



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

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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 & RECONCILIATION:

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:**

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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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25TH / 26TH MARCH, FIFTH 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.*

LAZARUS AND LIFE

Apart from the intimacy of Jesus' farewell discourse with his disciples the story of the raising of Lazarus is the most personal in John's Gospel. The words "deeply moved", "greatly troubled", and "wept" at the departure of Lazarus show how the grief in Jesus increased gradually. God loves humans and suffers with those in pain.

We see in the readings that GOD's promise of restoring life in Ezekiel, to Saint Paul's reminder that our mortal bodies will be brought to life, to Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead, the theme of new life reverberates loudly. GOD wants us to have life – the fullness of life – eternal life – life from, with, and of GOD.

Christina Fox said, "In the story of Lazarus, we see a God who not only cares about the sorrow of his people, but a God who is also able to resurrect joy from the grace of despair- to bring life from death."

Restoration to a new life is so promising and assuring in the Lazarus incident. Then let us ask ourselves, What is my attitude when I experience grief in my life? Do I become angry with GOD so much so that I turn away from the Lord Jesus and His Abba-Father? Do I express my feelings and also profess my faith that GOD loves me and will give me (and my loved ones) restored life? How is my relationship with GOD right now? Do I trust GOD and profess my belief in GOD, even though I don't see the light of new life? How can I comfort others who are experiencing pain and grief? How can I assure them of the eternal life that GOD wants them and/or their loved ones to have?

Let our answer be like Martha. She said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

God bless you all.

Fr Kishore Reddy Gade Msfs - Assistant Priest



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS On Sunday 2 Apr 2023, at 3:00:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 2:00:00 am local standard time.

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: CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, Never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, Shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

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

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open
your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves,
my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel.
And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open
your graves and raise you from your graves, my
people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will
live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and
you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done
this – it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 129

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness
of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you,
O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

R./

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

R./

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
*(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)*

R./

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things
can never be pleasing to God. Your interests,
however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the
spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in
you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ
you would not belong to him. Though your body may
be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then
your spirit is life itself because you have been
justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from
the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus
from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies
through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the
village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and
Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the
sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord
with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The
sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you
love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This
sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and
through it the Son of God will be glorified.’

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet
when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where
he was for two more days before saying to the
disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ The disciples said,
‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone
you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied:

‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can
walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has
the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at
night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide
him.’

He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is
resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to
him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’
The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of
Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant
‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for
your sake I am glad I was not there because now you
will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas –
known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us
go too, and die with him.’

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the
tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two
miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to
Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their
brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she
went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the
house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my
brother would not have died, but I know that even
now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’

'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need.
Here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love

Ref.

O come and eat without money
Come to drink without price
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life.

Ref.

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and war
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul.

Ref.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
On the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
Mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
And accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sins away,
Now with him in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
With the Spirit: Three in One !

25 / 26 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Elizabeth Williamson	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Michelle Penson	Margaret Bradley	TBA	Leela Cherubim
1/ 2 April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Barbara Barnes	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Kevin Andrews	Elizabeth Williamson
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana

MORNING TEA: 2nd April - Rosa & Maureen Howard

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 19TH 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
182.90	835.80	530.00	765.80	635.85	1965.00

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).

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO 9.15am Mass on Saturday the 1st of April as priests will attend the Chrism Mass (Mass of the oils) at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10am. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this Chrism Mass.

Lenten Service and 2nd Rite of Reconciliation: the Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at our parish this Monday the 27th of March at 7:00pm. We gather to pray as a community followed by individual confession. This is an opportunity to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE : Next Sunday 2nd April following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All our welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER: Learn the lost art of using gold leaf in one lesson! For adults or children. No artistic experience necessary. Thursday 13th April 10:30am or 7pm in the Francis Xavier Room \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, \$35 for family group 3 or more. To book, please contact Bernadette Thorley on 0408038561.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

LENTEN SERVICE AND 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday 27th March at 7:00pm.

PALM SUNDAY: Saturday Vigil 1 April at 6:00pm, Sunday 2 April Masses at 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm Please meet on the parish house lawn before each Mass for the blessing of Palms followed by a procession into the church.

HOLY THURSDAY: 6 April, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY: 7 April Stations of the Cross 10:30am, Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY: 8 April Morning Prayer in the church at 9am; Easter Vigil 7.30pm.

EASTER SUNDAY 9 April, Masses at 8:30am & 10:30am (Please note- No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

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

PROJECT COMPASSION brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. Please donate through boxes / envelopes / 1800 024 413 / caritas.org.au/project-compassion



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Lana Presutto, Isabella Aver, Archer & Adeline Abernethy.

THE SICK: Val Wallis, Natalie Richardson, David Morck, Cath Kemp, Margaret Frigo, Sonia Robinson, Paula Staples, Marie Hankin, Joan O'Donoghue.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmela Pignataro.

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