



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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Vinh Nguyen

ASSISTANT PRIEST:

Fr. Gade Kishore Reddy Msfs.

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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.
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25TH/26TH FEBRUARY, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Dear Friends,

It is good to be back among you after a month away from the parish for my annual holiday. Thank you all for your prayers. We have now begun our Lenten season marked by our celebration Mass of Ash Wednesday. The Lenten journey is a period of time, leading towards Easter. "Lent: a time for renewing faith, hope and love," as Pope Francis says in his Lenten message for 2021. He invites us to live, even today, a favourable time to renew faith, hope and charity. All are called to grow "in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is 'making all things new'".

It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends. Lent is not just about the little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed. This is the core of Lent." Lent is a desert. It is a time to give up something, to distance ourselves from mobiles and connect to the Gospel. It is the time to give up useless words, gossip and slander and to talk to and be informal with the Lord. It is the time to dedicate ourselves to a healthy ecology of the heart, to cleanse it."

In this first week of Lent, we are blessed and grateful to Archbishop Comensoli for his love and care for our parish community that he has appointed to our parish of St John's Heidelberg an Assistant Priest Fr Kishore Reddy.

With a great joy, I would like to formally introduce Fr Kishore Reddy to you all. I have asked Fr Kishore to share with us briefly the information about himself below.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

"Greetings to you all. I'm Fr. Gade Kishore Reddy , newly appointed as the Assistant Priest of St John's Parish, Heidelberg.

With a few words I would like to introduce myself to you. I was born on 23/01/1979 and after finishing my schooling, secular studies (BA,MA, BED), religious studies (Philosophy and Theology) was ordained a priest on 22/02/2006. I belong to a religious congregation called Missionaries of Saint Francis de Sales (Msfs). I worked as an Assistant priest for two years before I went to Germany for pastoral work in 2008. I worked in the diocese of Passau in St.Martin's Church, Reischach as Pfarrvikar (assistant priest) from 2008 to 2016 and returned to India. For a year I worked in the school and was appointed as a parish priest in 2018 at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Church at Ghatkeswar in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad for three years and in 2021 as a Parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Karamchedu in Nellore Diocese. I landed in Australia on December 30th staying for a few weeks in St.Peter's Church Keilor East and Dandenong with my congregation priests. And now I'm here's in Heidelberg as a missionary to render my priestly services wholeheartedly.

Let's walk with Jesus during this Lent. I wish you all a fruitful season of Lent. Fr. Gade Kishore Reddy Msfs.

ENTRANCE HYMN: HOSEA (COME BACK TO ME)

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
So must we to others' call.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you
To your heart where I will speak
Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life.
You shall sleep secure with peace;
Faithfulness will be your joy.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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.

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil.
Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and
thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in
the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned.
The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every
kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with
the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good
and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild
beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the
woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from
any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered
the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the
garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the
garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it,
under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the
woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that

on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you
will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman
saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the
eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it
could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She
gave some also to her husband who was with her, and
he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened
and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed
fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102:1-4.8.10.12-13

Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R./**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R./**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R./**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips

and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R./**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through
sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole
human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in
the world long before the Law was given. There was no
law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-
breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to
Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was
not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that
through one man's fall so many died, it is even more
certain that divine grace, coming through the one man,
Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.
The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one
man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with
a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes
grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that
death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one
man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus
Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives
the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made
righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought
condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man
brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one
man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one
man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him

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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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes forth from the mouth of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Refrain

Seed, scattered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The Living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,
Work of our hands, one cup that is
Shared by all; the Living Cup,
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,
A sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
The blood of Christ outpoured?

Ref.

The seed which falls on rock
Will wither and will die,
The seed within good ground
Will flower and have life.

Ref.

As wheat upon the hills
Was gathered and was grown,
So may the Church of God
Be gathered into one

Ref.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Refrain:

Though the mountains may fall and
the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God!

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you.

Ref.

Should you turn and forsake Him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from Him,
He will always take you back.

Ref.

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
4/5 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Claire Newsome	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Communion	Michelle Penson	Margaret Bradley	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA

Morning Tea : 5th March - Maria & Françoise (H)

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 19TH 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
199.55	1097.35	550.00	641.15	348.40	1785.00

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 AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE: In parish hall next Sunday 5th March, following the 10.30a.m. Mass. Parishioners and friends, please come along with a plate to share if possible, to welcome our new Assistant Priest Fr Kishore.

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

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): On Sunday our three RCIA candidates will participate in a Rite of Election ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral along with hundreds of candidates from all over the Archdiocese of Melbourne. They will be presented to Archbishop Comensoli. It marks the beginning of the final preparations of our candidates towards receiving the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Kylie, Chris and Harshini in your prayers.

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2023: After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. Donate through boxes / envelopes / 1800 024 413 / lent.caritas.org.au

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023: a local service will be held Friday, March 3. This year, Christians around the globe will be praying for Taiwan and the theme is 'I have heard about your faith' The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. At St Pius X Catholic Church @ 10.30am or Ivanhoe Baptist Church, 1 Livingstone St, Ivanhoe @ 1.30pm.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: for parish Volunteers online <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**.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Annabelle Sorokowski, Alexander Mariolis, Manuel Betancourt-Suarez.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Wanda Zebrowski, Con Power (Cornelius), Antina Piermarini, Paule Bozelle.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rita Browne.

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