



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

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 the Francis Xavier Room.
All Welcome. Fatima Statue
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10TH/11TH SEPTEMBER, 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday I would like to share with you about our parish intention to run the **RCIA** (Rites for Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. The RCIA programme accompanies people to discover and experience more about their faith in God, and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

It is wonderful to see some of you attending Sunday Mass regularly with your families and with the whole parish community and come up for a blessing at the point of Holy Communion. Though you are not a Catholic yet, such great love and reverence you have for God and for others says that somehow God has already touched your heart and thus your lovely gesture is a response to Him. **Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic?**

To our parishioners, if you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic **or** who would like to discover their faith more deeply **or** who are willing to become fully in communion with the Catholic Church, please let us know so we can together help them. You can contact Parish Office during office hours, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 -2.30 or approach myself directly to discuss and find out more about the programme.

The community of St John's Catholic Parish Heidelberg is and will be delighted and always warmly welcome you to become fully and actively, members of its parish.

May God bless you all,
Fr Vinh-Parish Priest



**SAFEGUARDING
SUNDAY 2022**

September 11, 2022 · Theme: Safe and Supported

**Gracious God, We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find understanding and support,
so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.**

**We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen**

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10/11 Sept	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Robyn Laurie	TBA
Collectors	Quentin Crameri	Colin Ingram	Dipesh Thomas	-
	-	Mary Ingram	Stan Jernejcic	-
17/18 Sept	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	Annaliza
Collectors	Paul Zebrowski	-	John Griffith	-

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 4TH SEPTEMBER 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
932.50	416.60	3,462.50	438.00	653.00	247.50

MORNING TEA: will be available following the 10.30a.m. this Sunday, September 11th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We would like to offer Morning Tea more regularly following the 10.30a.m. mass. To do this we need more volunteers to add to the Hospitality Team. Training will be provided. Is this someway you could serve your parish?

If you are able to help out with this please contact the parish office, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30a.m. - 2.30p.m or see Father Vinh or Elizabeth after mass.

GEMS: The GEMS will meet this coming Tuesday September 13th at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room for fun and games, conversation and morning tea.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: On Friday September 30th Father Vinh will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing at the 9.15a.m. mass. Father Vinh will hear confession from 8.30a.m. prior to mass. Anointing of the Sick is a source of healing for the sick rather than the final act of the church for the dying. It is a sacrament of the Church for those whose health is impaired by illness (physical, mental) or by advancing years. The Sacrament enables the ill or aged person to be anointed with the oil of the sick, to experience the healing and strength of Jesus Christ and to be supported by a praying community. Following the mass all are invited to the Francis Xavier Room for Morning Tea.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL NIGHT: Tuesday, September 13th 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.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL: The Appeal totaled \$1,013.35. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE: All parishioners are invited to a Parish Lunch on Sunday October 2nd following the 10.30a.m. mass on the lawns outside the Parish House. More details in next week's newsletter.

RECLAIMING THE LOST

The Gospel for today (if the longer version is read) contains all three 'Parables of the Lost' from Luke 15. Each focuses upon a person who loses something personally precious and who then responds in what seems a foolish and extravagant way: leaving ninety-nine sheep to fend for themselves while going after the one who is lost; turning the house upside-down to find a small coin; running out to welcome home a son who has ruined and disgraced the family. The final act in each case is a summons to a joyful communal celebration.

Jesus tells the parables to defend the welcome he is giving to 'tax collectors (social outcasts) and sinners' and his festive celebration of their being 'found' or 're-found' by God. What he doing is simply an earthly reflection of a much greater celebration going on in heaven.

Taken together, the parables show that, as far as God is concerned, the chief issue is not so much sin and its forgiveness but the loss and then the recovery of human beings, who are so precious in God's sight.

The third parable, commonly but somewhat inadequately known as 'the Prodigal Son,' introduces a further character, the older brother. His behaviour shows the difficulty human beings have in coming to terms with such a vision of God.

True conversion is not just a matter of turning from overt sinfulness (like that of the younger brother). It can also mean confronting resentment at God's generosity to others. What human beings might be thought to 'deserve' does not control the action of God.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY MARRIED: Amanda Pacella with Brett Lewis.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Jenny Porreca, Wal Kennedy.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dr Julian Brennan, Lido Galli, Peter Bettes, Beverley Rowland, Joseph Giansiracusa.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,

ENTRANCE : WE ARE MANY PARTS

We are many parts
We are all one body.
And the gifts we have,
We were given to share.
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed;
One, the Love that we share;
One, our hope and despair;
One, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you,
We would be your servants true,
Let us be your love to all the world

COMMUNION: WILL YOU LOVE ME?

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

R.

Refrain:

Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,
and the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world.

R.

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire?

R.

RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE LORD

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness!
Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50:3-4.12-13.17.19

RESPONSE: I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

R./

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit

R./

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this

parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"