietro Sciotto	Peter Greenham	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Bobbie Bartkus	Liz Sier	Sally Tramontana
	-	-	Olivia Musitano	-

MORNING TEA: 21st April - Beba & Margaret

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 7TH APRIL 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
\$355.35	\$1,251.80	\$419.50	\$594.10	\$576.80	\$2,095.50

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday 21st April following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall.

PROJECT COMPASSION: The Appeal totalled \$1,805.55. THANK YOU for your generosity.

FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES: Next weekend at the various parish Masses some young people of our parish who are preparing to make their First Communion will be presented to the St John's Parish Community. They will make a commitment to their preparation. Please keep them in your prayers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on 4 May 2024 Saturday, 10:00 -11.45am. For more information: The links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video

<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage

<https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>



FIFTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S - MAY 21ST:

Australia's Biggest Morning

Tea is one of Australia's most well known fundraising events and plays a vital role in raising money towards Cancer Council's work in research, education, prevention and support. As an independent, not-for-profit organisation, the Cancer Council play a leading role in reducing the impact of all cancers on all people.

Here at St John's, we are hosting a **BIGGEST MORNING TEA** in St John's Hall on Tuesday May 21st at 10.30a.m. Entrance \$10 (on the day). Enjoy a delicious morning tea, raffle, games, door and lucky seat prizes.

At this stage we are looking for donations of goods towards door and raffle prizes. If you could help out in this way, please leave items in the basket in the church foyer. Examples of items include sweets, chocolate, wine, champagne, tea, gourmet biscuits, pantry sauces, jam, pasta, movie tickets, department store gift voucher, or an idea of your own. Closing date for the acceptance of donations is Sunday May 5th. Thank you in anticipation.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Marie Hankin, Pat Chenoweth, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Jacques Coomans, Frank Viola, Bill Barnes, Kevin Andrews, Margaret Sinclair, Joan O'Donoghue, Samantha Byran, Frank Dempsey, Davis Morck, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Val Wallis.

ANNIVERSARY: Joy and Fred Meacham, Catherine Cummins, Maureen Packer.

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