



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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Vinh Nguyen

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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

ADORATION: After Friday morning mass with Benediction.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Friday during Adoration, Sat 9:45 am & 5:30pm

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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23RD /24TH JULY, 17TH 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.*

Dear Friends,

I have come among you, being your new parish priest up to this point about three weeks now. Very often, I have been asked, "Have you settled in?" Many of you heard me answer, "Yes, slowly slowly," or "So far so good, I think," or "There are many things for me to learn," etc. But, I can share with you a few words: It has been an honour for me to be appointed as parish priest at St John's Catholic Parish Heidelberg by the Archbishop of Melbourne. I would like to thank Archbishop Peter Commensoli and the Vicar General for their kindness and care. I am very grateful to Fr Joel Peart, Fr Mario Zammit, Fr Ted Teal and the many priests, staff and volunteers past and present who have spent their time in service of our parish community. Their marvellous dedication, care and love for our people here in many generations past and present will always be remembered. I am privileged to continue to inherit the good fruits, the great harvest of the seeds they have sown. I would like to thank all the parishioners of St John's and many others from neighbouring parishes who have given me a very warm welcome. Thank you very much.

I have been learning some new ways of daily routine, getting to know you, your names, your stories. But forgive me if I keep asking your name again, as I said on the first Sunday of my arrival, "I will keep asking your name until I really get it". I am looking forward to getting to know you all, and with the help of God to walk with you and to serve you in my humble ability and ministry.

Many people in our community have shared their stories with me already. I am grateful for that. Thank you. May I share with the whole community some joyful and remarkable milestones among us in lives of service, marriage, and vocation.

Last Wednesday night, 13 July 2022, Kevin Andrews celebrated 30 years as member of the Australian Parliament. Achieved last year but due to COVID celebrated this year.

Last Sunday, 17 July 2022, Michelle and Peter Penson celebrated their 50th Anniversary of marriage at St Patrick's Cathedral with many other couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Also achieved last year but due to COVID celebrated this year.

This Sunday, 24 July 2022, at 10:30 am Mass, Fr Ted Teal our former parish priest here at St John's will celebrate the 55th Anniversary of his priesthood ordination.

Could I ask you to join me to congratulate them on these remarkable milestones in their lives. We give thanks and praise to God for them, for their life of dedication and their marvellous service of others. May God continue to bestow on them abundantly his blessings in these their special days and throughout their lives.

Above all, we give thanks and praise to God for his goodness, his care and his love for us always.

God bless,

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

23/24 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	Claire Newsome	Mary Aiello
Reader	-	-	Margaret Andrews	-
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Elizabeth Williamson
30 /31 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	John McGrath	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Sally Tramontana

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL:

The St John's Conference of St Vincent De Paul will hold our annual winter appeal this weekend **23rd/24th July**. SVDP envelopes are available in church pews and at the back of church. Receipts can be issued by simply completing your name and address on the envelope.



GEMS (GREGARIOUS ENERGETIC MEMBERS OF ST JOHN'S): We will be meeting in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room next Tuesday, July 26th at 10.00a.m. for conversation, games and morning tea . New members always welcome.

PARISH CONFIRMATION: Please keep in your prayers the young people of our parish who will be confirmed on August 12th.

FATHER TED CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD: Father Ted will concelebrate 10.30a.m. mass with Father Vinh on Sunday, July 24th to celebrate the 55th anniversary of his ordination. All are invited to 10.30a.m. mass and to the Parish Hall following mass for Morning Tea with Father Ted.

WINTER FIESTA AND WYD LAUNCH: On Thursday 4 August, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli for SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to great night of prayer, music, food and fun, and Archbishop Peter will also use this opportunity to launch our pilgrimages to WYD 2023. For more information visit webpage at

<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/winter-fiesta>

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also Register for a Webinar on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

COVID INFORMATION UPDATED: 20 JULY 2022

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne along with the Chief Health Officer strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period (from July 2022 onwards).

- Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. However, parishioners are strongly encouraged to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.
- Sanitising hands before distribution of Holy Communion is still recommended.
- All workplaces and Places of Worship are still required to have a COVID-Safe Plan that supports a community to reduce the spread of the virus.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER TED 55 YEARS ORDAINED

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Emma Beechey, Siera Sansonetti.

THE SICK: Alice Hyland, Charlie Catujar, Noah Thorley, Joan O'Donoghue, Telana O'Toole, Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow.

ANNIVERSARY: Francis Walton, Joseph Duy Nguyen.

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

ENTRANCE : HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song of praise shall be:
Holy holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons blessed Trinity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky
and sea:
Holy holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons blessed Trinity.

COMMUNION: LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs
in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.

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.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow
strike me down, no evil settle in my soul.

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

R. 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.
R. God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
R. 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

God is in his holy place,
 God who unites those who dwell in his house;
 he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know. 'The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' 'Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137:1-3. 6-8

RESPONSE: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

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./

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
 and the haughty he knows from afar.
 Though I walk in the midst of affliction
 you give me life and frustrate my foes.

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

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."'

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him;" and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and never forget all his benefits.

