



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:** 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

28TH/29TH AUGUST, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR

**GOSPEL FOCUS – THE THINGS WITHIN**

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.



**MAJOR EARTHQUAKE HITS HAITI:** Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that more than 30,000 families have been left homeless. Caritas Haiti has reported that the dioceses Jeremy, Anse-à -Veau and Miragoâne and Les Cayes are the worst affected. There has been damage to church buildings and injuries to clergy, with one priest confirmed to have died. The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal. Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

*Parishioners and friends at St John's parish, after I left the parish last year, I had to wait patiently for the opportunity to continue on with my journey. The opportunity has now arrived and I will be leaving Australia on September 7 on my way to my new mission in the Philippines. Thank you and please keep me in your prayers, I will always greatly treasure the beautiful years we spent together on the journey, and your friendship and support.*

**Fr Mario mssp**  
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**SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ONLINE MASS**  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJamestheApostlehcnc>  
<https://www.stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos2021>  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Rodney Dunn.

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

**FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 14:2-5.

**Response:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R./**

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R./**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R./**

**SECOND READING**

St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows

when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

**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.