



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  
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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  
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**HALL HIRE:**  
Contact parish office during  
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25TH /26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

*TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B*

*"For he will deliver the needy who cry out, and the afflicted who have no helper" (Psalm 72:12)*

Dear brothers and sisters,

The AFL Grand Final is upon us at last! They can seem like long seasons when your team gets the wooden spoon, but having a week off before the ultimate game probably doesn't help. Hopefully the break will mean both teams are champing at the bit to put on a real spectacle.

I looked up again when the last time Melbourne won a premiership. 1964, which makes it 57 years. In looking up this fact it was also mentioned that when their rivals the Bulldogs won the premiership in 2016, they broke the longest running premiership drought in the competition. That ignominious mantle was then handed onto Melbourne. The game doesn't leave too much room for sentiment, but if the Dees do get up, I'd like to think that Bulldogs fans could at least appreciate the elation and relief for a club who have waited so long for success. (For the morbidly curious amongst us, if Melbourne do get up it is St Kilda who will be the new longest team in waiting)

Though it's going to again be strange to see the final being played somewhere other than the MCG, I'm happy that the ball will be bounced in front of a packed stadium and that the people of Perth can enjoy such freedoms. What's hard is seeing what's taking place here in Melbourne in the last week of September. Instead of a Grand Final day parade, there are people marching our city streets without much fanfare or celebration. As someone who knows a number of people in the construction industry, as well as teachers and people in other areas of employment that are feeling backed into a corner, I appreciate their frustration and anger. Sport is usually something that brings people together and has fans forget about the worries of life and the world for a time. It's been sad to hear otherwise die-hard footy followers say that they have little interest in the game tomorrow night, because they've got to work out if they will be able to provide for their families in a couple of weeks.

However people find themselves there, the Church has always been one to stand with those on the margins. It is what distinguished Our Lord from the other pretenders of religion of his time. Resist the urge to judge, but seek and strive after peace. Opposing sides will battle it out on Saturday night and whatever the result, they'll shake hands at the end of the day. Here's hoping that soon both police and people will be working together to build up and serve society in pursuit of the common good.

With every blessing,

Fr Joel.

PS. Bulldogs by 9 points.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name and deal with us  
according to the bounty of your mercy.

## FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14.

**Response:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

R./

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

R./

So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me.

R./

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin.

R./

## SECOND READING

St James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored

up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

## 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.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**THE SICK:** Jerzy Baczkowicz, Brett Ralph, Margaret Ralph, Jim Artinopoulos, George Cassamity, Elizabeth Finn.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Antonio (Tony) Campese, Denis and Margaret Kennedy, James and Sarah Hannon.

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