



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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26TH/27TH FEBRUARY 2022,
EIGHTH 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.*

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

REMOVING THE PLANK

I lived once with a senior priest who was rather prone to correcting the faults of others and putting them right when he thought they had got things wrong. Asked once by a younger member of the community whether he had ever been wrong himself, he replied: "Just once—when I thought I'd made a mistake but then discovered that I had been right all along"!

That man did a lot of good work over a long life. But perhaps he hadn't reflected on Jesus' words in today's Gospel today as much as he did on other parts of Scripture.

The illustrations to which Jesus appeals—one blind person leading another; attempting to remove the splinter in a neighbour's eye when one has a plank in one's own—are exaggerated and humorous. The original hearers probably fell about laughing. It seems that Jesus often appealed to images like these in order to penetrate people's defences and get them to think. It hard enough to know what is in one's own heart—to recognize the "plank" that may be there, inhibiting right vision and accurate judgment. Yet, even so, we are still confident that we can see and so we set about commenting upon and seeking to root out the failings of others.

If God, who really does see the heart, acts with such generosity, understanding and compassion, then that—not judgment and condemnation—should surely be the model for human interaction.

Jesus' final image in the Gospel invites us to ask what our thoughts, words and actions say about our own hearts.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

LENT AND EASTER

Each year, the Church makes its pilgrimage to the cross and beyond—through the refining trials of the wilderness, to the heart-rending breakthrough of Calvary and into the expansive Easter hope that motivates and animates all that we do. This selection of useful and inspiring resources and articles from around the web has been collected to help you enter more deeply into the Lent and Easter seasons: <https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/libraries/2022/lent-and-easter-useful-links/>

26/27 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 9:30am
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie
2 nd Reader	John McGrath	Michelle LeMaster	TBA	TBA
Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
5/6 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 9:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
MORNING TEA : 6TH MARCH - Francoise & Maria				

THANK YOU: Thanks goes to the Legion of Mary for gifting each of the young parishioners who were confirmed this weekend a pair of Rosary Beads and a prayer card.

MORNING TEA: in the parish hall 6th March, following the 10.30a.m. mass. You are invited to join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.



SHROVE TUESDAY (PANCAKE TUESDAY): Join us in the Parish House on Pancake Tuesday from 10.30a.m. to enjoy some delicious pancakes, a cuppa and the company of other parishioners. All

welcome. Please enter the Parish House at the rear entrance.

GEMS: Tuesday March 1st at 10.30a.m. (note later time) to celebrate Pancake Tuesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY: A day of fasting and abstinence on 2nd March, Masses at 9.15am and 7pm. We welcome our students from Year levels 5 and 6 who will also be present at the 9.15am mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: each Friday in Lent, starting on 6th March, at 6pm.

ST JOHN'S PARISH DINNER: You are invited to join with other parishioners at the Henry Barkly Hotel on Wednesday March 16th (St Patrick's Day Eve) at 6.30p.m. for dinner. Enjoy the company of parishioners in a social setting. Bookings are needed. You can book in the church foyer or by contacting the Parish Office (Tuesday - Friday 9.30a.m. - 2.30p.m.) 94571066 or by emailing, Heidelberg@cam.org.au

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL: The Collection for Catholic Care Victoria was \$853. Thank you to all those who were able to donate.

LOOKING AHEAD - March

- 1st Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at Parish House 10am
- 2nd Ash Wednesday 9.15am & 7pm
- 4th Stations of the Cross 6.00p.m.
- 6th First Sunday of Lent 5.00p.m. mass reintroduced.
Morning tea following the 10.30a.m. mass
- 11th Stations of the Cross 6.00p.m.
- 16th Parish Dinner 6.30pm 'Terrace' Henry, Barkly Hotel
- 17th St Patrick's Feast Day
- 18th Stations of the Cross 6.00p.m.



PROJECT COMPASSION: Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to help Caritas Australia this Lenten season support vulnerable communities to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*. Thank you

THE EYRIE – ST. JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE

Your articles of interest welcomed. Please send your opinion piece or article of interest to the parish house Email: Heidelberg.cam.org.au

New Sponsors welcome – if you would like to advertise your business in the Eyrie please ring Michelle - 0499891101

We are **seeking some Committee members** for the magazine – if you feel you can help with editing, interviewing for stories, ideas for articles then we need you. The magazine is put out quarterly so even a few hours a quarter would be great- ring Michelle 0499891101 or email heidelberg.cam.org.au



St John's Catholic Parish Primary School, Heidelberg

An inclusive Catholic community, fostering a commitment to faith and nurturing a love of learning

PREP ENROLMENTS 2023 NOW OPEN

Some places available in other year levels

If you would like to join us for a School Tour

Wednesday 2 March at 9:15am

Tuesday 15 March at 9:15am

Monday 21 March at 5:00pm

Please contact the school office to make a booking

Phone: 03 9459 2963

Email: office@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

Alternative dates can be arranged by appointment

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Arthur Suurland, Andre Arapis.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Wanda Zebrowski, Antonio Cipollone, Val Lingier, Syville Lingier, Claude Herbert, Rachel Gerbert, Philip James Heffernan.

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

ENTRANCE : ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat a banquet hall on
Holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

COMMUNION : SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour bathe me in Thy Tide;
Wash me, ye waters gushing from His Side.

Strength and protection may His Passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in Thy Wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
So shall I never, never part from Thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
In death's drear moments make me only Thine;
Call me and bid me come to Thee on high,
Where I may praise Thee with Thy Saints for aye.

RECESSIONAL: MY SOUL IS JOYFUL

My soul is joyful; my spirit is glad!
Yahweh is my Saviour! He is my Lord!
Deep is his mercy, gentle are his ways!
He has filled me with gladness all my days!

I am his servant; He is truly my God!
I will serve Him forever; strong in His love!
From this day onward all people will see
God had fashioned his handmaid; God lives in me!

Holy is his name! Mercy given to all
Sure and simple his wisdom! Proud men will fall!
Good news for children! Food for all who need.
Strength and life in the Spirit given to me!

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

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – THREE TEXTS; ONE LESSON

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING

Sir 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13.

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. .

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night . **R./**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R./**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R./**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How

can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.



An online Lenten Retreat - 2022

The Little Sisters of the Poor
offer young women who desire to
deepen their Spiritual Life and draw closer to God
six online Lenten Conferences entitled:
"Merciful Father"



Lent is a good time to stop
and reconnect with the
Lord, to take time away
from the business of our
daily life and listen to the
Lord in the quietness ...

To register
or for more information,
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Sr. Mary Lourdes
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(This is a free event)

6.30 - 7.15pm (AEDT Melbourne Time) on:

05 March Saturday	12 March Saturday	20 March Sunday	26 March Saturday	2 April Saturday	9 April Saturday
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