



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

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Fr. Kishore Reddy Gade Msfs

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 9:30am to 2:30pm

MASS TIMES:

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday: 9:15am

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 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)

ST JOHN'S HALL HIRE:

Contact parish office.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every

Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish

house in the Francis Xavier Room. All

Welcome. Fatima Statue Enquires,

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13TH/14TH MAY, 6TH 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,

On this 6th Sunday of Easter, and also Mother's Day, on behalf of Father Kishore, the whole parish community and myself, I would like to send my best wishes and blessings to all the mothers including physical mothers and spiritual mothers in our parish of Heidelberg and our own mothers elsewhere. In our prayers today, let us pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom.

On this Mother's Day, we turn to Our Lady - the Blessed Virgin Mary who is the greatest model for all mothers and all the faithful who are on the journey of faith to our heavenly home to ask her for help and guidance.

Motherhood is a unique gift from the Lord. Jesus had a mother. Jesus has a mother. He was born of a woman by Divine design. He called her Mother and entrusted her to us.

The Mother of the Lord continues to give us the gift of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus is her Son and Saviour and she offers Him to us as the greatest gift of a mother's love. Jesus entrusted His Mother to us as one of His last gifts of love.

Each year on Mother's Day, as we express the gratitude we feel for our earthly mother, we reflect on that last gift the Lord gave to us before his total gift of Himself on the Cross, the gift of His mother to be our own. As I mentioned in my reflection in our bulletin last week, May is traditionally the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of the Lord. This is no coincidence. Let us pray to the Lord through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to grant many blessings upon all mothers on this special day and throughout their lives.

Happy Mother's Day!

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

*Happy
Mother's Day*



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: BRING ALL YOU DEAR-BOUGHT NATIONS

Bring, all you dear-bought nations, bring
 your richest praises to your king,
 Alleluia, Alleluia,
 That spotless Lamb, who more than due,
 paid for his sheep, and those sheep you,

Chorus:

Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
 proclaim to the ends of the earth:
 The Lord has freed his people, 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 8:5-8. 14-17*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and
 proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in
 welcoming the message Philip preached, either

because they had heard of the miracles he worked or
 because they saw them for themselves. There were,
 for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of
 many who were possessed, and several paralytics and
 cripples were cured. As a result there was great
 rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that
 Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent
 Peter and John to them, and they went down there,
 and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy
 Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of
 them: they had only been baptised in the name of the
 Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they
 received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 65:1-7.16.20*

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
 O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R./**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
 shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,

tremendous his deeds among men. **R./**

He turned the sea into dry land,
 they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. **R./**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer

nor withhold his love from me. **R./**

SECOND READING*1 Peter 3:15-18*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and
 always have your answer ready for people who ask
 you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give
 it with courtesy and respect and with a clear
 conscience, so that those who slander you when you
 are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in
 the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of
 God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for
 doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was,
 had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to
 God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he
 was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father
 will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever,
alleluia.

COMMUNION: LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with men, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love is his way.

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendor and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love is his mark. Ref.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
This is my body, this is my blood,'
Love, only love is his sign. Ref.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest your forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news. Ref.

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name. Ref.

RECESSIONAL : EASTER GLORY FILLS THE SKY

Easter glory fills the sky; alleluia;
Christ now lives, no more to die; alleluia;
Darkness has been put to flight, alleluia;
By the living Lord of light, alleluia!

See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia;
From the tomb where, once he lay; alleluia;
He has risen as he said alleluia;
Glorious first born of the dead, alleluia!



13 / 14 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Marguerite Ryan	Peter Greenham	Annaliza
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	TBA
20 / 21 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Margaret Andrews	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Sally Tramontana	Margaret Bradley	Mary Furlan	TBA

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 7TH MAY 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
\$164.60	\$1028.20	\$190.00	\$599.00	\$490.45	\$640.00

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 *Thank you*

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 and Fr Vinh will reach out to you.

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday, May 21st following the 10.30a.m. mass in the Francis Xavier Room. All are welcome.

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)



FOURTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA : MAY 23RD

Thank you to those who have already generously donated goods towards the raffle and door prizes. 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.

GEMS: Morning Melodies outing Tuesday June 6th at the Lower Plenty Hotel, 4 Main Road, Lower Plenty VIC 3093. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea, entertainment and lunch (including a drink of your choice). Cost \$25. All welcome. Bookings Elizabeth 0447195553

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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: John Drakatos, Adam O'Toole.

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