



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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Joel Peart

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:

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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
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.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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HALL HIRE:

Contact parish office during

21ST/22ND AUGUST, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

GOSPEL FOCUS – PETER'S FAITH

Having laid out a fairly difficult teaching to the crowd, Jesus is faced with the fact that many of those who were following him couldn't cope with what he was saying and they walked away from him. Jesus turns on the Twelve and demands of them, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' One can almost hear the frustration and weariness in his voice. Peter's response must have been a great relief to Jesus. Peter declares that Jesus has the message of eternal life and is the Holy One of God. He still hasn't quite got the full picture but it's something Jesus can continue to work with!



CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE: The Church and parish office are closed and all ceremonies cancelled up to the 2nd of September or until we hear otherwise. You can still contact us by email at heidelberg@cam.org.au

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE? The Permanent Diaconate is open to men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The Information Session will be held on Saturday 4 September, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. Interested Male parishioners, married or single, between the age of 30 to 60 years, can simply turn up. An email to Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, would be welcomed. Wives are also invited.

For more information, Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read: <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email)

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ONLINE MASS

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJamestheApostlehcn>

<https://www.stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos2021>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Geoghegan.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
long.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

R./

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

R./

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

R./

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

R./

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned

R./

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her

holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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.