



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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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 9:45-10:30am & 5:30-6pm

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

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 Jan on

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29TH/30TH MAY, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, 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.*

Three in One and One in Three

Dear brothers and sisters,

If there are any silver linings to this lockdown cloud, it is for priests the world over who are being spared having to prepare a sermon for Trinity Sunday! It can certainly be a challenge expounding on one of the great mysteries of our faith with the precision and insight that it deserves.

The difficulty, as our first year catechist in the seminary would tell us, is that it's very hard to say anything positive about the nature of God that doesn't begin to quickly lead you into heresy. (Which is why we often refer to God in the ways in which he is not. That he is *immortal*, *infinite*, *eternal* etc.) To distinguish between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit overly is to end up in the Tritheism – the belief in three gods and not One. To suggest that there is something of a hierarchy to the three would be the heresy of Subordination – that God the Father is first with gold, Jesus is next with silver and the Holy Spirit gets the bronze. To think that God appears to us in different ways at different times according to our prayer or our disposition would be the error of Modalism...you get that point. As G.K. Chesterton put it, orthodoxy – right teaching and right belief – is a knife edge. Never more quickly realized than trying to grasp the truth of One God in three Persons.

The best theology is done through prayer though. Which is why our greatest prayer and the most perfect way in which we relate to God – through the sacred mysteries of the mass – is replete with references to the Blessed Trinity. From the sign of the cross at the beginning all the way to the final blessing. We call prayers that refer to all three persons as *doxologies* – from the Greek word “glory” or “praise” - as they literally are the best way to give glory and praise to God.

This reality is conveyed by the way the church guides us in the prayers of the mass. To sing the prayers of the mass is considered more praiseworthy than to merely say them. It is quite rare these days for the whole mass to be sung, so the church meets us halfway and tells us that if you are going to sing anything, sing first the prayers that honour the blessed Trinity. On Sundays, if nothing else I will usually sing the great doxology at the conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer: “Through Him and with Him and in Him...” as it expresses how we should pray most beautifully. The priest raises the Body and Blood of Christ and we pray through him, to God the Almighty Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to whom all glory be forever and ever. Amen!

This great prayer also reminds us of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which we will celebrate most especially next week for the feast of Corpus Christi. Here's hoping we will be gathered together in number and force for that most wonderful Solemnity.

In Christ,
Fr Joel.

29/30 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	-	-	-	-
2 nd Reader	-	-	-	-
Communion	-	-	-	-
5/6 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Ronnie Maloney	Elizabeth Williamson	Des O'Brien
2 nd Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Wendy Hernandez	TBA	TBA
Communion	Leela Cherubim	Oliver Kmita	Doris Schembri	TBA
Morning Tea- 6th June: Rosa & Maureen				

MORNING TEA: in the parish hall next Sunday, 6th June following the 10.30a.m. mass. Please join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat. (If permitted)

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: next weekend, 5th/6th June. Money collected will help the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most. Please come with an open and generous heart.

THANK YOU, CANCER COUNCIL BIGGEST MORNING TEA: On Tuesday May 25th St John's Parish hosted a Biggest Morning Tea raising \$455 for cancer research. Thank you to the parishioners who supported this function by donating, attending, or supplying food.

GEMS 50+ : Our next gathering will be on Tuesday June 8th at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room for games, a cuppa and a chat. New members are always welcome if you would like to come and try. Elizabeth 0447195553.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES: At each Sunday Mass volunteers to support parishioners in entering their information into the QR system, 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

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.

QR SCAN CHURCH ATTENDANCE



CAN'T SCAN?

Download the Service Victoria app or visit:
go.vic.gov.au/check-in

Open the app and enter: St John's Catholic Church,
Heidelberg

52 Yarra St HEIDELBERG, Location code GS6 2SF

From now you will need to check in via QR code upon arrival. We are now required to use the Victorian Government QR system (a slightly different QR code to the one we have used previously). It will be even more important to come to Mass a little earlier to avoid delaying Mass. It would help greatly if all parishioners could please download the Service Victoria app before attending Mass next weekend by going to <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/> and downloading the app either through the App Store (for Apple phones) or the Google Play Store (for Android phones). **Please help a fellow parishioner who may not be able to use the QR code.**



Face Masks are now expected to be worn inside the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY Mrs MICHELLE PENSON

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Arcangelina Augello.

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

ENTRANCE : TRINITY SONG

Father, in my life I see
You are God who walks with me
You hold my life in Your hands
Close beside You I will stand
I give all my life to You
Help me, Father, to be true.

Jesus, in my life I see
You are God who walks with me
You hold my life in Your hands
Close beside You I will stand
I give all my life to You
Help me, Jesus, to be true

Spirit, in my life I see
You are God who walks with me
You hold my life in Your hands
Close beside You I will stand
I give all my life to You
Help me, Spirit, to be true

COMMUNION: THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.

RECESSIONAL: TO YOU, OUR HOLY GOD

To you our holy God, we bring our praises
Strong, We call on all to laud and sing your
Joyful song. Sing praise to God, who
Is the sovereign of all things, O praise the Lord!

You rule with might and strength above the
firmament. We call on all in heav'n and earth to
Give assent. Sing praise to God, who
Is the sovereign of all things, O praise the Lord!

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

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22.

RESPONSE: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

R./

With his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being.

R./

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

R./

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

R./

SECOND READING Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs

as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

