



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street
HEIDELBERG

Let's We Forget



We will remember them

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):

Sat 5:30pm-6pm

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

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24TH/25TH APRIL, 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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,

"I Will Give You Shepherds..." *Jeremiah 3:15*

In this Sunday's Gospel Our Lord speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd, who is willing to lay down his life for his sheep...which is us! It's a beautiful image and one that is especially dear to me for a couple of reasons. Firstly, Good Shepherd in Gladstone Park is my home parish. It's where I was baptized and confirmed and it is where I celebrated my first mass of thanksgiving after ordination in 2015. A memory that is very dear to me. Secondly, it is a day on which we give thanks to God for priests that have nourished and guided us in our lives and when we especially pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

We are blessed to have been chosen to host a seminarian over this weekend to speak to the parish about their call to the priesthood. Vinh Do, a sixth year seminarian, will be here at St John's at all our masses to encourage all of us by his witness and sacrifice and hopefully inspire some young men in our community to follow in his footsteps!

I wrote last week in our bulletin of the need to adopt a missionary mindset in the living out of our faith, a mindset that is needed if we don't simply want to manage the decline of parish life in our Archdiocese. The heart of the church – its source of life and grace – is the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. Without the mass there is no Sacrament, without the priesthood there is no mass. So we need priests for the life of the church, which is why the church asks us to pray for vocations and encourage them in our parishes and in our families.

To this end, the Archbishop has recently set up a vocations task force. I noted in the bulletin a few months back of the appointment of Fr Jerome Santamaria as new Vocations Director of the Archdiocese. Formerly he would have an assistant to help with putting together promotional material and conducting such things as school visits and retreats to help young people discern God's call in their life. But there's been a change of tact. There are now 8 priests across the diocese appointed to be vocations promoters (two for every region), and I am one of them. I was very happy to accept the role, though it does mean the need to invest time and energy especially for the task. The Archbishop is asking for one day a week to be dedicated to the job, which I'm not sure how I'm going to find but we'll give it a go! I ask for your prayers as I begin this role, but also your patience when other parish matters are not seen to as quickly as they might be. We priests are getting spread pretty thin at the moment, so all the more need to put some prayer and good works into helping young men say 'yes' to God to serve his church in its sacred ministry.

In Christ,

Fr Joel.

24/ 25April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Michael Leonard	Garry Sproules	Joanne Martinez	Leela Cherubim
2 nd Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Leela Cherubim
1/ 2 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Wendy Hernandez	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
2 nd Reader	Adrian Daly	Ronnie Maloney	Michelle LeMaster	TBA
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Mary Furlan	TBA
MORNING TEA: 2ND MAY - Carmel & Marguerite				

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: The next instalment is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church. The envelopes are in Surname alphabetical order. Thank you for your generosity. Your continued contributions help the parish meet all its financial commitments.

GEMS 50+: on Tuesday April 27th at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. Games morning and a cuppa New members always welcome. Transport available. Elizabeth 0447195553.

MOTHER'S DAY & CRAFT ART MARKET: Sunday 2nd May, 9am to 1pm at St John's Hall. Locally produced art and crafts for you to see and buy. Cash only. Fundraising effort towards our St Vincent De Paul Society.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission. Enquire now to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. Join our online InfoZoom on 2 May, visit palms.org.au , or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333.

POLICE AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS: Many people have expired WWCC and Police Checks. Our guidelines regarding child safeguarding require ALL volunteers to have a current WWCC and Police Check where relevant. Anyone who does not have a current registration cannot volunteer in their ministry until their registration is current.

MORNING TEA: in the parish hall next Sunday, 2nd May following the 10.30a.m. mass. Please join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

QR SCAN MASS ATTENDANCE: It is important that we all play our part with the Covid19 protocols currently in place, and register our attendance at mass. The most convenient way is scanning the QR code on your smart phone. Our QR code is displayed below for your convenience. We encourage you to scan the code before you arrive at mass to help reduce the bottlenecks when entering the Church foyer. You can QR Scan just before you arrive; at home before you leave, in your car after you park, or alternatively when you are first seated in church. If you are unsure how to use the QR scan code, or you don't have a smart phone, please arrive early to mass to register manually by signing the Sign in form and avoid unnecessary queues in the church foyer. Thank you for your support.



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 BAPTISED: Thomas McKenzie.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Mafalda Portelli.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Adelaida Raymundo.

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

ENTRANCE : THIS IS A JOYOUS HAPPY DAY

This is a joyous, happy day;
We celebrate your gift of life.
Christ is with us, joy surrounds us.
Christ takes our sins and sets us free;
He fills our lives with endless life.
Christ is with us; Christ unites us.
Praise our maker, praise the Spirit.
Praise Christ Jesus.

COMMUNION : LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the
lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God.

R.

I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest.

R.

I Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.

R.

RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE LORD

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness!
Alleluia!

R.

Sing to the Lord! Praise the Holy One!
God alone is our salvation!
Alleluia!

R.

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.

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.
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,
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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29.

RESPONSE: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

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

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

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

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

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

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

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet

been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

