



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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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

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Contact parish office during office

hours.

8TH/9TH JANUARY, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR 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.*



THANK YOU: On behalf of the Parish Team we wish to acknowledge all the wonderful singers, musicians, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers, altar society, flower team and those behind the scenes who combined to enable our Christmas masses be so special in these challenging times.

CHOIR/ SINGERS AT MASS: During January our choir and singers will have a well-earned break. We thank them for the talents they share with us faithfully every week. We also thank Sr Loreto, our organist, who plays so beautifully each week at the Saturday 6.00p.m. and Sunday 10.30a.m. masses.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Thank you to our caring parishioners who were able to contribute to the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal. As a result of your donations to this appeal and during the year, your Heidelberg Conference were able to deliver Christmas food vouchers and Christmas stockings to over 60 individuals and family groups in the area.

TRANSPORT REQUIRED: A elderly parishioner living in Rosanna requires transport to mass on a Sunday. If you could help with this ministry please contact Elizabeth 0447195553 for details.

CATECHISTS FOR 2022: Would you enjoy helping primary school-aged children to learn especially about our faith? If you have those gifts we invite you to consider joining our catechist team in 2022 as one of our teachers. This programme teaches Catholic children who don't attend a Catholic primary school about our faith, including (at the right age) preparing them for Sacraments. You will be supported with materials and mentoring. If you are interested, please call Fr Joel 94571066 or email heidelberg@cam.org.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Congratulations to Maureen Clifford who celebrated her 80th birthday on New Year's Day. We trust she had a lovely celebration with her family and friends.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10.

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

R./

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

R./

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever.

R./

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of

all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Ayan Dissanayake.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Wal and Pat Kennedy, Maureen O'Brien, Faye Kennedy, Michael Francis Lucy.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Matt Toohey.

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