



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.

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Joel Peart

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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

0423478504.

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**HALL HIRE:**

Contact parish office during office

hours.

**12TH/13TH JUNE, 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR 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.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### Miracle of O'Cebreiro

Last Sunday the Church celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi which honours the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Sadly we weren't able to gather together, though I certainly honoured the solemnity as best I could with a private mass in our beautiful church.

Belief in the presence of the Body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ in the Eucharist is something that many a Catholic can struggle with and have doubts over. Something that can help us believe in the Real Presence are knowing some of the Eucharistic miracles that have been given to us by God and approved by the Church to help strengthen our faith. Though rare (as is the nature of miracles) there have been many throughout the Church's history. One which I know and appreciate very much is the miracle of the mountain village of O'Cebreiro in Spain. Whilst walking the Camino to Santiago back in 2018, I was privileged to be able to offer mass at the very altar on which this miracle occurred, underneath the relic that has been preserved there for over 700 years. The story goes as such:

One icy winter in 1300 a Benedictine priest was celebrating Mass in a chapel beside the church of the convent of O'Cebreiro. It was a miserable day of heavy snow and freezing wind, so it was thought by the priest that no one would dare show up for Mass. He was wrong. A farmer from Barxamaior by the name of Juan Santín turned up. The priest saying Mass, who had lost his belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and was generally weak in faith, despised in his heart the farmer's piety and sacrifice of good will. He began in this way to celebrate the Mass, but immediately after having professed the words of consecration, the Host changed to Flesh and the wine changed to Blood, and was expelled from the chalice and stained the corporal. At that very moment, it seemed that even the head of the wooden statue of the Madonna next to the altar was leaning in adoration. The people today call her the "Madonna of the Sacred Miracle". The Lord clearly had wanted to open the eyes of the priest who had doubted and to gift the farmer for his great devotion. Every year on the feast day of Corpus Christi the relics are taken in procession along with the statue of the Madonna throughout this beautiful town.

Miracles such as these do not form the basis for our belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist – we trust firstly in the words of Christ himself in the Gospels and the teaching of the Church – but they certainly strengthen it and they have led many back to the faith as a result. Thanks be to God!

With every blessing,

Fr Joel.

12/13 June	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Joanne Martinez	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Mary Kotefski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Communion	Donna Richardson	Chris Ratnayake	Vin Sier	TBA
19/20 June	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Jan McCaffrey	Michelle LeMaster	Mark Aiello
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Adrian Daly	Pietro Sciotto	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA
Communion	Michelle Penson	Margaret Bradley	Ann Domaingue	Mark Aiello

### COVID-19 LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering, but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious and anxious, and that density quotients will prevent our full communities gathering as they would wish.

For the time being, all Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading holy scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully watching an online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

Some suggestions:

<https://www.stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos-2021> (St Simon's Rowville)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb> (St Patrick's Cathedral)

A limit of 50 people are permitted in the church. You are required to book in for the mass you want to attend by ringing Mary at the parish office on 94571066 (Tuesday - Friday 9.30 - 2.30) or emailing [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)

**GEMS 50+ :** Our next gathering date to be advised at a later date.

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

### QR SCAN CHURCH ATTENDANCE



#### CAN'T SCAN?

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

You will need to check in via QR code upon arrival. We are required to undertake electronic record keeping by using the Victorian Government QR Code Service through the Service Victoria app.

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 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 must be worn inside the church except when an exception applies.

Please remember to sanitize the pew before you leave.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Gabriella Ahimastos, Mateo Guatteri, Luca Vezaro.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Eileen and Allan Sproules, Roy McKenna.

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

**ENTRANCE : LET ALL THE PEOPLES**

Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord,  
Let all the peoples praise you. (Rpt)

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord and all the  
rulers of earth your glory, when the Lord shall build  
Sion again, coming in glory. Alleluia!

Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord,  
Let all the peoples praise you. (Rpt)

**COMMUNION: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN**

Seed, scattered and sown,  
Wheat, gathered and grown,  
Bread, broken and shared as one,  
The Living bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,  
Work of our hands, one cup that is  
Shared by all; the Living Cup,  
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,  
A sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless,  
The blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock  
Will wither and will die,  
The seed within good ground  
Will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills  
Was gathered and was grown,  
So may the Church of God  
Be gathered into one.

**RECESSIONAL: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH**

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies;  
For the love which from our birth,  
Over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to you we raise  
This, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night;  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to you we raise  
This, our hymn of grateful praise.

**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.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 91:2-3. 13-16.*

**RESPONSE:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. R./

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R./

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R./

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*KINDLY TAKE THE NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AFTER USING IT AT MASS. THANK YOU*