



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:

Elizabeth Williamson (0447195553)

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

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Wednesday 7.30pm-8.30pm

Friday 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

Enquires, Contact Sue

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15TH /16TH APRIL, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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,

Last week we joined billions of Catholics and Christians around the world in celebrating the most sacred week in the calendar year of Christianity, namely the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. In that week, we celebrated the most central of our beliefs as Christians - the Paschal Mystery -Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

We give thanks to God for His great love for us by giving His only Begotten Son who died on the Cross to set us free from the slavery of our sin and in his Resurrection brings us back to eternal life. We give thanks to God for continuing pouring out His Spirit and grace to the Church and on each one of us, so that we may follow him faithfully on our journey toward our heavenly home.

What impressed and touched me was that during these long liturgies and celebrations on each day of the Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday our church was packed (crowded) and our people showed their reverence and their love for Jesus by standing for long periods of time sometimes in wet and cold weather to follow the liturgies and participate in them.

At the Easter Vigil, again a long liturgy, which included this year the Liturgy of Baptism in which we welcomed Harshini who became a Catholic by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). We also shared our joy with Chris and Kylie who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during this Easter ceremony. We congratulate Harshini, Kylie and Chris and we give thanks to God and thanks to the parish RCIA Team who have been journeying with our candidates through many months to this point. Let us continue to keep them all in our prayers.

We also give thanks to God and thank all those who were involved in many different ways (decorations, flowers, serving, choir, singers, readers, preparation of the fire, set up, cleaning...) spending time, working very hard to prepare, participate and celebrate. All these parishioners made our celebration go smoothly, reverently and beautifully. On behalf of the parish community, I would like to thank you all and I am very grateful to you all.

Fr Vinh— Parish Priest

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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: CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Father we praise you as Lord,
All of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed apostles sing praise;
Prophets and martyrs give glory;
"For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!"
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom,
alleluia.

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

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24*

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: '

His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: '

His love has no end.'

R./

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory

in the tents of the just.

R./

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess you Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN: ALLELUIA NO 1

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the king of creation.

Ref.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Ref.

We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live forever.

Ref.

Come, let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Ref.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ be our light, shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace our world is troubled
Longing for hope many despair
Your word alone, has power to save us
Make us your living voice.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : SING TO THE LORD

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness!
Alleluia!

Ref.

Sing to the Lord! Praise the Holy One!
God alone is our salvation!
Alleluia!

Ref.

15/16 April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Claire Newsome	Elizabeth Williamson	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Michelle Penson	Margaret Bradley	TBA	TBA
22/23 April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	John McGrath	Elizabeth Williamson	Mark Aiello
Communion	TBA	Marni Mant	TBA	Sally Tramontana

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 9TH APRIL 2023

First Collection is for the support of our Parish Priest, Asst Priest, the Archbishop, the sick & retired priests, priests in less fortunate areas around Archdiocese of Melbourne <i>(it is taken up after the Prayers of the faithful)</i> ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			Second Collection is for the support of our parish, its operating expenses Gas, electricity, insurance, rates, staff wages, Church & ground maintenance just to name a few. <i>(it is taken up after Communion)</i> ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
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This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter. It is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday since Pope Saint John Paul II established it in 2000. We are reminded that from Creation, God has revealed his nature as love itself, in Sacred Scripture and most perfectly in the life, Passion, death and Resurrection of his Son, Jesus. In his second encyclical, *Dives In Misericordia (Rich in Mercy)*, Pope Saint John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (*Dives in misericordia*, 13). He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate:

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildering and overwhelming by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!"

Let us also take a moment to join Pope Saint John Paul in heaven to pray: "Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world."

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES: The next instalment is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back and it can be placed in the basket provided in the church or return them to the sacristy / parish office.



FOURTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S - MAY 23RD:

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is one of Australia's most well known fundraising events and plays a vital role in raising money towards Cancer Council's work in research, education, prevention and support. As an independent, not-for-profit organisation, the Cancer Council play a leading role in reducing the impact of all cancers on all people.

Here at St John's we are hosting a BIGGEST MORNING TEA in St John's Hall on Tuesday May 23rd at 10.30a.m. Entrance \$10 (on the day). Enjoy a delicious morning tea, raffle, games, door and lucky seat prizes.

At this stage we are looking for donations of goods towards door and raffle prizes. If you could help out in this way please leave items in the basket in the church foyer. Examples of items include sweets, chocolate, wine, champagne, tea, gourmet biscuits, pantry sauces, jam, pasta, movie tickets, department store gift voucher, or an idea of your own. Thank you in anticipation.

HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: appeal raised \$1206.75. Thank you for your generosity.

A CHARISMATIC MASS: will be celebrated on Thursday 20th April 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 very welcome. For further details, please contact Emilia 0418 120 902 or Rose 0411 650 339.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Anne Caswell, Aileen Powell, Sue Lew-Kee, Lou Farinotti, Val Wallis, David Morck, Cath Kemp, Margaret Frigo, Sonia Robinson, Paula Staples, Marie Hankin, Joan O'Donoghue.

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