



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
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All Welcome. Fatima Statue

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15TH / 16TH OCTOBER, 29TH 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.*

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

It is wonderful to see that every day many people in our parish community stay after daily Mass to say the Rosary together. This good practice reminds me of my childhood when my parents and grandparents often took me to church for daily prayer in the early morning and then in the evening whenever there was no Mass. My experience was that every day the whole village joined together in church saying the Rosary and saying other prayers, singing hymns and songs devoted to Our Lady and through Our Lady praising Almighty God. This good practice is still in most parishes in Vietnam nowadays. We always give thanks to God through the intercession of Our Lady through the prayer of the Rosary that keeps the faith alive and growing even stronger, especially during the difficult times, and some forms of persecution of the faith.

"The main thing about the Rosary is the use of it. It is a practical way of praying. It is a way of putting prayer into practice. Whether it is regarded as a precious tradition or a way of discovering new thoughts, it is meant to get the mind and heart moving in prayer. The Rosary invites the Christian mind and heart into the realm of the Holy Trinity, into the home and the world of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the world of the Apostles, early disciples. Once there, we can begin to see ourselves and our world in relation to the world of the mysteries and characters surrounding Jesus in the drama of salvation."

It is interesting to know Catholic history of Australia: 'The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.' Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Our Lady Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

As we are in the month of October, that is the month of the Rosary, it reminds us of our special devotion to Our Lady. As one of the joyful mysteries, we reflect on the story of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth: Mary sets out upon her mission with haste to Elizabeth. "Filled with the Holy Spirit," Elizabeth blesses Mary for the mission she has undertaken. Mary then begins her second mission, a mission to all people. She gives expression to this mission with her Magnificat.

The Magnificat is first of all a song, which is filled with mercy, joy, and hope. It overflows with gratitude, holiness, blessedness, and wonder at God's works.

May each one of us also learn from Our Mother Mary to set out with haste upon our mission. Let us ask Our Lady to intercede for us, so that our life may also be a 'fiat' as Mary gave to God and a life filled with mercy, joy and hope to be praising God always.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

ENTRANCE HYMN: CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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.

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as

Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 120.

Response: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

R./

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

R./

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

R./

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

R./

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name

of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

COMMUNION HYMN: 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.
Allelu, Alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: SING TO THE LORD

Refrain:

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!

Ref..

Sing to the Lord! Praise the Holy One!
God alone is our salvation!
Alleluia!

Ref..

DIFFERENT VIEW – CONVINCING GOD

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.



15 / 16 October	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	Pietro Sciotto
Collectors	Paul Zebrowski	-	Peter Greenham	-
	-		John Griffith	
22/ 23 October	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Annaliza
Collectors	Paul Zebrowski	Colin Ingram	Michael Mathai	-
		Mary Ingram	Liam Reeves	

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 9TH OCTOBER 2022

PRESBYTERY - BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
144.00	814.85	230.00	433.70	361.70	945.00

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).

MORNING TEA: will be available this weekend, October 16th following the 10.30a.m. Mass in the St Francis Xavier Room at the rear of the Parish House.

GEMS 50+: will meet on Tuesday October 18th between 10.00a.m. and 12.00 in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room at the rear of the parish house. All welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next weekend 22nd/23rd of October. It offers us the opportunity to commemorate 200 years of mission,' says Fr Brian Lucas, Catholic Mission National Director. Guided by the verse, 'You shall be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8), World Mission Month is not only a celebration of incredible missionaries around the world but also a celebration of the missionary vocation that lives in all of us.

NOVEMBER MASSES: As the month of November approaches, we remember our loved ones who have died. November Mass envelopes are available in the porch of the church. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. During the month of November the names of our departed loved ones will be placed on the altar and remembered at all Masses.

A PUBLIC CONVERSATION: hosted by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, featuring internationally renowned speaker and author Mary Eberstadt discussing the topic 'The future of humanity passes by way of the family'. The conversation will be held on Tuesday 25 October, 12.30-2pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. Tickets are free; however, bookings are essential with a light lunch provided. Tickets can be booked via: www.trybooking.com/CDKKN or 9926 5612.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION – ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: As we celebrate our 175th Anniversary year as a diocese – we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's – **Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm.** This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord – built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese, and home for all. Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App**, an initiative of the *Mary Glowrey Museum*.



Happy 80th Birthday Margaret Urquhart
Happy 90th Birthday Onerina Faelis



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY MARRIED: Kristian Smolic and Francis Vogrin.

THE SICK: Bruno Bortolin, Rosalie Prince, Aileen Powell, Helen Griffiths, Charlie Catujar, Noah Thorley, Joan O'Donoghue, Michael Kemp, Judy Catlow.

ANNIVERSARY: Kevin White, Elizabeth Lee.

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