



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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Vinh Nguyen

DEACON: Rev Vinh Do

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Elizabeth Williamson (0447195553)

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Michelle Penson (0499 891 101)

PARISH OFFICE:

52 Yarra Street Heidelberg 3084
t: 9457 1066

e: heidelberg@cam.org.au

w: pol.org.au/heidelberg

Facebook.com/stjohnheidelberg

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
Enquires, Contact Sue
0449260206

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Maureen Stella (Principal)
55 Cape St Heidelberg 3084
t: 9459 2963;

office@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

HALL HIRE:

Contact parish office during office
hours.

22ND / 23RD OCTOBER, 30TH 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.*

"THE PRAYER OF THE HUMBLE WILL PENETRATE THE HEAVENS"

Often I receive requests from people: "Father, please pray for me, for my children, or for my dad, mum, grandparents, relatives, friends, etc..." I suppose that you all receive the same requests from others. Often, I respond, "Definitely" or "Sure, I will keep you in my prayers." I sometimes reply, "Could I request you to pray for me too?" I find it really touching when we express our faith together and pray for one another.

Reflecting on my priestly ministry, especially when visiting people at home or in hospital I find it even more touching with this same request when in a conversation with a patient or those who are at the end of life. We know that what they need above all in this very moment of life is the mercy and love of God. Our prayers help them to rely on the healing power and love of God alone to find more strength to fight against sufferings and evils. In conversation and sharing we ask to pray for each other so that we may be united with the Lord in every moment of our lives. I carry with me all these requests in my daily prayers and especially in the Eucharist.

In last Sunday's readings at Mass, the word of God reminded us of the persistence in prayer that, we need to pray continually and never lose heart. We need to be constant and strong in prayer because if we become weary as did Moses, there are others holding us up spiritually. If a spiritual surcharge is needed the word of God enriches our prayer. If we become frustrated, we need to know, as Jesus says, that the Father hears every prayer expressed in faith and responds sometimes in strength and sometimes deep within through the seeds of grace. Whatever else we may exclude in our life, we should never, never give up on prayer.

Other than perseverance and faith, the Gospel of this Sunday's Mass encourages us that in prayer humility is necessary. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

We pray that the Lord gives us the humility not to hide our weakness, the wisdom to learn from our mistakes, and in facing life's difficulties let us know that his grace will be sufficient for us.

God bless,

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

ENTRANCE HYMN: ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with love, and praises him well,
come now before him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he made us all;
We are the flock he loves to feed,
We are the sheep who know his call.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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*Sirah 35:12-14,16-18*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours

out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 32:2-3,17-19,23*

Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R./**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R./**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R./**

SECOND READING*2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be 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 18: 9-14*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this

prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

COMMUNION HYMN: WHERE THERE IS CHARITY AND LOVE

Refrain:

Where there is charity and love,
there the love of God abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
Let us revere and love the living God
And love each other with unfeigning hearts. **Ref..**

And so when we are gathered here as one,
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace. **Ref..**

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
To where the blessed glory in your sight;
There let us see and love you face to face,
Gathered once more in everlasting light. **Ref..**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: HOLY FATHER, GOD OF MIGHT

Holy Father, God of might,
Throned amid the hosts of light
Take our life, our strength, our love,
King of earth and heav'n above.

Hear the songs your people raise,
Songs of joyful thanks and praise,
Calling all created things
To adore you, King of Kings.

GOSPEL FOCUS – AT RIGHTS WITH GOD

We are told that the tax collector, after his simple prayer, went home 'at rights with God'. What does it mean to be at rights with God? It is nothing more and nothing less than the entire Judeo-Christian story. The story of the Old Testament is the story of God calling the people to live in right relationship with God and with one another. The Gospels are the story of Jesus calling all people to a richer understanding of his compassionate Father so that they may once again be at rights with God. The story continues and it is our constant challenge to be at rights with God also.



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	
29 / 30 October	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Claire Newsome	Mary Kotefski
Collectors	Paul Zebrowski	-	John Griffiths	-
			Stan Jernejcic	

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 16TH OCTOBER 2022

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
78.55	891.55	515.00	268.00	409.05	1775.00

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).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: A special collection will be taken up this weekend 22nd/23rd of October at all Masses. Please give generously to help Church-run mission programs around the world by using the appeal envelopes. Thank you.

NO HOLY HOUR: Wednesday October 26th as Deacon Vinh will be on retreat and some of the younger members of our parish are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time that night.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings children from the parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers.

2023 COLUMBIAN CALENDAR: If you would like to pre order a copy, please add your name to the sheet in the church foyer. The cost per calendar is \$10 payable when the calendars arrive.

RCIA: The RCIA Team will meet for the first time with the candidates on Thursday, October 27th at 5.00p.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room at the rear of the Parish House. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or would like to become a Catholic you are welcome to join us.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL NIGHT: Tuesday, 25th Oct 2022 at St Xavier Room, everyone welcome. Join us for cards, board games, a chat or for a tea/coffee. Each fortnight on Tuesdays from 7 - 8.30 pm.

GEMS 50+: The GEMS will not meet in the Francis Xavier Room next Tuesday as the room is being used by St John's Primary School for Professional Development. Instead, the GEMS will be going to see the movie, 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris' at the Balwyn Cinema on **Tuesday October 25th** at 11.00a.m.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION – ST PATRICK'S 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*.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: our Year 12 students who will be sitting for their VCE exams.

Congratulations to Maureen and John McGrath
who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this week.
May God bless you both.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Fred Borg.

RECENTLY MARRIED: Françoise Chen & Truong Dang.

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

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