



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 Joel Peart  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
**PASTORAL PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**CHAIR:** Michelle Robertson  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
 Tues—Fri 9:30am to 2:30pm  
**MASS TIMES:** Tues to Sat: 9:15am &  
 Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun: 8:30am, &  
 10:30am & Sunday 5pm.  
**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):**  
 by appointment, Sat 9:30-10am  
**WEDDINGS:** By appointment  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION,**  
**FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:**  
 Parish Secretary (9457 1066)  
**LEGION OF MARY,** Weekly meeting  
 Wed. 10.30am at Francis Xavier  
 Meeting room, Parish House.  
 Pilgrim statue of Mary:, Contact  
 Sue 0449260206  
**ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP:** regular  
 Monday morning walks leaving from  
 outside the Church in Yarra Street at  
 9.30am. To register please contact  
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## 13TH/14TH FEBRUARY 2021, 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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.*

### COMPASSION BREAKING BARRIERS

In Jesus' day people who suffered from disfiguring skin diseases were considered ritually unclean. Excluded from contact with society and with a sense of divine punishment hanging over them, they were condemned to a living death in social as well as in physical terms.

Though not supposed to approach anyone, the man described in today's Gospel as suffering from leprosy does feel emboldened to come to Jesus. With leprosy considered a living death, to cure it was tantamount to raising the dead. His plea, "If you want to, you can make me clean", is then a strong act of faith. To approach Jesus, he believes, is to access the life-giving power of God.

Jesus, "moved with pity" ("overwhelmed with compassion" might better translate the Greek), stretches out his hand and touches the man. In so doing, he breaks through the "clean/unclean" barrier in all its physical, social and religious dimensions. The gesture and accompanying declaration, "I do so choose", wonderfully conveys a sense of the divine compassion reaching out to afflicted humanity.

In conventional understanding the gesture would have rendered Jesus himself ritually unclean. But for Jesus the "clean/unclean" process works the opposite way round. He does not "catch" "uncleanness" from the afflicted man. Rather, the man catches "wholeness" from him.

For Jesus "uncleanness" or "unholiness" is not something caught like a disease from physical objects or conditions. It a moral condition and has to do with the heart. True "cleanness" or "holiness" is something human beings "catch" by coming close to God—as when this man's faith brings him to Jesus.

*Fr Brendan Byrnes SJ*

*Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary Julie and Vincent Wan*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Arlo Prince, Clara Essey, Shanae Mardini.

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


**ANNIVERSARIES:** Catherine Cummins, Maurine Packer.

13 Feb / 14 Feb	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Ronnie Maloney	Bob Dowling	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	TBA	Wendy Hernandez	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA
Communion	Michelle Penson	Leo Hernandez	Tim Boyle	Charito Cosio
20 Feb / 21 Feb	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Adrian Daly	Karen Frost	Michelle Robertson	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Peter Penson	Pietro Sciotto	Joanne Martinez	TBA
Communion	Donna Richardson	TBA	Mary Furlan	TBA

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** St John's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 4th at 7.30p.m.** in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. In line with Co-vid regulations we ask that you register your intended attendance on the sheet at the back of the church.

**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.

**GEMS (GREGARIOUS ENERGETIC MEMBERS OF ST JOHN'S):**

 Next gathering, Tuesday February 16th at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. We will be celebrating **Pancake**

**Tuesday.** Parishioners welcome. Tuesday February 23rd 11.00a.m. Morning Tea at **Tea Society'** 97 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe Join us for tea/coffee, scones jam and cream or perhaps passionfruit sponge. Bookings essential. Elizabeth 0447195553

**YEAR 6, 2020 CONFIRMATION:** Last year was one of much disruption and we were sadly unable to gather as a church community would. This meant that the Confirmation ceremonies of our parish had to be postponed. Happily though our graduation class of 2020 will be confirmed here at St John's next Saturday. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY DINNER:** Our first community social gathering this year will be held at the Old England Hotel on Friday, March, 19th at 6.30p.m. Consider joining with other parishioners for an enjoyable night. Please register your intended attendance on the sheet at the back of the church.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** In February last year we formed a Social Justice Group but sadly owing to COVID19 we could only meet twice. All interested in exploring and acting on the Social Justice needs of our parish are invited to meet on Wednesday 24th February at 7pm in the Francis Xavier meeting room. If you are interested please contact Jan on 0423 478 504.

#### 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 6.00p.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 6.00p.m

**Sunday February 28th:** Second Sunday of Lent

**CONSECRATE YOURSELF TO ST JOSEPH :** Join us on Zoom to begin the 33-Day Preparation for Total Consecration to St. Joseph. Starts Monday, 15th February, daily on Zoom at 8.30 pm - Meeting ID 934 8301 1034 / Passcode 206443 Consecration Day Friday, 19 March, 2021

The book Consecration to St. Joseph - The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC contains the daily readings of the 33 days. Reading it will change your life. You may do the daily readings on your own if you are unable to join on Zoom. Enquires or copies Sue 0449260206 or Caroline Fernandez 0423 838 756/ smtcsf@gmail.com

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Low-income communities want to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement and to find out more visit Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE. Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am palms.org.au

**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 heidelberg@cam.org.au so we can celebrate and pray for you as a community

# Hymns For Mass

## ENTRANCE : BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art

## COMMUNION : BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know That I am God  
Be still and know That I am God  
I am the Lord that healeth thee  
I am the Lord That healeth thee  
I am the Lord That healeth thee  
In thee, O Lord I put my trust  
In thee, O Lord I put my trust  
In thee, O Lord I put my trust

## WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith and not by sight  
No gracious words we hear  
Of Him who as none e'er spoke  
but we believe Him near  
We may not touch His hands and side  
nor follow where He trod  
Yet in His promise we rejoice  
And cry "My Lord and God"  
Help then, oh Lord, our unbelief  
And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near  
And seek where you are found

That when our life of faith is done  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are  
In full and endless sight

We walk and not by sight  
No gracious words we hear  
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke  
but we believe Him near

## RECESSIONAL: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor  
To his children in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

### *A Prayer to Saint Joseph*

*Glorious Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.*

*Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome.*

*My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power*

*Amen.*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Be my protector, O God,  
 a mighty stronghold to save me.  
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**FIRST READING**

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 31:1-2.5. 11.

**RESPONSE:** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
 whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord  
 imputes no guilt,  
 in whose spirit is no guile.

R./

But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
 my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess  
 my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven  
 the guilt of my sin.

R./

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
 exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,  
 all you upright of heart.

R./

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink,  
 whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.  
 Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or  
 Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be  
 helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my  
 own advantage but for the advantage of everybody  
 else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
 God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

They ate and had their fill,  
 and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
 they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**LIVING THE GOSPEL – WHO IS YOUR LEPER?**

There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!