



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

# 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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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:**

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*30TH / 31ST JULY, 18TH 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,

This Sunday, I would like to share with you this good news:

About two weeks ago, I got a call from the Rector of our Corpus Christi seminary in Carlton, Archdiocese of Melbourne, asking me if I would welcome a Deacon to our parish for him to carry out his ministry and assist with some pastoral works in the parish. I told him that I was very new to the parish community here, but I would be very honoured and happy to welcome a Deacon to live, share and minister at St John's.

There may come to your mind some questions - Who is a deacon and what is his particular role in the Church? What is the difference between a priest and a deacon? First of all, I quote from The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which gives a succinct definition of a deacon and his particular role in the Church:

*"A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or 'orders,' of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters (priests) and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came 'to serve and not to be served.' The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church."*

The diaconate is the first "order" in the sacrament of Holy Orders, and for those called to the priesthood it is the first order they receive.

All men on their way to the priesthood must first be ordained a deacon. This is called the "transitional" diaconate, because it marks a transition to the presbyterate. There are two ways of fulfilling the order of deacons in the Catholic Church: transitional deacon and permanent deacon. A transitional deacon will typically become a priest, while permanent deacons usually do not.

### *What is the difference between a Deacon and a Priest?*

A Catholic Priest is a Roman Catholic man who God called to serve Him through receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders. A Catholic Priest is seen as a "connector" between God and humans through exercising his service for the people of God by teaching, divine reverence, and pastoral governance. *(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1592)*

A Deacon is a Roman Catholic man who is an ordained member of the Catholic Clergy. The word "deacon" originated from the Greek word "diakonos," which means to serve or as an attendant for service. Therefore, the role and degree of the Diaconate are intended to be of service.

### *What can Priests do that Deacons cannot?*

There are many duties that both priests and deacons can do, but there are some limitations. for deacons.

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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	Elizabeth Williamson	Tim Boyle	Sally Tramontana
6 / 7 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Claire Newsome	Margaret Andrews	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Tim Boyle	Elizabeth Williamson
Morning Tea: 7th August - Francoise & Maria				

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**-The Holy Eucharist:** When it comes to the Holy Eucharist, only the Priests can celebrate Mass and consecrate the bread and wine to the Body and Blood of Christ. The Deacon can, however, distribute Holy Communion and possibly preach the homily.

**-The Sacrament of Baptism:** In Baptism, both a priest and a deacon can administer the sacrament.

**-The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** When pertaining to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it is indisputable that only a Priest can administer confession. However, if you are seeking some counselling and guidance on your spiritual life, you may talk to a deacon. But do note that he is not able to give you the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**-Anointing of the Sick:** As stated by the Can. Law 1003 "Every priest and a priest alone validly administers the anointing of the sick." Therefore a deacon may not conduct this sacrament. He, however, may do a pastoral visit for the sick.

**-The Sacrament of Matrimony:** Priests may celebrate Mass and the marriage ceremony. On the other hand, since deacons are not allowed to celebrate Mass, they may only officiate in a Catholic marriage ceremony.

So, today I would like to introduce to you all Deacon Vinh Do, who has been studying to be a priest for the Archdiocese of Melbourne and arrived in our parish of St John's Catholic Church Heidelberg on Thursday 28 July 2022. He will live and serve our community as Deacon until his proposed date of ordination to the priesthood on the 19 November 2022.

I was told and hope that some of you might remember that last year, on Good Shepherd Sunday, Deacon Vinh Do came to give a talk and share his vocation to the priesthood to our parish community. We will get to know him more while he lives and serves us in his ministry of Deaconate. I am sure that you will make him warmly welcome among our parish community as he carries out his deaconate ministry fruitfully. Let us pray for Deacon Vinh Do as he also prays with us and for us in his ministry. May he become a good future priest for God and His people, as he approaches his priestly ordination later on in the year.

Deacon Vinh Do will introduce himself to us in more detail at the end of Mass this Sunday.

May God bless you all.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

**WELCOME BACK MONTHLY SAUSAGE SIZZLE WITH MORNING TEA:** Next Sunday, August 7th, sees the reintroduction of our monthly BBQ following the 10.30a.m. mass. Tea and coffee will also be available in the hall. Think about joining us as we continue to build our community following COVID restrictions being eased.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL:** Many thanks to those who were able to contribute to the St John's Conference of St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal last weekend. You raised \$3,500. It gave a real boost to our conference members to know you support us in the work we do each week for those disadvantaged in our community.

**GEMS SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON:** We will be meeting in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room next Tuesday, August 2nd at 10.00a.m. for conversation, games and soup and sandwiches for lunch. New members always welcome.

**PARISH CONFIRMATION:** Please keep in your prayers the young people of our parish who will be confirmed on August 12th. May the example and prayers of this community inspire them to grow in their knowledge and love of God.

**ST JOHN'S SOCIAL NIGHT:** Tues, 2nd August 2022 at St Xavier Room; everyone welcome. Join us for cards, board games, chess, a chat or for a tea/coffee. Each fortnight on Tuesdays from 7 - 8.30 pm

**FATHER TED'S 55th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS :** Last Sunday we celebrated with Father Ted the 55th anniversary of his ordination. Father Ted and Father Vinh celebrated the 10.30am mass. After mass we gathered in the parish hall for speeches by Father Vinh, Joe Manovella and Father Ted followed by morning tea. Thanks to Barb, Michelina, Marg and Elizabeth for their help.



#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Matilda Pyne, Xavier Graziano.

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Brigitte Leguen, Salam Fakhry.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jan Galeczka.

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

### ENTRANCE : SEEK YE FIRST

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

### COMMUNION: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

#### Refrain

Seed, scattered and sown,  
Wheat, gathered and grown,  
Bread, broken and shared as one,  
The Living bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,  
Work of our hands, one cup that is  
Shared by all; the Living Cup,  
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,  
A sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless,  
The blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock  
Will wither and will die,  
The seed within good ground  
Will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills  
Was gathered and was grown,  
So may the Church of God  
Be gathered into one

### RECESSIONAL: 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.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
To his children in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

### 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

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

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

## FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 89:3-6.12-14.17

**RESPONSE:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

R./

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

R./

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants..

R./

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

R./

## SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its

creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom  
of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every  
taste.

### SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – DO NOT WORRY

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.