



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.



*23RD / 24TH JANUARY 2021
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY!*



AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

O God, powerful and gentle, you love this southern land Australia, and all its peoples, old and new.
As the Southern Cross shines in our heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation.

As the waves encircle our shores so may your mercy enfold us all.

O God, the wonders of our vast and rugged land reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new.
May your blessings flow upon us as a stream in the desert, and may your spirit prompt us to use your gifts for the good of all.

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength.

May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm.

May God who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light.

May we grow in appreciation and reverence for your gift of this great land under the Southern Cross.

May we value our flora and fauna, and above all learn to value each other.

May we experience forgiveness from each other, and reach out in
friendship and peace.

May we learn to forgive ourselves for the prejudices of the past,
and work towards a nation of welcome for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The following additional 'Christian' verse can be sung in prayer asking God to protect us and our nation.



With Christ our head and cornerstone,

We'll build our Nation's might.

Whose way and truth and light alone

Can guide our path aright.

Our lives, a sacrifice of love, reflect our Master's care.

With faces turned to heaven above, Advance Australia fair.

In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia fair.

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OFFICE HOURS:
 Tues—Fri 9:30am to 2:30pm
MASS TIMES: Tues to Sat: 9am
 (9:15am from the 2nd of Feb) &
 Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun: 8:30am, &
 10:30am. (Sunday 5pm mass
 recommences on 7th Feb)
RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):
 by appointment, Sat 9:30-10am
WEDDINGS: By appointment
FIRST RECONCILIATION,
FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:
 Parish Secretary (9457 1066)
LEGION OF MARY, PARISH PILGRIM
STATUE OF MARY: Statue not in
 circulation until further notice.
 mob Sue 0449260206. Weekly
 meeting Wed 10:30am at
 Francis Xavier Meeting room,
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 Contact parish office during
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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.*

OPENNESS TO THE COMING RULE OF GOD

Today's Gospel begins the readings from the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel proper to the current liturgical year Year (B). Mark's Gospel offers a message of liberation. Empowered by the Spirit (1:10), Jesus, the Son of God, comes to free human beings from all the captivities that hold them bound. From the start he is locked in a conflict with demonic forces that stunt human lives, alienating them from life-giving relationship with God and their own true humanity. Jesus, the "Stronger one", will baptize people with the power of the Spirit (1:7-8) "binding up" Satan (3:27) and end his rule. In its place, proclaim and inaugurate the "Rule" or "Kingdom of God.

Jesus proclaims the onset of the Kingdom in the opening words of today's Gospel: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news". The "time" that has come is the time when Satan's rule is to be challenged and human lives reclaimed for God. The "repentance" that is called for is not simply repentance for sin but a change of heart or mind, an openness to a whole new vision of God and God's action in the world—something that will shake prevailing structures and thinking to their foundations.

Jesus goes on to call disciples to assist him in this mission. Former "fishers of fish" are to be transformed into "fishers of people", reclaiming human lives for the community of the Church, which is intended to be a kind of "beachhead" of the Kingdom in the world.

Brendan Byrne SJ

LIVING THE GOSPEL – THE GOOD NEWS IS HERE.

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Ellie Vocale.

THE SICK: Mary Teresa Wright, James Artinopoulos, Philomena Misale and Brett Ralph, Elizabeth Finn, Pauline Hewatt, Giovanni Mirabella.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pierre Auguste, Frances Booth.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Smith.

*Names on the sick list remain for six weeks, unless otherwise advised.
 Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by **Thursday morning** latest. Thank you.
 Please note, this newsletter was printed on 2nd January. No information received after that date could be printed. Thank you.*

23 Jan / 24 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Leela Cherubim	Wendy Hernandez	Elizabeth Williamson	-
2 nd Reader	Peter Penson	Claire Newsome	Margaret Andrews	-
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Barbara Barnes	Ann Domaingue	-
30 Jan / 31 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	-
2 nd Reader	Grace Lew-kee	Pietro Sciotto	Michael Leonard	-
Communion	Nigel Mant	Pauline Griffiths	Brian McIntosh	-

SACRAMENT PROGRAMME FOR THOSE STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING ST JOHN'S SCHOOL: Applications are now open for the following: Reconciliation - Year 3, 2021, Eucharist - Year 4, 2021, Confirmation - Year 6, 2021. Please contact Elizabeth, elizabeth.williamson@cam.org.au for an application form or to make an inquiry. Application close on Friday February 26th, 2021.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN ST JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE: The Eyrie comes out quarterly and reaches all school families and parishioners on line as well as glossy hard copies. Single Advertisements \$75 per issue or advertise in each of our 4 issues for only \$200 per year. Phone Michelle on 0499891101 or email parish office: heidelberg@cam.org.au

ORGAN RECITAL: By Thomas Heywood on Friday 5th February, 2021, 6.00pm-7.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Music by Bach, Elgar, Verdi, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Guilmant, Cocker & Mulet. Tickets \$25. Children under 15 free. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/ BNSIT

SEEKING ACCOMMODATION: a single lady aged 47, who is looking for short to medium term accommodation in a granny flat, or similar. She is hoping for something between \$200 and \$250 per week. Contact Parish Office on 9457 1066 during office hours or email Heidelberg@cam.org.au

TAP AND GIVE: thank you to parishioners and visitors who are using our "Tap and Give" to contribute to our weekly collections. Each time you tap your card, you donate \$10 to the parish. Two thirds of this goes to the parish collection and a third to the presbytery collection. Thanks.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you to all who have continued to support the parish through this time. You can also give your contribution by using the link on the parish web site (bottom left) or by using our parish bank account details are Account name: St John's Catholic Parish, BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 138400957. Please indicate purpose of donation in the comments sections.

SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: If you or a loved one are celebrating a significant birthday (18th, 21st, 30th, 40th...) or a wedding anniversary please let us know at the parish office (Heidelberg@cam.org.au) so we can celebrate and pray for you as a community.

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday February 16th : Shrove Tuesday 9.15a.m. mass followed by pancakes and a cuppa in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room

Wednesday February 17th : Ash Wednesday Mass times: 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m.

Friday February 19th: Stations of the Cross 7.00p.m

Saturday February 20th: Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6, 2020 St John's School students. St John's Church.

Sunday February 21st : First Sunday of Lent

Thursday February 25th Parish Annual Meeting 7.30p.m. Francis Xavier Meeting Room.

Friday February 26th: Applications close for Sacrament Programme

Stations of the Cross 7.00p.m

Sunday February 28th: Second Sunday of Lent

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES: As of Tuesday February 2nd the morning mass time (Tuesday to Saturday) will revert back to the usual time of 9.15a.m. Sunday 5.00p.m. mass will recommence on February 7th.

GEMS (GREGARIOUS ENERGETIC MEMBERS OF ST JOHN'S): A parish group for the more mature members of St John's 50+ We meet weekly on a Tuesday from 10.00 -12.00 for games, chatting, morning tea and outings. We are delighted to let you know that we are able to gather again this year. Our first gathering will be on Tuesday, February 2nd, in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. Please enter at the back of the parish house. Present members and new members are most welcome. Transport available. Elizabeth 0447195553.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES: At each Sunday Mass volunteers are needed to go on rosters, to support parishioners in entering their information into the QR system, to be collectors (four are needed for each Mass), clean the seats after each Mass. Any help will be very much appreciated - we are all in this together. To volunteer please contact during office hours Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am to 2:30pm the Parish office on 94571066 or email at heidelberg@cam.org.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:4-9

RESPONSE: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

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 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

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.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.