



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:** Tue 7:30pm

at Francis Xavier Meeting  
room, Parish House. Pilgrim  
statue of Mary:, Contact Sue  
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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 0423478504.

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**HALL HIRE:**

Contact parish office during

*7TH/8TH AUGUST, ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP)*

*"There in their presence he was transfigured..." (Mark 9:3)*

Dear brothers and sisters,

On Friday, August 6 we celebrated the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. Jesus takes with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. The veil of Christ's humanity is lifted for a time and his divinity is manifested and it is witnessed to by his disciples. They are both awestruck and inspired by the event.

In the preface of the mass on this day (that is, the prayer said by the priest before the Holy, Holy...) it says that, by the experience of the Transfiguration of the Lord, "...the scandal of the Cross might be removed from the hearts of his disciples...". What

It is not long after this even in the Gospels that Jesus begins to draw some real heat from the authorities. He is not long for this world, soon to enter Jerusalem to suffer his passion and death. Our Lord warns the disciples that this would happen several times, yet they struggle to accept it. Peter particularly remonstrates with him on this point and is promptly referred to as Satan by Jesus and that he needs to get out of his way with such worldly thoughts. Jesus, knowing that his way can be hard to follow, allows Peter and his other closest followers to see his glory on Mount Tabor so that when the time comes for them to suffer on account of Him, they would be strengthened knowing that Jesus is Lord and his glory will shine through.

We might do well to practice similar thoughts. We are going through a trial at this point and some suffering quite seriously in mind and spirit. When it comes to the sacraments, the Lord is absent to us and this will no doubt be felt sorely by those of faith. It is at such times that we need to do our best to remember the times in our life the glory of God has really shone through and his presence and consolation been felt in an awesome and powerful way. It will lift your spirits and help you get through the tough times.

My prayers are with you.

In Christ,

Fr Joel.

**CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:** Due to the 6th lockdown the Church and parish office are closed and all ceremonies cancelled for a week or until we hear otherwise. You can contact us by email at heidelberg@cam.org.au

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Robert Sciacca, Concetta Molinaro, Joan Geoghegan, Marie Caldwell, Jacob Draper.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry Green.

*Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by **Thursday***

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:  
I was sick and you visited me.  
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did  
for one of the least of my brethren,  
you did it for me.

**FIRST READING**

1 Kings 17:7-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 62:1-8.

**Response:** My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

R./

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

R./

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

R./

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

R./

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples: I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.  
r one another, says the Lord.

14/15 Aug	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Ronnie Maloney	Bob Dowling	Mark Aiello
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Anita Metcalf	Pietro Sciotto	Claire Newsome	Des O'Brien
Communion	Leela Cherubim	Margaret Bradley	Vin Sier	TBA