



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. Kishore Reddy Gade Msfs

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:

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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)

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tues—Fri 9:30am to 2:30pm

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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11TH / 12TH MARCH, THIRD 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.*

" Living water at Jacob's well..."

Can you drink the water at Jacob's well? Undoubtedly because at the Jacob's well the water is refreshing and sodium-free. It is perfect for drinking, making coffee, tea or juice etc. Do you know of which well I'm writing about? This Jacob's well is a coastal suburb in the city of Gold Coast, Queensland. This area was possibly named after the 'Jacob's well in the Bible,' so called Jacob, son of Isaac.

The woman of Samaria came to draw water at Jacob's well and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food). The Samaritan woman said to him, " How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria? Jesus answered her, " If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

Ravi Zacharias in his book, 'Jesus among other Gods,' referring to the story of Samaritan woman, says, " the Samaritan woman grasped what he said with fervour that came from an awareness of her real need. The transaction was fascinating. She has come with a bucket. He sent her back with a spring of living water. She had come as a reject. He sent her back being accepted by God Himself. She came wounded. He sent her back whole. She came laden with questions. He sent her back as a source for answers. She came living a life of quiet desperation. She ran back overflowing with hope. The disciples missed it all. It was lunch time for them."

My dear friends, can you see yourself in this story,? Where the love of Christ is displayed, the offer of salvation expressed under the image of 'living water.' During this lent let us walk to go to Jacob's well(Church) to drink the living waters of life eternal. Be blessed.

Fr Kishore Reddy Gade Msfs - Assistant Priest

CHILD SAFETY: St John's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all our children, young people and vulnerable adults. Children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times in the church and when leaving the church for any reason.

ENTRANCE HYMN: COME TO THE WATER

Refrain:

Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!

Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

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

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 94:1-2,6-9.

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R./

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. R./

Ref.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R./

Ref.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 4: 5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

APOSTLES' CREED

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

COMMUNION HYMN: LIVING WATER

Refrain:

I will give you living water!
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart!
Grow deep within me.. filled by my spirit,
My burdens are easy; my life it is yours!

We have been with the lonely!
To the hungry we've given your Bread...
We now come with all our hopes and dreams
To rest awhile with you!

Ref.

To the empty we've carried...
Your word of hope and of life...
Build us now beyond our hopes and dreams
'Til we live in you!

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by every one.

11 / 12 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Marguerite Ryan	Peter Greenham	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
18 / 19 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Margaret Andrews	Mark Aiello
Communion	TBA	Christopher Ratnayake	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 5TH MARCH 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
131.50	947.65	242.50	630.15	337.80	2187.50

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).

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

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.

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

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

MASSES WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: On Tuesday 21st March, we invite parishioners, especially the sick and the elderly, for Mass with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 9:15am.

VACANCY – FLOWER ARRANGING: We currently have a vacancy on the “flower roster”. If you are interested in doing the church flowers once a month we would love to hear from you. The Thursday/Friday can be flexible. Please ring the Parish Office on 94571066 or Michelle on 049989110.

'THE WAY' PRAYER GROUP: A Charismatic Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 16th March at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All welcome. For further details, please contact Emilia 0418 120 902 or Rose 0411 650 339.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2023: Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. 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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Charlie & Hazel Nehme.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Livio Scenna, Camillo Petrilli, Peter Petrilli, Marina Vartulli.

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