



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 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

Street at 9.30am. To register

please contact Jan on

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hours.

27TH/28TH NOVEMBER 2021, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR C

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.*

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.

Bookings are not required.

All masses are Vaccinated Status Unknown.

STAY AWAKE, PRAYING AT ALL TIMES

Today's Gospel, taken from Jesus' long instruction on the future (Luke 21:5-38), focuses on his second coming. It is full of the kind of apocalyptic descriptions and portents that have always excited the fundamentalist religious imagination. We need not dwell on these. The important thing to focus on is the basic intent of such instruction, which is to address the sense of dismay and the challenge to hope that calamities of various kinds present. While God may appear to be silent or absent, somehow all these things are held within the divine purpose, which will ultimately win through.

While the basic message, then, is one of comfort, the second part of the Gospel adopts a more admonitory tone. The time of waiting requires attentiveness and a sharp spiritual sense. Believers must be like people who expect visitors but are unsure when exactly they will arrive. Anything that dulls the spirit (debauchery and drunkenness) or causes it to be distracted (absorption in the cares of life) must be avoided, commitment to prayer intensified.

Advent is a time for examination in such areas. It is also a time for exploring our deepest longings and desires and allowing them to surface. They can ride up, so to speak, on the Scripture texts that the Church puts before us at this time.

God's only wish in our regard is to communicate to us the life and love for which we long. Each Advent should expand both our longing and our capacity to receive the gift of God.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL: This 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.

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 next gathering will be in the Francis Xavier Parish Meeting Room on Tuesday November 30th at 10.00a.m. Join us for board games, conversation and morning tea. All welcome. All attendees are required to be double vaccinated.

LOOKING FORWARD, GEMS 50+: Christmas Melodies at Hamer Hall, Victoria Arts Centre David Hobson, Daisy Valerio and Luke Haberecht accompanied by the Salvation Army Melbourne Staff Band. Monday December 13th. Leave St John's at 10.00 by bus to Victoria Arts Centre. Concert 11.00 - 12.00. Arrive back at St John's at 1.00 to share a 'Christmas' luncheon in Francis Xavier Meeting Room. Cost \$20. Bookings essential: Elizabeth 0447195553

'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.

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Christmas is approaching and our Parish would normally be asking for food and toy donations to provide Christmas hampers to our Vinnies community. This year, because of COVID-19, we are asking for parishioners and our school community to assist us with monetary donations. The money will be used to buy food and gift vouchers to be given to our vulnerable families. We are requesting that this be done by the **12th December**, so we can deliver the vouchers in time for the recipients to shop for Christmas. Could you place your donations in an envelope, clearly marked "Vinnies Donation", and place it in the chute next to the front door of the Parish House or can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. We thank you for your continuing support towards the St John's Vinnies Christmas appeal.

MASS GUIDELINES

- 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.
- Masks are optional.
- Please remember to sanitize the pew before you leave. Thank you.

QR SCAN CHURCH ATTENDANCE



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Mary Mazzarella, Norah Craske, Nicola Ganino, Bonnie Grace, Murphy Evans, Nathaniel Fairbanks.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Thomas Lai, Kay Dennis, Nikolas Flood.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Krystyna Kramarz.

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

ENTRANCE : O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Ref..

COMMUNION: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Ref..

Refrain

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through
the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered
today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Ref..

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Ref..

RECESSIONAL : ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

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

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14.

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R./

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. R./

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. R./

SECOND READING Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



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).

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.

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