



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.

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 Tues—Fri 9:30am to 2:30pm
MASS TIMES: Tues to Sat: 9:15am &
 Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun: 8:30am 9:30am
 & 10:30am
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: Weekly meeting
 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
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20TH/21ST NOVEMBER 2021
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE , YEAR B

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we the parishioners of St John's are grateful for all we have received from the men, women and children of our past. Help us to cherish and maintain our parish heritage. Most of all, enable us to be people who welcome the stranger, the needy, the sick and the lonely. Like St John, our patron saint, may we be people who love others, as your Son Jesus, asked us to do. We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

It is with some relief that I'm able to tell you that I'll be away on retreat next week. I'll be heading up to Castlemaine on Monday and returning Friday afternoon. Though I want to make a retreat and am very much looking forward to it, a priest actually has a duty to take a few days away every year to pray and recollect. Canon 276 of the Code of Canon Law outlines the special obligation that priests have to seek holiness in their lives, with the taking of an annual retreat being one of the ways that aim is realised. Given the goings and comings of last year, the retreat I had planned was cancelled so it's been over two years since I last made one. Far too long!

Included in this Canon are a number of other things that a priest is exhorted to fulfil and uphold to live a life worthy of his state. Namely, to work untiringly in leading and nourishing the people of God in his pastoral efforts, to do his best to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the mass every day, to engage in mental prayer regularly, to approach the sacrament of Confession often and finally, to honour the Virgin Mother of God with particular veneration.

These are all beautiful ways the church has set out to ensure her priests are conforming themselves closely to Christ and not straying too far from their vocation. But as they say, what is good for the goose is good for the gander. I would argue that each and every baptised Catholic would do very well to reflect these ideals as best they can. One thing the Vatican II Council tried to emphasize in its teachings is that holiness is something that each and every person is called to, and is not just the reserve of priests and religious. It may look a bit different in action, but the end goal is the same: to be a saint.

Therefore, I would encourage every layman to look at these obligations of priests and try to reflect and live out at least some of them in their own lives. For each person - but especially mothers and fathers - to work untiringly in leading and nourishing one another and their children in the faith; to attend the sacrifice of the mass not only when they are obliged each Sunday, but perhaps again during the week if they are able. Setting aside some quiet time for prayer each day and making the sacrament of confession a regular part of one's spiritual life are sure ways to stay close to Our Lord. And finally, venerating our Blessed Mother is something no Catholic should see as an option but something they ought to really foster as a sure way to grow closer to Jesus her Son. The past two years has been challenging in almost every way: perhaps a retreat or even a day of recollection is something you might consider in the coming months to reset and recalibrate your soul toward God.

As I strive to do just that in the coming week, you can all be assured of my prayers.
 In Christ,
 Fr Joel.

FR JOEL: will be away from the parish this week 23rd to 26th November on retreat. Please thank Fr Ted Teal who will be celebrating weekday morning Masses in his absence.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL: Due to the restrictions imposed by the Government for COVID-19, Sunday Masses were not able to be celebrated on the first Sunday of September. Traditionally the "Father's Day" collection would have been taken up on that Sunday. Next weekend **27th/28th November**, we are invited to support retired priests in our archdiocese. These priests have faithfully ministered in our parishes and are now being cared for at this stage of their life. They need our financial assistance to be able to be sufficiently looked after. Please be generous with this appeal as we 'caring for those who care.' The appeal is being held at all Masses. Please find envelopes at each church entrance.

PLENARY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS-WHAT HAPPENED? On Wednesday 1st Dec, 7:30 to 9pm at St Kevin's Parish, 26-44 Herlihy's Road, Templestowe are holding a Q & A evening / information session on what happened at the first session of the Plenary Council and where to now for the second session. Two guest presenters, Fr Kevin Lenahan and Dr Nimmi Candappa talk about their experiences. Go to www.trybooking.com/BVTHF to book in.

GEMS (50+): Our first gathering following the opening up in Victoria will be at the 'Terrace' in the Henry Barkly Hotel on Tuesday November 23rd for lunch at 12.30p.m. **FULLY BOOKED.** All dining venues require patrons to be double vaccinated and to show proof of such.

'TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE' (ST AUGUSTINE): Due to a variety of reasons our choir numbers have dwindled. We would dearly love parishioners to consider joining our Parish Choir and would welcome both singers and musicians to share their talents in this ministry. The choir sings each week (except in January) at the 10.30a.m. mass and spends a short time after mass to practise for the following week. Music plays an important part in life celebrations and even more so in liturgy when we raise our voices to praise God. Please contact the parish office, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 - 2.30 to express your interest.

MASS TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

Tuesday to Saturday 9.15a.m.

Saturday Vigil 6.00p.m.

Sunday 8.30a.m. 9.30a.m. 10.30a.m.

Masses are capped at 50 people.

All masses are Vaccinated Status Unknown.

MASS GUIDELINES

We welcome the latest set of guidelines from the DHHS to return to Church but also remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious and anxious. The following information is provided if you are unsure about what is required.

- Current Covid Regulations allow for 50 people in St John's Church for mass. These masses are Vaccinated Status Unknown.
- Must check in using QR Code through the Service Victoria app upon arrival.
- Do not attend if you are unwell or awaiting a COVID-19 test verification (even without presenting symptoms) or closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.
- Please wear face Masks except when an exception applies.
- Please remember to sanitize the pew before you leave. Thank you.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you to all who have continued to support the parish during the times of lockdown. Your contributions have assisted us significantly. You can also give your contribution by using the link on the parish web site (bottom left) or by using our parish bank account details are Account name: St John's Catholic Parish, BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 138400957. Please indicate purpose of donation in the comments sections.

NOVEMBER MASSES: In the month of November we remember our loved ones who have died. November Mass envelopes are available in the porch of the church. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. You can also write the names of your loved ones in the Book of Remembrance found on the sanctuary.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Pia & Isla Ponte, Mathew Farso.

THE SICK: Sepfianto Arifin, Margaret Ryan, Aileen Powell, Jerzy Baczkowicz.

ANNIVERSARY: Stephen Smith, Alan Ingram.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rob Alderman.

*Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by **Thursday morning** latest. Thank you.*

ENTRANCE : HAIL REDEEMER

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain:

Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"

King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace, each nation rings
With your praises, King of kings.

Ref..

COMMUNION: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Refrain

Seed, scattered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
Wine, work of our hands,
One cup that is shared by all;
The living cup, the living bread of God.

Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured?

Ref..

The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die
The seed within good ground will flower and have life.

Ref..

As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,
So may the church of God be gathered into one.

Ref..

RECESSIONAL : SING TO THE LORD

Refrain

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known. Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness! Alleluia!

Ref..

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(*And, striking their breast, they say:*)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(*Then they continue:*)
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints, and you,
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(*At the words that follow, up to and including and
became man, all bow.*)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw,
coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of
man. He came to the one of great age and was led
into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations
and languages became his servants. His sovereignty
is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass
away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:1-2. 5.

Response: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. R./

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are . R./

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. . R./

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born
from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He
loves us and has washed away our sins with his
blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve
his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power
for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on
the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who
pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn
over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and
the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and
who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our
Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked.
Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or
have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate
answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the
chief priests who have handed you over to me: what
have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a
kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this

world, my men would have fought to prevent my
being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is
not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate.
'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king.
I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to
bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side
of truth listen to my voice.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.



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.

ARCHDIOCESE STREAMING OF MASS: The daily 1pm is
livestreamed from St Patrick's Cathedral at
<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

On Sundays, the 11am Mass is livestreamed,
televised and broadcast on community channel C31
(channel 44 on digital Television).

HOLY COMMUNION: If anyone would like to have Holy
Communion at home because they are housebound
or not yet comfortable to return to Masses at the
moment, please contact Elizabeth on 0447195553
and we can organise a time and day that suits you.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES: needed to
support parishioners in entering their information
into the QR system, clean the seats after each Mass.
To volunteer please contact Tuesday to Friday,
9:30am to 2:30pm the Parish office on 94571066.

SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: If you or a
loved one are celebrating a significant birthday (18th,
21st, 30th, 40th...) or a wedding anniversary please
let us know at the parish office
(Heidelberg@cam.org.au) so we can celebrate and
pray for you as a community.

*KINDLY TAKE THE NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AFTER USING IT
AT MASS. THANK YOU*