



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.

EXPOSITION: Wednesday 7.30pm-
8.30pm

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Friday 8.45am & 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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18TH/19TH FEBRUARY, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YR A

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.*

WARFARE AND THE CHURCH

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-less-ness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'

Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to You in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

Fr Michael Tate

LIVING THE GOSPEL – LOVE YOUR ENEMY

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.



ENTRANCE 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with
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

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to
the whole community of the sons of Israel and say
to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am
holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your
heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of
his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon
yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must

you bear a grudge against the children of your people.
You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the
Lord."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102:1-4.8.10.12-13

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

R./

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

R./

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

R./

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple
and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If
anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will
destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and
you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of
himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word,
then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be
wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is
foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows
wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are,
or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of
the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in
anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life
and death, the present and the future, are all your
servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs
to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it
was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say
this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On
the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek,
offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law
and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as
well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two
miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if
anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

COMMUNION HYMN: GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy one
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son. *Twice*
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" *Twice*
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Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give Thanks

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways, valleys
and highways he's waiting for me.
I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
And while on the journey to where we are going, he
promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together, to
know all the wonders he's given to me.
I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: JUBILEE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ancient land of wide and sunburnt plains
where feet have long since trod,
You have known the stories of our search
To find the face of God.
God who hovered over darkness
When the silent void was still,
God whose voice rang out in splendor.
Creation knew your will.
And your loving eyes beheld in light
our land of sweeping plains,
so that since the dawn our hearts have joined
in chorus wild with praise.
Holy Spirit gift of love divine,
with you we dare to dream,
so to walk in wisdom all our days
this land of gold and green.
From all nations we have gathered.
Lead us on to unity.
In this vast and rugged homeland,
may you our centre be.
May our lives show forth your tender love,
compassion warm and bold.
Give us hope to face all dark despair,
your Spirit Love, untold.

18/ 19 February	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Margaret Bradley	Brian McIntosh	Leela Cherubim
25/26 February	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Christopher Ratnayake	TBA	Sally Tramontana

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

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
95.50	807.95	235.00	723.20	430.05	745.00

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 : This Sunday 19th February following the 10.30 am Mass morning tea will be available in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. Parishioners and visitors warmly welcome.

THANK YOU: Thanks to Fr Michael for supplying while Fr Vinh was on leave.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 22nd, Mass times are 9.15a.m. 12noon (School Mass) and 7.30p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.

SHROVE TUESDAY: Next Tuesday 21st February at 10.00a.m. parishioners are invited to the Francis Xavier Room (at the rear of the parish house) to share pancakes to celebrate Pancake Tuesday. All welcome .

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2023 SCHOOL TOUR SCHEDULE : Please call the school office on 94592963 to make a booking.

Wednesday 1 March 9:15am

Tuesday 14 March 9:15am

Monday 20 March 5:00pm

Friday 24 March 9:15am

Thursday 30 March 9:15am

BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT'S SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

Donations can be made to: **MCF DGR Account,**

Ref: Syrian Appeal, BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email : mcf@melkite.org.au or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: The Archdiocese of Melbourne requires all parish volunteers to undertake Safeguarding training. It can be done online at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

For those who would like to do it in a group. We have this available at Parish Meeting Room on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm. The training is to be completed by **March 31st 2023.**

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): For the past 12 weeks three candidates have been working through a process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become in full communion of the Catholic Church. Our candidates are now well on the way of being prepared for the Easter Sacraments in 2023. This Sunday at the 10.30a.m. Mass we will have the Rite of Sending Forth. This rite gives us opportunity to express our approval, to rejoice in the decision to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and to assure the candidates of the community's care and support. As we draw closer to the celebration of Easter we ask parishioners to pray for the RCIA Enquirers, Sponsors and the RCIA Team.

PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023:The Appeal totaled \$666.05.Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: David Morck, Cath Kemp, Margaret Frigo, Vicky Huffman, Sonia Robinson, Paula Staples, Marie Hankin, Vin Sier, Agnes Fernandez, Joan O'Donoghue.

ANNIVERSARY: Kazik Radzikowski, Walter Duff, Timothy White, Leo Milesi.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vicky Huffman, Franca Floreani.

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