



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.

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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

WEDDING, BAPTISM, FIRST

**RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION,
CONFIRMATION:**

Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

LEGION OF MARY:

Meet every
Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish
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21ST/22ND MAY 2022, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR 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.*

Today's Gospel, continues the reading from the long discourse that, in the Fourth Gospel, Jesus gives at the Last Supper (John 13:13 – 17:26). Throughout the discourse Jesus speaks a good deal about 'going away' and 'returning'. It is important to understand that his talk of 'going away' and 'returning' operates on two levels. In the context of the final supper 'going away' most obviously refers to Jesus' imminent departure from this world in death, while his 'return' would refer to his appearance to the disciples three days later as risen Lord. At a more basic level, however, the 'going away' of Jesus refers to his post-resurrection ascension and departure to the Father while his 'return' would then refer to his return to the world at the end of time. At this level of reference, the discourse addresses his physical 'absence' from the community during this period. This was the time in which the community for whom the Fourth Gospel was written found themselves living. And, of course, it continues to our own time today. The part of the discourse appearing as today's Gospel is sparked off by a question from Judas (carefully specified by the evangelist as 'not the Iscariot'). He wants to know how during this time of Jesus' physical absence the community of believers will have a sense of his presence, even though as far as the rest of the world is concerned he will be simply absent. In response to Judas' query Jesus stresses three things: love, the Paraclete (Spirit), and peace.

First of all, believers who truly love Jesus have his assurance that he and the Father have made their 'home' within them. This is perhaps the most beautiful and most intimate expression of the theme of divine indwelling in the Fourth Gospel. The divine 'community' of mutual love constituted by Father and Son sets up house, so to speak – makes itself 'at home' – within the hearts of believers and within the community as a whole. It is not just that believers should come to be at home with God; God wants to be at home with them. So, while believers will not, as the original disciples, see and hear and touch Jesus physically, faith will give them a sense of living constantly within this extraordinary 'at home-ness' with God. Secondly, to compensate for the loss of the teaching, guidance, and encouragement under trial that Jesus has provided for them during his earthly life, they will have the presence of the Holy Spirit, here referred to as 'the Paraclete'. The description of the Spirit as 'Paraclete' or 'Counsellor' takes its cue from the sense of a powerful and respected friend who stands by you when you are in trouble or under accusation – the sort of person you would like to have by you in court as both attorney and character referee. For the community the Paraclete Spirit will also have a teaching and a 'reminding' function. In this way, the teaching Jesus gave them during his earthly life will be kept alive and also adapted to new situations and circumstances confronting the Church. Finally, Jesus will bequeath to the community the gift of peace. This does not mean that there will never be disputes or disagreements but rather that there will be given a capacity for resolving such disputes in such a way that peace is restored or even more deeply secured

.... Fr Brendan Byrne sj

21/22 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
28/29 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Elizabeth Williamson	Leela Cherubim

CHURCH CLOSED: on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th of May (no morning mass) as the Church's Carpets are being professionally cleaned.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CONFIRMATION: Applications are now open for enrolment in Confirmation classes for students attending schools other than St John's Primary School. Our programme is for students in Year 6 or above who have been baptised and completed the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The classes will be held between 4.00p.m. and 5.00p.m. for 6 weeks commencing Wednesday June 15th. Application forms available from heidelberg@cam.org.au Closing date for applications is Friday June 10th.

CANONISATION OF SAINTS: For the first time since October 2019, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Peter's Square will host a canonization. This gap of two-and-a-half years (canonizations at the Vatican under Pope Francis typically happened at least once a year) was punctuated only by the pontiff in 2021 when he named Italian Third Order Dominican Margaret of Castello, patroness of persons with disabilities, a saint by way of the process known as equivalent canonization. And so, the upcoming canonizations to be declared by Pope Francis is a rather historic occasion — and a joyful one, both in the wake of the difficulties of the pandemic and, now, in the midst of war in Ukraine. Ten saints will be declared, which will bring the total of 909 saints canonized in the pontificate of Pope Francis. The group of new saints is comprised mostly of priests and women religious, including just one member of the secular lay faithful.

FR BILL EDEBOHLS - FINDING A COMMON HOME WITH IVANHOE PARISH: Father Bill Edebohls is Parish Priest at Ivanhoe (some may remember as a former parish priest of St John's) and he joined Melbourne Catholic to share a bit about his own journey of faith, and discuss the redevelopment project that has been taking place at Mary Immaculate on Upper Heidelberg Road since late 2020, the result of more than 20 years of parish planning. To read the article in the Melbourne Catholic: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/fr-bill-edebhols-finding-a-common-home-with-ivanhoe-parish>

GEMS 50+: Tuesday May 24th in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room for games and morning tea. Transport available, Elizabeth 0447195553.

SAC REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED: Our School Advisory Council here at St John's Primary provides a forum for discussion, where parents' voice and perspective are available to inform and support the decisions made by the principal and parish priest for the good of the school and parish.

I am looking for a person to represent the parish at these meetings. The candidate would be someone who has children currently attending St John's primary and is someone who strives to practice the faith in their lives through regular attendance at mass. If you believe you could help support us in our efforts to foster faith in our school children by being on this council then I'd love to hear from you.

Contact me via email at joel.peart@cam.org.au

With thanks,

Fr Joel.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA: St John's are hosting a Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer research.

Date: Tuesday, May 31st

Venue: St John's Hall

Time: 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.

Entry: \$5 (on the day)



RSVP (for catering purposes):

Add your name to the list in the church foyer or call Elizabeth 0447195553.

An overwhelming number of parishioners have responded to our request to donate goods for raffles and door prizes for which we are most grateful.

There will be two raffles on the day with lovely gifts donated by generous parishioners, a silent auction and spot and door prizes.

Remember to bring along your most colourful tea towel and or a decorated biscuit if you would like to enter the competitions.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL NIGHT: Tues, 24th May 2022 at St Francis Xavier Room; everyone welcome. Join us for cards, board games, chess, a chat or tea/coffee. Each fortnight on Tuesdays, from 7-8.30 pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Oliver Robinson.

THE SICK: Stanislawa Dabal, Aileen Powell, Patricia Wong, Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow, Gertruda Krzysik.

ANNIVERSARY: Alexander Dickson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gilbert Chaillet.

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

ENTRANCE : PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

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 every 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.

For you created me and shaped me
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonders of who I am, I praise you,
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

RECESSIONAL : TO YOU, OUR HOLY GOD

To you, our Holy God. We bring our praises strong.
We call on all to laud and sing your
Joyful song. Sing praise to God,
Who is the sovereign of all things. O praise the Lord!

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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
 proclaim to the ends of the earth:
 The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 99:1-3. 5.

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
 and let your face shed its light upon us.
 So will your ways be known upon earth
 and all nations learn your saving help.

R./

Let the nations be glad and exult
 for you rule the world with justice.
 With fairness you rule the peoples,
 you guide the nations on earth.

R./

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you.
 May God still give us his blessing
 till the ends of the earth revere him.

R./

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
 and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

