



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:

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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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29TH / 30TH OCTOBER, 31ST 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.*

November - A special time to pray for the dead

Dear Friends,

Next Tuesday, 1st November we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and Wednesday 2nd November is the commemoration of All Souls. The Church often speaks of the totality of the baptised as the Communion of Saints. The word 'saints' is used in the Scriptural sense as found in the New Testament when it generally refers to baptised members of Christian communities.

The Communion of Saints is formed of three groups. The first are those who can properly be called 'saints', that is, those who have died and are now enjoying a face to face relationship with God for all eternity. We sometimes call that 'heaven', but it is less a place than a relationship.

The second group are those who are living on earth at the present time and are part of the Pilgrim Church on its way to ultimate union with God in unending happiness.

The third group are those we are remembering on 2nd November on ALL SOULS' DAY. They are those who have died but are not quite ready to meet God face to face. Most of us would probably acknowledge that we are far from perfect and that we still need to go through some purifying process before entering the eternal presence of God. What that process is like is not for us to speculate.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "... *From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:*

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." (CCC No 1032)

What we are reminded of today is that those who are already in the eternal presence of God and those who are still on pilgrimage on earth can help the group we call 'Holy Souls' to reach the Vision of God sooner through our good works and prayers.

November is a special time to pray for the dead. The infinite value of the Mass makes it the most important prayer we have to offer up for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We can also offer our prayers for their benefit, especially the Rosary, our work, the sufferings of life and all kinds of difficulties we experience, as well as the indulgences we merit for them during our earthly existence. Offering these suffrages is the best way we can show our love for those who have gone before us and await their definitive encounter with God. We should remember our parents with particular devotion and pray especially for our relatives and friends.

God bless,

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

ENTRANCE HYMN: LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is His word, love is His way
feasting with men fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is His way.

Ref:

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the
love of my Lord
better than splendor and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.

Ref:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain
of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew

falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because
you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they
can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of
what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated
anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you
not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not
called forth by you? You spare all things because all things
are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit
is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who
offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have
sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you,
Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 144:1-2.8-11.13-14

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king
and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

R./

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

R./

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

R./

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

R./

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you
worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your
desires for goodness and complete all that you have
been doing through faith; because in this way the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you
and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered
round him: please do not get excited too soon or
alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter
claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the
Lord has already arrived.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 19: 1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through
the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus
made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax
collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see

what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'



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

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN: 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? **Ref:**

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. **Ref:**

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? **Ref:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this gracious God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace,
and guide us in distress,
and free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT? – CONVERSION

When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zacchaeus. However, his determination to see Jesus from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus. It is the muttering, grumbling crowd who are called to conversion; called to soften their hearts and see a faithful man where they have previously only seen a sinner. Throughout the gospel, the welcome and acceptance Jesus extends to the 'outsider' and the 'sinner' confronts and challenges those who would hold themselves up as being better than these others.

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	
5 / 6 November	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Claire Newsome	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Collectors	Paul Zebrowski	Colin Ingram	Michael Mathai	-
		Mary Ingram	Liam Reeves	

Morning Tea 6th November: Rosa & Maureen

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 23RD 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
80.00	721.55	570.00	604.00	484.40	550.00

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).

ALL SAINTS DAY: Tuesday, 1st November, Mass of Solemnity at 9.15am.

ALL SOULS DAY: Wednesday, 2nd November, **Two** Masses at 9.15am and 7pm.

DEACON VINH: As Father Vinh informed us last weekend Deacon Vinh will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday November 19th at 10.00a.m. at St Patrick's Cathedral. If you would like to contribute to Deacon Vinh's ordination gift from St John's Parish please use the envelope provided and give it to Father Vinh, put it in the collection bag or leave it at the presbytery. The gift will be presented to him when he returns to St John's on November 20th at 10.30a.m. to celebrate his first Mass. A card for him is also available to be signed in the foyer of the church.

FLOOD APPEAL - THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The Archbishop has asked to commend to the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State. Contributions can be made by calling 13 18 12 or at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022> or making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase or via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Next Sunday, November 6th there will be morning tea and a sausage sizzle following the 10.30a.m. mass. Parishioners are welcome to attend and socialise with others.

GEMS 50+: There will be no GEMS gathering on Tuesday November 1st due to the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. We will resume on Tuesday November 8th at 10.00a.m. in the St Francis Xavier Parish Room.

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.

NOVEMBER MASSES: In the month of November 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. You are also invited to enter the name of loved ones who have died in our Book of Remembrance. The book can be found on the sanctuary from next week.

Remembering our faithful departed is "one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit." – Pope St. John XXIII

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Collection totalled \$1,274.45. Thank you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS: to the younger members of the parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Maria Basilone, Joseph Mc Ewan, Ronald & Dorothy Harwood.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Mary Dennett RSM, Bruno Bortolin.

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