



# 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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Fr. Kishore Reddy Gade Msfs  
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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  
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## 6TH/7TH MAY, 5TH 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.*

### THE MONTH OF MAY-DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dear Friends,

I was very impressed by the number of our parishioners in their devotion to Our Lady Blessed Virgin Mary from the beginning of my ministry here in our parish of St John's Heidelberg. Many of you regularly come to weekday Mass and stay behind to say the Rosary together. A number of our parishioners also join the Legion of Mary for prayers and meditations weekly. These are wonderful practices, and it is a great sign of unity, and support of each other spiritually beside going to Sunday Mass. This reminds me of my prayers and practices from my childhood taught and inspired by my parents and the parish community where I was brought up.

Pope Francis, in his letter to all the faithful for the month of May 2020, encouraged us to pray the Rosary, especially during the month of May, as he said, "...when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary".

The Pope notes that it is a tradition to pray the Rosary at home with the family during this month. He encourages everyone to "rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May", whether individually or as a group, "making the most of both opportunities."

We remember from the Gospel, at Cana, Our Lady was attentive carefully to the need of people around, particularly the married couple at their wedding when they ran out of wine. Mary quickly turned to our Lord Jesus and asked him to help. Even though, the Lord said that his hour has not come yet, Mary told the servants to, "do whatever he tells you to do," and the marvellous miracle happened, as we all know, water was changed into wine to cheer all those who were present.

On the Cross, the Lord entrusted St John (the Patron saint of our parish) on behalf the human race to the Blessed Virgin Mary and His Mother to us to become our Mother so that she may take care of us in our lives.

So, let us turn to Our Blessed Virgin Mary in prayers, especially during this month of May so that we can learn from her to ponder the words of God to us, to imitate, and follow God's will for us in our daily living and ask her to intercede for us before God.

Mary, Mother of God. Pray for us.

Fr Vinh-Parish 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: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam:  
Oh, praise God! Oh, praise God!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
O lights of evening, find a voice.  
Oh, praise God! Oh, praise God!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, 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 6: 1-7*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 32:1-2.4-5.18-19*

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. R./

For 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./

## SECOND READING

*1 Peter 2, 4-9*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*John 14:1-12*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

**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**

Save us, Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

**COMMUNION: OUR SUPPER INVITATION**

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.

Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.

Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.

Food for the journey will answer your need.

Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.

Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.

Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.

Share with your people, that love has its will..

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.

Take of my life and live, branch of my vine..

**RECESSIONAL : EASTER SONG**

My Lord he died for a kingdom

To redeem the hearts of men

Now my people don't you weep

He has risen from his sleep

he lives again alleluia

Sing alleluia, the Lord is risen

He is risen indeed alleluia!

My Lord came forth like the morning

With the splendor of the sun,

Came triumphant from the womb,

From the darkness of the tomb,

The victory won, alleluia.

Sing alleluia, the Lord is risen

He is risen indeed alleluia!

6 /7 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Jacqueline Lewis	Mark Aiello
Communion	TBA	Margaret Bradley	Mary Furlan	Sally Tramontana
13 / 14 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Marguerite Ryan	Peter Greenham	Annaliza
Communion	TBA	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	TBA

**MORNING TEA— 7TH MAY: Barbara & Liz (H)**

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 30TH 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 *(it is taken up after the Prayers of the faithful)*  
ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267

**Second Collection** is for the support of our Church, its operating expenses Gas, electricity, water, insurance, rates, staff wages, Church & ground maintenance just to name a few. *(it is taken up after Communion)*  
ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318

Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$261.45	\$956.75	\$255.00	\$918.00	\$477.20	\$800.00

**PLEASE NOTE:** After several years, we have now completed migration over to a new software program – **PACEM**. Parishioners on Credit Card and Direct Debits may see a change in the description on your account or Bank Statement for your Thanksgiving and/or Presbytery Donations. **'Fat Zebra'** is the provider PACEM is using to process your Direct Debits and Credit Card transactions through the PACEM program. This platform ensures the safety of your Credit Card and Direct Debit account numbers. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact parish office on 9457 1066, email [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) *Thank you*

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:** on Thursday the 11th of May as Fr Vinh and Mary need to attend an Administration Forum at the Archdiocese.

**VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD:** Corpus Christi College Seminary are holding "Enquiry day" on Saturday the 27th of May. Young men interested to know more about becoming a Priest please contact Fr Vinh, either talk to him after Mass or call parish office on 94571066 email [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) and Fr Vinh will reach out to you.

**MOVIE NIGHT - WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER:** on Saturday, 20th May from 7pm at St John's Catholic Church Hall. You are invited to a movie night to raise funds for our St John's Girls Mikaela & Maddy who will be attending the World Youth day in Lisbon. Movie screened from 7pm to 9pm "Soul Surfer" (PG) and from 9.15pm to 10.45pm "I Confess".

Please buy tickets \$20/- (popcorn, fairy floss, soft drinks, tea & café coffee included) via trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CICUS> (BYO Seat Pillow)

**MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** This Sunday 7th May following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All our welcome.

**ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT:** The four weekends of 6-7 May, 13-14 May, 20-21 May and 27-28 May have been selected for the count. The count should include ALL those in attendance at the Mass, including babies.



**FOURTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA :**  
Thank you to those who have already generously donated goods towards the raffle and door prizes. We are now asking for donations of gourmet biscuits, pantry sauces, tea and jam. If you could help out in this way please leave items in the basket in the church foyer.

If you are able to provide a plate of food for the morning tea these can be dropped off into the Parish Hall from 9.00a.m. on the day of the Morning Tea. For catering purposes those who are able to attend the morning tea are asked to indicate this on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Wendy Wales, Anne Caswell, Aileen Powell, Sue Lew-Kee, Lou Farinotti, Val Wallis, David Morck, Margaret Frigo, Sonia Robinson, Paula Staples, Marie Hankin.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Peter Krzysik, Maria Theresa Umali.

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