



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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4TH / 5TH MARCH, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR 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.*

Dear Friends,

On this 2nd Sunday of Lent, we hear in the 1st reading from Genesis, the Lord said to Abram: "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing." God asks us, too, to leave our old life of sin behind, to go forth with Him into a period of repentance, renewal of life and transformation, and to give Him the whole of our being in loving surrender forever.

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. During our Lenten journey, we are called to be transformed and hear God's voice.

In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. So, just as Jesus' Transfiguration strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and our source for the renewal of our lives during Lent.

In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and in the Eucharist, should be a source of daily transformation for both our minds and hearts. We must also be transformed by becoming humbler and more selfless, sharing love, compassion and forgiveness with others. But in our everyday lives, we often fail to recognize Jesus when he appears to us "transfigured," hidden in someone who is in some kind of need. Jesus will be happy when we attend to the needs of that person. With the eyes of Faith, we must see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters, the children of God we come across each day and, by His grace, respond to Him with love and service.

As we continue to make our way through Lent, let us do what the voice of God says to each of us; *'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'*

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

ENTRANCE HYMN: HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them, they turn away,
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? Ref..

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from 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.

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32:4-5,18-20, 22.

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

R./

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. R./

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. R./

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1- 9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including the
Virgin Mary, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.
Amen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

COMMUNION HYMN: I HAVE LOVED YOU

Refrain

I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you, and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you, and you are mine.

Seek the face of the lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Ref.

Seek the face of the lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Ref.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze;

Ref..

GOSPEL FOCUS – A NEW VISION

Peter sees the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking. Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.



THE LEGION OF MARY: Our Lady of Fatima pilgrim statue is available to visit your home. See details at back of Porch. Contact Sue on 0449 260 206 Or email at tkalotas@bigpond.net.au

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
11 / 12 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Marguerite Ryan	Peter Greenham	Leela Cherubim
Communion	TBA	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana

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

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 26TH 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
83.00	927.05	300.00	619.05	404.75	780.00

First Collection is for the support of our parish priest, Assistant 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).

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023 FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING ST JOHN'S PARISH SCHOOL: : Applications are now open for Catechist classes for the Sacraments of **Reconciliation and Confirmation**. These classes are for students in St John's Parish but do not attend St John's School. Enrolments for the Sacrament of Eucharist are full. Applications and payment forms are available from the parish office. These forms can be emailed back to heidelberg@cam.org.au

The following classes are offered:

Reconciliation - Minimum Year Three level

Confirmation - Minimum Year Six level who have already received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Applications for both classes close on Friday March 24th.

This year, classes will on Thursdays from 4:15-5:00pm. We look forward to sharing this faith journey with you and your children. If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth on 94571066.

REMINDER: SAFEGUARDING TRAINING group session for volunteers will be held **Wednesday 8th March 7.30pm** in the Parish house Meeting room. Please come along to this session if you have not as yet completed this on line. If you wish to do the training on line you can log into

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



PROJECT COMPASSION 2023: Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children. Please donate and together, we can help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. Donate through boxes / envelopes / 1800 024 413 / caritas.org.au/project-compassion

MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE: In parish hall this 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: During Lent every Friday at 7:00pm.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2023 SCHOOL TOUR SCHEDULE : Please call the school office on 9459 2963 to make a booking.

Tuesday 14 March 9:15am
Monday 20 March 5:00pm
Friday 24 March 9:15am
Thursday 30 March 9:15am

CHILD SAFETY: Parents are requested to accompany their child if they need to leave church during Mass.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Mathai Pathrose.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Teresa Umali, Samuel Rodriguez.

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