



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
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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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Contact parish office during
hours.

23RD/24TH OCTOBER 2021
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Dear St John's Parishioners,

I do hope you are all well. It will be nice to see at least a few of you again in the coming days! Apologies for the delay in communicating since the new 'roadmap' was announced last Sunday. The Archdiocese has received contradictory and unclear direction from the government, so it has taken several days to achieve some clarity as to what we are able to do this weekend. I can now tell you the plan for the next step of re-opening at St John's, beginning with the 6pm vigil mass on Saturday 22nd October and running until 5th November (at this stage).

In summary:

- Weekday masses will return in the church at the usual time of 9:15am
- Weekend masses will be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30am
- Our maximum number for each gathering will be 10 people
- We will not be segregating our congregation into two separate groups of "vaccinated" or "unknown vaccination status"; therefore you will not be required to show your vaccine passport or medical exemption to gain access to the church
- You will need to book for all prayer gatherings by contacting Mary in the office by phone or email (preferable)
- The expectation for adults to wear masks (unless exempt), to sanitise hands and QR Code in still applies
- Anyone with flu-like symptoms should not attend St John's
- We are reminded that the Sunday obligation is still dispensed for every Catholic in Melbourne

Attached is a letter explaining our re-opening in more detail. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding!

In Christ,
Fr Joel.

CONGRATULATIONS to FR TED TEAL who turns the big 80 at the end of October.

To celebrate his special 80th birthday he will be saying the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 7th November. To comply with COVID rules we are allowed a maximum of 50 vaccinated people outside for this mass. Unfortunately the numbers are not large and restrictions are stipulated quite clearly and we must abide by the rules. We have to keep to this number. If you wish to attend please send Mary an email at: heidelberg@cam.org.au Or phone on 03 94571066 during office hours below. Anyone wishing to send a message to Fr Ted can leave it at the parish house with Mary in office hours Tuesday – Friday 9.30-2.30.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125.

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

R./

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

R./

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

R./

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

R./

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who

said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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.

COVID MARSHALS REQUIRED: Though I know it is not exactly a highly sought-after position, we are in real need of volunteers to help with COVID Marshalling at our masses. We can't leave it to dear Elizabeth all alone! We don't need you to be Judge Roy Bean, just simply stand out the front and say hello to people with a smile. You may need to help parishioners sign in if they request your assistance. If there are ever any concerns or questions, feel free to bring them to my attention at any stage before mass begins. With thanks, Fr Joel.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: .

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: our Year 12 students who will be sitting for their VCE exams. As a community we journey with you in prayer.

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