



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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19th /20th NOVEMBER 2022

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR 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 Friends, I have requested Fr Vinh Do to share his reflection again for this Sunday of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

Dear parishioners,

The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of another liturgical year. We, as the whole Church today, firmly recognise the universal Kingship of Christ. Christ now reigns as King forever in the Kingdom of God since he will never die again, and he rules his people with justice, peace and love. In him, we place our faith and hope and submit ourselves to his ways and commandments- only his ways are true and just. At the last day, we will join with him in the glory of God, the loving Father who promise us the gift of everlasting life in Jesus Christ.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to "respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever."

The attempt to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life has become ever more prevalent over the past few years. The world rejects God more and more. It tries to replace *the* Truth with its truths, what is moral with immorality, and consequently it ruins people's lives and our young people's minds.

In celebrating this feast, it is a calling from God to each of us, especially the leaders of the Church, those in government, parents and grandparents and educators to help, support and guide our children and young people to recognise God in Jesus Christ. To embrace morality, Truth, faith, hope and love in today's secular world, so that Christ can reign in our minds and hearts, and we all live in his everlasting Kingdom, here and now.

This Sunday, I am offering this Thanksgiving Mass to give praise and honour to God for his great gift of Priesthood for the whole Church, for the Church in Australia, for Archdiocese of Melbourne and to pray for all of you. It has been great and a blessing for me to be sent here among you, dear friends. Thank you for your acceptance and love of me and allowing me to be part of your life. Even though, I will not be physically with you, we are always united in our Lord Jesus Christ, the King.

Please be assured of my prayer for you and please also pray for me and my brother priests. Keep in touch and may God bless you all with love in Christ.

(Newly ordained priest: Fr Vinh Do)

ENTRANCE HYMN: HAIL REDEEMER

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain:

Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"

King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace, each nation rings
With your praises, King of kings.

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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

2 Samuel 5: 1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and

blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 121:1-5.

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R./

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

R./

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

R./

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription:

'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: BREAD OF LIFE

Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother;
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death as we recall your life,
We remember your promise to return again.

Ref.

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain:
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

Ref.

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

Ref.

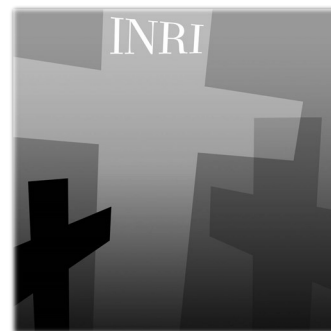
Hold us unity, in love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: TO YOU OUR HOLY GOD

To you, our holy god, we bring our praises strong.
We call on all to laud and sing your joyful song.
Sing praise to God, who is the sovereign of all things,
O praise the Lord!

You rule with might and strength above the firmament.
We call on all in heaven and earth to give assent.
Sing praise to God, who is the sovereign of all things,
O praise the Lord!



GOSPEL FOCUS – A KINGDOM OF INCLUSION

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

19/20 November	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Peter Greenham	Mary Kotefski
Collectors	Paul Zebrowski	-	Michael Mathai	-
	Zen Zebrowski		Liam Reeves	
26 / 27 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Christopher Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 13TH NOVEMBER 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
81.15	863.20	225.00	477.00	413.65	690.00

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).

ORDINATION MASS: On Saturday, November 19, 2022 10:00am – 11:30am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

If you are unable to be at the cathedral the Mass will be broadcasted live on the Archdiocese YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/archmelb>

FR VINH DO'S FIRST MASS: All parishioners are invited to 10.30a.m. Mass this Sunday November 20th as Father Vinh Do celebrates his first Mass. Following Mass you are welcome to join us in the parish hall for some refreshments.

GEMS 50+: will meet on Tuesday November 22nd at 10.00a.m. in the St Francis Xavier Parish Room.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL NIGHT: Tuesday, 22nd November at St Xavier Room; everyone welcome. Join us for cards, board games, a chat or for a tea/coffee, from 7 - 8.30 pm.

SAFEGUARDING: All volunteers are asked to undertake Safeguarding training either by attending one of the two sessions to be held in Francis Xavier Meeting room at St John's Presbytery on 29th November 7-8pm or on Wednesday 30th November 10am-11am or online with you WWCC Card Number at www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/ Please contact parish office on 94571066 during office hours or email heidelberg@cam.org.au for enquiries or assistance. Thank you volunteers.

COLUMBIAN CALENDAR: If you ordered a copy of the Columbian Calendar they have now arrived. There are still a number of Columbian Calendars available if you didn't order one. If you ordered a calendar you can collect it from the foyer of the church.

LIFTING OF DISPENSATION: From the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc) *Archbishop Peter A Comensoli*

PRAYER FOR THE STATE ELECTION

Heavenly Father, You are the source of goodness, justice and truth.

We thank you for the many freedoms we enjoy in Australia, including free and fair elections.

We entrust to you the State of Victoria and all who live within it. We pray for the gift of wisdom ahead of the upcoming election.

Guide us in our deliberations, so we may seek to elect representatives who will work tirelessly to pursue the common good in all things.

We pray for all those standing for election and their families. May all those elected work diligently to build a more just society.

May our local community of Victoria be a place where peace and justice flourish, religious freedom is respected, and all people, especially the most vulnerable are valued, respected and cared for.

And may we each renew our commitment to do the same ourselves – following the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in all things.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Rita Foote, Dominic Tan, Robert Tan, Mary Goh.

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