



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
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
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13TH / 14TH AUGUST, 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR

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,

On the solemnity of the *Feast of the Assumption* (Monday, August 15th) we honour and celebrate Mary, the Mother of God, assumed into heaven body and soul. In the documents of the Vatican Council II, the Church states:

“Finally, the immaculate Virgin preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, that she might be the more fully conformed to her son, the Lord of Lords, and conqueror of sin and death”.

The theme threading through the three readings of Mass for the Feast Day is that of triumph. This is the triumph of God over evil and ultimately death through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. What we celebrate on the Feast of the Assumption is that with the unconditional “**YES**” of a young Jewish woman to God, God’s life and salvation were brought to all in past, present and future generations. God’s ways are mysterious in that he chooses to do it through us and with us but we can claim that God’s triumph over evil and over death is possible only with Mary’s “**YES**”.

The Blessed Virgin Mary truly leads the way, fulfilling her vocation in humility. Given her Immaculate Conception, the grave was no place for her body. Where she is now, we hope to be one day.

Mary completed her life as a shining example to the human race. She is offered to us as a model of deep faith. As disciples of her Son Jesus, we are called to learn from her example so that our lives too can be offered to God in gratitude for Him to do great things in the world through us. No doubt, it is a big challenge but our complete surrender to God’s will, like Mary, will make the way for God’s goodness in the world.

In this week of celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, we pray for each of us, for our families, our parish community of St John’s Heidelberg and for people around the world. May we, like Mary, recognise how God is working in and through us to bring life, goodness and hope to the world.

Mary, Our Lady of Assumption. Pray for us!
Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

13 / 14 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm	
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Claire Newsome	Elizabeth Williamson	Annaliza	
20 / 21 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm	
Reader	Pamela Smith	Marguerite Ryan	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski	
COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 7TH AUGUST 2022					
CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318			PRESBYTERY - BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
662.00	796.15	1940.00	100.40	340.00	115.00

TWO COLLECTIONS: From this weekend in our parish at St John's there will be two separate collections at all Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation.

First Collection is for the support of our parish priest, the Archbishop, the sick and retired priests and priests in less fortunate areas around our Archdiocese of Melbourne (it is taken up after the prayers of the faithful).

Second Collection is for the support of our parish, its welfare and maintenance (it is taken up after Communion).

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MONDAY 15TH AUGUST: The feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year and a Holy Day of Obligation on the official Catholic Church calendar. Although we do not normally have mass on a Monday, mass will be celebrated on this special feast of Mary at 9.15a.m. and 7.00p.m.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL: This weekend 13th/14th August. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES: The next instalment is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church. The envelopes are in alphabetical order, it also includes the monthly, quarterly and yearly envelopes for next year. Please do let us know if yours is not present or you do want to start contributing by envelopes by contacting parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR TAX RECEIPTS: for parishioners contributing by credit card and direct debit are available upon request from the parish office. Please call 94571066 or email on heidelberg@cam.org.au. Donations to the parish are not tax-deductible. Thank you for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS: to the young people of our parish who were confirmed on Friday by Rev Father Tony Kerin. Please keep them in your prayers.

THANK YOU: to those who were able to join the parish community last Sunday for the Sausage Sizzle and Morning Tea. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners present. Thank you to Chris, Barb and Maria for their organisation. Thank you also to Brett from Stephens and Sons Meats in the Warringal Shopping Centre who donated the sausages.

SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS: in support of Corpus Christi College Seminary where young men are trained to become priests of many different dioceses within Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. There are four prizes to be won - 1st prize \$15,000 Travel Award, 2nd, 3rd & 4th prizes of \$500, \$200 & \$100 gift cards each. The tickets can be purchased this weekend and next weekend after each Mass. They can be bought online (scan QR code or copy & paste link) <https://www.corpuschristicollege.org.au/pnf>



GEMS: We will be meeting in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room next Tuesday, August 16th at 10.00a.m. for conversation, games and morning tea. New members always welcome.

PERMANENT DIACONATE: an Information session will be held on Saturday, 3rd September, 10:00 - 11.45 at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne for single or married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. More information contact 94123357, diaconate@cam.org.au

CHARISMATIC MASS: will be celebrated on Thursday 18th August at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All welcome. For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Aileen Powell, Helen Griffiths, Joan Pinkney, Margaret Thomas, Alice Hyland, Charlie Catujar, Noah Thorley, Joan O'Donoghue, Telana O'Toole, Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow.

ANNIVERSARY: Jim Dunlea, Reg Shanahan, Fransi Widjanarko, Sante Iebbiano.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jeremy Morck, Bill Henderson, Judith Durham, Catherine Mavis Johnston, Joan Pinkney, Ivo Marinovic.

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

ENTRANCE : CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Father we praise you as Lord,
All of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

COMMUNION: COME TO THE WATER

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Refrain

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and song.

Ref.

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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39:2-4

RESPONSE: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

R./

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

R./

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

R./

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay!

R./

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not

give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!



'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

NO PEACE WITHOUT CHANGE OF HEART

A tough message that we hear from Jesus in the gospel today! "Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth?" Well, was not that the message that the angels announced on the night he was born—"Peace on earth to people of good will?" But here he is saying, not peace, but division—division especially within families. What are we to make of it all?

Jesus may in fact have come to bring peace but it is no simple matter for that peace to be received. His message calls for conversion of heart. It challenges deep seated views and comfortable arrangements—especially social arrangements that privilege a few people while many others miss out.

Bringing God's peace to the world will mean for Jesus conflict with the authorities of his people and ultimately death on a cross. It is only after he has emerged from that conflict, victorious in resurrection on the third day, that he will say to his shattered disciples, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36). So there is a cost to being a peace-bringer to a world that may long for peace but not be prepared to confront the cost that true peace requires.

Even the most basic human institutions are not exempt from the challenge that following Jesus' way requires. Saint Francis of Assisi and many other saints who, like him, followed Jesus in a very radical way, had to break with their families in so doing. It is that sort of challenge that Jesus is being clear about in the Gospel.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj