



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

# ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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**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

Tue 7:30pm at Francis Xavier

Meeting room, Parish House.

Pilgrim statue of Mary:, Contact

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**ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP:** regular

Monday morning walks leaving

from outside the Church in Yarra

Street at 9.30am. To register

please contact Jan on

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## 3RD/4TH APRIL, EASTER SUNDAY

### 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 Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed! I do hope this is a blessed Easter for you and your family. It's the greatest and most holy days of the church's year. Though it interestingly pales a little bit compared to the prominence we give to Christmas. Especially in society more generally. Unfortunately, the downplaying of Easter is an attitude that has crept into the lives of most Christians too. One of the great markers of a person or family drifting from the faith is when they go camping or on some other trip over the Easter long weekend. The beginning of the end.

I remember many years back a group of mates wanting to organize a social basketball game on Good Friday. I remonstrated with them, reminding them that it was a day of prayer and penance and that a day of sport and frivolity shouldn't be on the cards. Their argument was that not everyone was a religious freak like me (!) and that it was a boring day. The latter argument seemed to be the one coming through strong on talk back radio when the debate about Good Friday football: that there's nothing to do and nothing to be entertained by.

Blaise Pascal, the great 17<sup>th</sup> Century Catholic philosopher, theologian (and mathematician and physicist) said that, "All of humanity's problems stem from man's inability to sit quietly in a room alone". The need for noise and busyness is such a curse on the modern man. The ability to be so easily bored is actually quite childish. It's fine to seek some relaxation, but even the idea of leisure has changed markedly over time. For the ancients this would include such things as reading and study, prayer and the playing of music. I imagine that would sound more like hard work and frustration to most people! What they are though are things that can be done without an external influence or without a bunch of people. They are done primarily by people who realise they are never alone, but always in the presence of God and the angels.

With every blessing,

Fr Joel.

3/ 4 April	<b>Sat 8:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Pamela Smith	Wendy Hernandez	Joanne Martinez	Rosemary Vecchies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Karen Frost	Claire Newsome	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Marco Di Cesare	Oliver Kmita	Doris Schembri	TBA
10/ 11 April	<b>Sat 8:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Moirra Di Cesare	Ronnie Maloney	Elizabeth Williamson	Des O'Brien
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Michelle Robertson	TBA
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Vin Sier	Charito Cosio



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**'GIFTS DIFFERING:** Understanding Your Personality Type', Saturday 17 April 2021, 10am-3pm. This reflection day explores the Myers Briggs personality types, and how these influence our communication, relationships and spiritual life. Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$60. Book and pay via website [heartoflife.melbourne](http://heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

**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](mailto:Heidelberg@cam.org.au)) so we can celebrate and pray for you as a community.

**GEMS 50+:** We are taking a break for 2 weeks. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday April 20th at 10.00am in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room.

**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.

**Do you know of someone who can't get to mass any longer?** Would they like to be visited and perhaps have communion taken to them? Contact: Elizabeth 0447195553

**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](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)

### *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.*



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maria Parisi, Wicher Jonkers.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vera O'Callaghan.

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

## 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.

## COMMUNION : EASTER GLORY FILL THE SKY!

Christ now lives, no more to die!  
Darkness has been put to flight,  
by the living Lord of light!  
Mary, Mother, greet your Son,  
Radiant from his triumph won!  
By his cross you shared his pain,  
So for ever share his reign!  
Shepherd, seek the sheep that strayed!  
Come to contrite Peter's aid!  
Strengthen him to be the rock;  
Make him shepherd of your flock!  
Seek not life within the tomb;  
Christ stands in the upper room!  
Risen glory he conceals  
Risen body he reveals!  
Though we see his face no more,  
He is with us as before!  
Glory veiled, he is our priest,  
His true flesh and blood our feast  
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## RECESSIONAL: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

### Refrain

Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;  
Let all creation sing.  
Let children proclaim to every land:  
Hosanna to the King.

Sound the trumpet into the night;  
The day of the Lord is near.  
Wake His people, lift your voice,  
Proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendor, shake off your sleep;  
Put on your robes of joy.  
And in the morning you shall see  
The glory of the Lord.

## 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.

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

R. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified,

R. who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## 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.

## 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.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 50:3-4. 12-15.

**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.

## 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.

## 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.



**HAPPY EASTER!**