



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

# ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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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:**

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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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*22ND/23RD APRIL, 3RD 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.*

**...Take the road to Emmaus which is less traveled...**

Have you ever noticed that some of the saddest words in our language begin with the letter D? For example, disappointment, doubt, disillusionment, defeat, discouragement, despondency, depression, despair and death.

The road to Emmaus is a symbol of the Christian life. This story is about ordinary despair, and ordinary, Monday-morning drudgery. It is a story about meeting a stranger, hearing his words of comfort, sitting down at table and sharing a meal. This is story about the meaning of Easter for us.

The change that took place on Emmaus road for the disciple's has been described like this.

*"Their lives prior to this moment were like a smouldering fire that gives no light, just smoke to cloud things up. But once they came into the presence of the Risen Lord their hearts were ablaze! A burning fire gives light for all to see, and they saw, understood and believed! All because of the Risen Lord! Jesus' victory became their restoring hope. It became the anchor of their lives"* (author unknown).

This story about the walk to Emmaus is a story for everyday life in 2023. If you are walking the Emmaus road right now or when you will walk it in the future with those sad Ds - disappointment, doubt, disillusionment, defeat, discouragement, despondency, depression, and despair – let's remember we are not walking alone. When the unseen "stranger", the risen Jesus, walks with us, then the road to Emmaus is never less travelled.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is the Saviour and hope of the world

When our Emmaus road is filled with discouragement and despair, let's walk it with Jesus. Walking with Jesus, our road will become a great highway of companionship, conversation, belief and hope.

*Fr. Kishore - 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: CHRIST IS ALIVE! WITH JOY WE SING**

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
We celebrate our risen Lord,  
Praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He is the grain of wheat that died,  
Sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
Yielding a harvest of new life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, 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 2:14,22-23*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God

raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalms 15:1-2.5.7-11*

**Response:** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

**R./**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

**R./**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

**R./**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

**R./**

**SECOND READING**

*1 Peter 1:17-21*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Luke 24:13-35*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

## NICENE CREED

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## COMMUNION: BREAD OF LIFE

### Refrain:

Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother;  
feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death as we recall your life,  
We remember your promise to return again. **R.**

The bread we break and share was  
scattered once as grain:  
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one. **R.**

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:  
Sign of hope in our broken world,  
source of lasting love. **R.**

Hold us unity, in love for all to see;  
That the world may believe in you,  
God of all who live. **R.**

## RECESSIONAL : CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN

Christ the Lord is ris'n again;  
Christ has broken ev'ry chain;  
hark! The angels shout for joy,  
singing evermore on high; alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our paschal Lamb today;  
We too sing for joy, and say; alleluia!

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
29/ 30 April	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	Annaliza
Communion	TBA	Christopher Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Leela Cherubim

<b>First Collection</b> 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 <b>(it is taken up after the Prayers of the faithful)</b> ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			<b>Second Collection</b> is for the support of our parish, its operating expenses Gas, electricity, insurance, rates, staff wages, Church & ground maintenance just to name a few. <b>(it is taken up after Communion)</b> ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
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**VOCATIONS:** Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

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**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.

**ANZAC PRAYER**

Holy God, in this season of Easter we rejoice in the New Life your Son the Risen Jesus gives us.

You offer us hope.  
You offer us peace.

We thank you for this treasured land of ours, Australia.

Today as we remember the ANZAC soldiers who fought to protect our country, help us to strive for peace in all we do.

We make our prayer in the name of our Risen Lord.



**Happy 90th Birthday to Anne Wyatt**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Rafaela Cameron, Brooklyn Lorenzin.

**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.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Patricia & Frank Betts, Melina Pignataro.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Christopher Cann.

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