



# 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 Woiwurrung 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.

26TH DECEMBER 2021, *FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, YEAR C*

*Wishing all Parishioners, Visitors and Friends a  
Very Happy New Year 2022  
Filled With God's Abundant Blessings!*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and every blessing for the new year! Writing this a few days out, the weather forecasters are predicting lovely conditions for the special day. If they were right, we should have enjoyed a Christmas day of perfect temperatures and plenty of sunshine. Hopefully that meant the firing up of the barbie and some good games of backyard cricket!

You could say that if we were to describe the past year in terms of weather, it wouldn't be a sunny 25 degrees with light winds. Heavy cloud with the potential of flooding might be closer to the mark! This time of the year though reminds us that Christ – our Light – has come into the world and enlightened each one of us. We would do well to remember that it's in the dark and gloom that light shines brightest. The more we are challenged, the more we experience suffering and affliction, all the more does our faith glorify God and better announce his Good News to the world.

I pray that this season brings you many gifts and blessings, but most of all that it serves to intensify your faith, so that whatever the new year brings we may all heed the Lord's exhortation to be a light to the world.

With every blessing,

Fr Joel.

**PLEASE NOTE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
*the morning mass is at*  
*10:30am . No 9:15am Mass.*



**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Joel Peart

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris

**SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

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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

Wed 10:30am from mid January 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 office hours.

### 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.*

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:** St John's parish office is closed and will be open from the 4th of January 2022. For any urgent requests, please email: heidelberg@cam.org.au

Thank You for all your support and kindness ... *Mary Peeris*

**STEWARDSHIP (THANKSGIVING) ENVELOPES:** The January to April instalment of Stewardship Envelopes is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**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.

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU:** If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass due to ill health or for any other reason, we would be more than happy to bring Communion to you at home. Please do not hesitate to call Elizabeth 0447195553. A time to suit you can be arranged. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

### MASS GUIDELINES

- Booking in not required.
- 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 remember to sanitize the pew before you leave. Thank you.

### QR SCAN CHURCH ATTENDANCE



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Mary Ellen White, Elvie & George Elliott.

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

### ENTRANCE : JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord has come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

### COMMUNION: AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there. .

### RECESSIONAL : WHAT CHILD IS THIS

What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

### 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

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

## FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 127:1-5.

**Response:** Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper .

R./

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

R./

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life.

R./

## SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

