



# 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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**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,  
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5TH/6TH FEBRUARY 2022,  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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.*

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF NEW MASS TIMES :** From the weekend of March  
5th/6th mass times will return to the following:  
Saturday: Vigil mass 6.00p.m.  
Sunday: 8.30a.m. 10.30a.m. 5.00p.m.

**CATCHING PEOPLE "ALIVE"**

Luke's Gospel leaves the call of the first disciples until Jesus' own ministry has got under way. His ministry then provides a model for them to follow. So Simon Peter's call comes in the context of Jesus' preaching to a crowd eager to hear the Word. Peter, the fisherman, helps Jesus by allowing him to make use of his boat to avoid being pushed by the crowd into the sea.

Jesus, however, has further plans for Peter. He doesn't call him immediately to a new way of life but challenges him precisely in his area of expertise: catching fish. Peter resists, but eventually goes along with the command to put out to sea and try for a catch. The unbelievable harvest that results, where all night there had been no catch at all, is a clear sign that he is in the presence of the power and limitless generosity of God. Hence his dramatic response: falling at Jesus' feet, owning his own sinfulness and unworthiness.

It is precisely at this moment of conversion and self-knowledge that Jesus judges Peter ready to receive the call: "Do not be afraid; from now on you it is people you will catch". Normally, when fish are caught, they die—preparatory to being eaten! To avoid this implication, Luke uses here a rare Greek word for "catch" here, one that has the sense of catching and *keeping alive*—as when one nets fish for an aquarium. Peter is now to "catch" people with the Word that will make them truly "alive".

*Fr Brendan Byrne sj*

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT? – DO NOT BE AFRAID**

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

5/6 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 9:30am
1st Reader	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
12/13 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 9:30am
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Pamela Smith	Michelle LeMaster	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>MORNING TEA : 6TH FEBRUARY - Barbara &amp; Liz</b>				

**MORNING TEA:** in the parish hall recommences this Sunday, February 6th, following the 10.30a.m. mass. Please join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

**CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022:** Next weekend 12th/13th February is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**GEMS (GREGARIOUS ENERGETIC MEMBERS OF ST JOHN'S) 50+:** We will get back together again on Tuesday, February 8th for lunch at the Henry Barkly Hotel. An opportunity to catch up with others and share our news. New members always welcome and transport is available. To book: Elizabeth 0447195553

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

#### LOOKING AHEAD - FEBRUARY

- 8th** GEMS outing at the Henry Barkly at 12.30p.m
- 14th** Confirmation Class for 2021 group 4.00pm - 4.45p.m Francis Xavier Meeting Room
- 15th** GEMS 10.00a.m. St Francis Meeting Room
- 21st** Confirmation Class for 2021 group 4.00pm - 4.45p.m Francis Xavier Meeting Room
- 22nd** GEMS 10.00a.m. St Francis Meeting Room
- 26th** Confirmation Ceremony for 2021 group 2.00p.m. and 3.30p.m. in St John's Church

#### INTERESTED IN JOINING A MINISTRY

We have a few ministries that require assistance to continue with the wonderful service they provide. Many of our parishioners enjoy the fellowship which involvement in such service to the Parish brings and would appreciate the extra helping hands. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work'. Are you able to join one of our ministries?

Training will be provided.

**Flowers:** We are seeking parishioners interested in joining the Flowers Team on a roster basis.

**Reading:** Would you like to help others hear clearly the Word of God at the mass of your choice on a roster basis.

**Welcoming:** Greeting parishioners and visitors and handing out the parish newsletter on a roster basis.

**Collectors:** We are seeking parishioners to take up the collection at the various masses on a roster basis.

**Catechists:** 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 facilitators. 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.

Please contact the Parish Office on 94571066 during office hours, Tuesday to Friday 9.30 -2.30 or email us at: [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) to express an interest or ask questions regarding any of the above ministries.



**FACE MASKS:** Please remember face masks mandatory in the church unless you have a medical exemption. Thank you for your understanding.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Mateo Guatteri, Isabelle Veitch.

**THE SICK:** Gertruda Krzysik, Carol Walsh, Sylvia Found, Patricia Wong, Sepfianto Arifin, Margaret Ryan, Aileen Powell.

**ANNIVERSARY:** .

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** .

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

**'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.

**ENTRANCE : COME TO THE WATER**

**Refrain:**

Come to the water! You who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!  
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!  
Come! Listen! Live.

Why spend your money on what cannot fill  
The emptiness deep in your heart?  
Listen to My word and you will enjoy  
Goodness and peace in your heart!

Ref..

**COMMUNION: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME AND YOU KNOW ME**

O', God, you search me, and you know me  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze  
When I walk or lie down, you are before me  
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising  
You discern my purpose from afar  
And with love everlasting, you besiege me  
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord  
You have known its meaning through and through  
You are with me beyond my understanding  
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me  
Still I search for shelter from your light  
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you  
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

**RECESSIONAL: AMAZING GRACE**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

**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.  
Amen

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8.

**Response:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

R./

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

R./

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

R./

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

R./

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was

buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!



Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.