



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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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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  
house in Xavier Room. All  
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25TH/26TH JUNE 2022

13TH 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.*



*Blessed are you, O God for you have created  
the wide and wonderful world in which we live.  
We praise you for your constant care for those  
who have trusted you in ages past,  
who journeyed in faith to new lands of promise.  
We trust that now you will hold Father Joel  
securely in your hands as he, too,  
follows your call to a new place. May he take with him  
a heart filled with your love and grace,  
that those with whom he lives and works  
may see in him the face of Jesus Christ.  
Bless him that he may be a blessing.  
Guide him to his new community, where he may  
continue to grow in grace, in Spirit, and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

25/26 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Robyn Laurie	Leela Cherubim
3/4 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	John McGrath	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Morning Tea : 3rd July - Barbara & Liz				

**FATHER JOEL'S FAREWELL:** All are invited to farewell Father Joel at the 10.30a.m. mass and afterwards in the St John's Parish Hall this Sunday June 26th. Please bring a plate of food to share and leave it in the hall prior to 10.30a.m. mass. A group card to sign is available in the church foyer.

**GEMS 50+:** The GEMS will resume on Tuesday July 12th in the Francis Xavier Parish Meeting Room.

**MORNING TEA:** In parish hall next Sunday 3rd July, following the 10.30a.m. mass. You are invited to Join fellow parishioners for Morning Tea following the 10.30a.m. mass next Sunday. It will be an opportunity to meet and welcome our new parish priest, Father Vinh Nguyen.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS:** Mercy Connect Melbourne is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centres. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. The training day is in July. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Tel: 9326 1895

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL:**

Amount collected was \$468.15.



Thank you for your generosity.

**THANK YOU :** We most sincerely thank all Parishioners who contribute through our parish's Planned Giving whether it be via envelopes, credit card or direct deposit into the parish account, Tap & Go in the church foyer or CDF Transfer and regular cash donations in the plate. As a parish community, we rely solely on these contributions to cover the following:

- Liturgical needs and resources
- Office equipment and resources
- Increasing electricity & Gas costs and insurance
- Council charges
- Staff wages
- Repairs & maintenance of church, presbytery, Parish hall & our beautiful Garden

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**A PASSION FOR LIFE**

Today's Gospel begins at a turning point in the Gospel of Luke. Like the Servant figure in Isa 50:7, Jesus "sets his face" as he sets out on the long journey to Jerusalem that will climax in his suffering and death.

When a Samaritan village proves inhospitable to messengers that Jesus sends before him, two disciples propose a violent response: call down fire from heaven. But violence is not Jesus' way to deal with rejection. What he would bring—to Jerusalem and to the world—is peace (19:41-44; 2:14).

But Jesus does give very demanding responses to three people who offer themselves as companions on his journey. To the first he responds that following him will mean a wandering life of risky reliance on hospitality, with no guarantee of secure lodging.

The prophet Elijah allowed his disciple Elisha to go home and bid farewell to his parents (1 Kings 19:16,19-21). Jesus, by contrast, insists to two other would be followers that even the most sacred family obligations must yield to the claims of the Kingdom, which is about rescuing human beings for life.

The Jesus who confronts us here may seem unusually harsh. But it is important to keep in mind that the other side of this stance is the passion for human lives that drives him on. He is on the march now to a conflict with demonic forces that seek to dehumanize and destroy the world. Those who would seek to rescue people for life and for love must share both his passion and the hardships it entails.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Matilda & Reuben Wilson, Maggie & Darcy O'Brien.

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Mariangela Finanzio, Laura Foote, Bruno Scopece.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joyce O'Donnell.

*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: SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things  
shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and it shall  
be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Where two or three  
are gathered in my name,  
there am I in their midst;  
and whatsoever ye ask, I will do.

### RECESSIONAL: GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.  
Words that I can't understand; meanings I can't  
clearly hear!  
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!  
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more  
time!

So I leave my boats behind!  
Leave them on familiar shores!  
Set my heart upon the deep!  
Follow you again, my Lord! (rpt)

### 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

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and  
Resurrection you have set us free.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

## FIRST READING 1Kings 19:16, 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

**RESPONSE:** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

## SECOND READING Galatians 5:1, 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Luke 9: 51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

### HAVE YOU THOUGHT – NO LOOKING BACK

'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back – if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice – then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom.