



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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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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20TH/21ST MAY , THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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.*

"YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES... TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."

Dear Friends,

On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

We are told that just before His ascension, Jesus commanded His disciples to, "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations." This statement is called the Great Commission, which is also recorded in the Gospel of Matthew for Year A on this Feast.

His exhortation applies to us today just as much as it did to the original disciples. Jesus calls us to spread the gospel to everyone. In fact, at the end of every Mass we are sent out to bring Jesus to the world. One version of the dismissal at Mass recalls: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or, another more common version, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

Yet, we can't give away what we don't have. What then is "the Gospel" that we are to proclaim? The word "gospel" means "good news." What is the good news?

Simply put, it is Jesus Himself. Jesus is God in the flesh. God became man in order to bring about salvation from sin. All that Jesus did and taught was good news. But even more so, the death and resurrection of Jesus are the centre of the Gospel. Without Jesus' death and resurrection, the rest would be meaningless. He died to take all our sins to the grave and He rose to bring us new life and prove victorious over sin and death. As a result, we can have salvation from our sins and communion with God. Now that is good news and it's worth sharing! Who will you share it with this week?

Again, the first reading of Mass today reminds us that as Jesus commanded his disciples to be witnesses for Him to the ends of the earth, each of us is also called to be His witnesses to the world by spreading the Gospel. The Holy Spirit gives us everything we need to succeed. Let us look for opportunities this week to share about Jesus with people in our spheres of influence and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in those moments.

Happy Feast Day!

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: O RAISE YOUR EYES ON HIGH AND SEE

O raise your eyes on high and see,
There stands our sovereign Lord;
His glory is this day revealed,
his word a two edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour and the power
Of him who conquered death,
The Christ in whom the universe knows
God's creating breath.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of

God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 46:2-3. 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

R./

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R./

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

R./

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make

him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of

everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

COMMUNION: COME TO THE WATER

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord. and light:
come to the Lord.

RECESSIONAL : HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy Hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How
great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How
great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I
look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

20 / 21 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Peter Greenham	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Sally Tramontana	Margaret Bradley	Mary Furlan	TBA
27 / 28 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	John McGrath	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Communion				

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 14TH 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 <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 Church, its operating expenses Gas, electricity, water, 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
\$125.60	\$985.85	\$190.00	\$496.00	\$503.20	\$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*

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteering during Mass is a beautiful way to share your faith and gifts. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our parish. Their generosity of time and talents allows us to be the physical presence of Christ in our world today. The various roles as to how you can get involved are: Lectors (readers), Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Welcomers, Collectors and Sacristans. Training will be provided. We invite you to take the first step in this journey of volunteering by talking to Father Vinh after mass at the weekend or by contacting the Parish Office 94571066.



FOURTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA :

Tuesday May 23rd between 10.30 and 12.00 in the Parish Hall. \$10 entry on

the day, door prizes, games and raffle. Monies raised donated to Cancer research. We possibly all know someone touched by cancer. Maybe you can get a group of friends together so as a caring community we are able to make a significant donation to Cancer Research. Bookings (for catering purposes) Elizabeth 0447195553 or add your name to the list at the back of the church or leave your name at the presbytery 94571066

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

PALMS AUSTRALIA: MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Joan O'Donoghue, Graham Foote, Wendy Wales, Anne Caswell, Aileen Powell, Sue Lew-Kee, Lou Farinotti, Val Wallis, David Morck, Sonia Robinson, Paula Staples, Marie Hankin.

ANNIVERSARY: T. J. John, Stanislaw Dudzinski, Allan Rigby.

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