



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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Tues—Fri 9:30am to 2:30pm

MASS TIMES:
Tues to Sat: 9:15am & Sat Vigil
6pm, Sun: **8:30am, 10:30am & 5pm**

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: Meet every
Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish
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2ND/3RD APRIL 2022, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, 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.*

Clubs and Aces

There's been a couple of big 'hits' this week when it comes to celebrities. I'll leave the Will Smith slap alone for now and instead comment on something more in my wheelhouse: a hole-in-one by former US President Donald Trump.

Though some are dubious about the claim, fellow playing partners – including former world number one Ernie Els – testify to the achievement, which happened at Trump's own golf course in West Palm Beach Florida last Saturday. Trump released a statement with details of the ace, going into the particulars as any golfer would. It was the 7th hole, a 181-yard (165m) par 3, which was playing into a slight breeze. Trump hit a 5 iron, which is a decent effort in itself for a fellow of 75 years. (Most players of that vintage would be doing well to hit a 3 wood over 160 metres.) The ball was hit with a slight fade (left to right ball flight), bounced a couple of times and then found itself in the bottom of the cup. His playing partners had to alert him of the hole out, with the man hitting the shot admitting that his eyesight isn't what it used to be.

I say that this event is more in my wheelhouse for a few reasons. As most of you know, I like to play golf. More than that, I too have had a hole-in-one. Further, I also used a 5 iron from the tee and finally, I did not see the ball go into the hole and had to have others point it out to me. Looking back it was a pretty ordinary way to achieve what most golfers never get to, but I'll take it! Odds suggest that one in five amateur golfers will have a hole in one during their lifetime. Obviously, the better the golfer the more likely they are to have an ace, but there would still seem to be a bit of luck involved. Some of the best players in the world have never had one, whilst some weekend hacks have had several over the journey. Australian golfer Robert Allenby holds the record of most competition hole-in-ones by a professional with 10. But that pales into comparison with the generally recognized all-time record of 59, held by Californian club golfer Norman Manley who played back in the 60s and 70s. I say "generally recognized" as some of his claimed aces aren't exactly "well documented". But I've never known a golfer to lie...

Bless,
Fr Joel.

2/3 April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
9/10 April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Robyn Laurie	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Elizabeth Williamson	Claire Newsome	Pietro Sciotto	Mary Kotefski

MORNING TEA : 3RD APRIL - Carmel & Marguerite

HOLY WEEK



TIMETABLE 2022

PALM SUNDAY: 9TH/10TH APRIL

Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am & 5pm.

HOLY THURSDAY: 14TH APRIL

(No Morning mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY : 15TH APRIL

Station of the Cross 11.00am in the church.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY : 16TH APRIL

(No Morning mass)

Easter Vigil 8.00p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY: 17TH APRIL

Mass 8.30a.m. and 10.30a.m.

(No Evening mass)

MORNING TEA: in the parish hall 3rd April, following the 10.30a.m. mass. You are invited to join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and a chat.

GEMS: Tuesday April 5th in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room 10.00a.m. to 12.00. This will be our last gathering before a two week break resuming on April 26th. New members always welcome and transport is available. Elizabeth 0447195553.

HOLY THURSDAY, WASHING OF THE FEET: Part of the Holy Thursday celebration includes the washing of the feet of twelve parishioners. Anyone who would like to participate in this celebration please put down your name on the sheet in the foyer.

PALM SUNDAY: On Palm Sunday parishioners are invited to bring with them palm and olive branches or any other suitable greenery. These will be blessed before the Mass as we celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring some extra pieces for parishioners who do not have access to suitable greenery. We'll meet outside the church at all masses (except Sunday evening 5pm mass) to commence our Palm Sunday Liturgy. Thank you



PROJECT COMPASSION: Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself. Donate through boxes / envelopes / 1800 024 413 / lent.caritas.org.au so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities ***For All Future Generations.***

THE VICAR GENERAL , VERY REV FR JOE CADDY AM HAS COMMENDED TWO APPEALS TO PARISH COMMUNITIES

FLOOD APPEAL - SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donation can be made either directly to either state through:

www.vinnies.org.au - Flood appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society - Good Works (vinnies.org.au)

Or by Calling Queensland (07) 3010 1000
Or New South Wales - (02) 9568 0262.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centers for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

Or contact 1800 024 413

LENT AND EASTER

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/len-and-easter-useful-links/>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY MARRIED: Alessia Mattia with Aaron Tucker.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Everleigh Chan.

THE SICK: Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow, Gertruda Krzysik.

ANNIVERSARY: .

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

ENTRANCE : ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Serve him with love, and praise him well,
Come now before him, and rejoice.

COMMUNION : LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

Refrain:

Lord to whom shall we go?
You are our bread,
broken and shared.
Lord to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.

Our fathers ate,
yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied.

O Lord, you feed us
with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life.

The bread you give
is the living bread,
your flesh for the life of the world.

Your word, O Lord,
is a lamp for my steps,
a light for my path of life.

RECESSIONAL: BLEST BE THE LORD

Refrain:

Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day.

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure.

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.

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.)

R.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

R.

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.

R.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

R.

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,

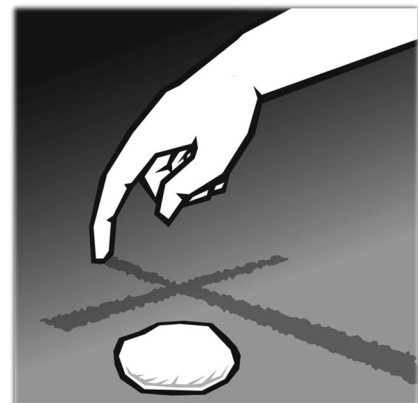
who has spoken through the prophets.

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125

Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

R./

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

R./

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

R./

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

R./

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become

perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
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GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no
more.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – FORGIVEN, NOT FORGOTTEN

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.