



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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**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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*24TH / 25TH JUNE, TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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.*

**"DO NOT BE AFRAID"**

Dear Friends,

The readings for this Sunday Mass are a call to trust in God. Although our circumstances can be unsettling or frightening, God is always caring for us. The First Reading tells us that Jeremiah trusts in the Lord even though he is being plotted against. The Psalm expresses hope that God will hear our prayers in times of distress. The Second Reading reminds us that Jesus rescued us even though we are sinners.

In today's Gospel, Jesus forewarns his disciples about the trials and persecutions they will encounter as they carry out their mission of spreading his message. While acknowledging the physical risks they may face, Jesus emphasizes that the well-being and eternal salvation of their souls hold greater significance. Jesus encourages his disciples and us to place our trust in God's care, even in the midst of challenging circumstances.

Jesus' words remind us that our ultimate focus should be on the health and salvation of our souls rather than solely on temporal concerns. He encourages his disciples, and by extension, all believers, to place their unwavering trust in God's love and provision. Jesus assures them that God knows them intimately, valuing each person with deep compassion and care.

Amidst the trials and tribulations, we encounter, we are called to imitate the disciples' trust in God's care. By having faith in God's love and provision, we can find solace, strength, and hope in the knowledge that God intimately knows us and is attentive to our needs. We are reminded of the importance of unwavering faith in God's guidance and love, especially in the face of adversity.

May we rely more deeply on God's love and provision in our daily life.

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: COME AS YOU ARE**

Come as you are, that's how I want you  
Come as you are, feel quite at home  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven  
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits  
No need to fear, love never ends  
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened  
Rest in my love, trust me again

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

**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**

*Jeremiah 20:10-13*

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us  
denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced  
into error. Then we will master him and take our  
revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by  
their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will  
be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with  
justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see  
the vengeance you will take on them, for I have  
committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise  
the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.'

The word of the Lord.

**All reply:** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 68:8-10,14,17,33-35 .*

**Response:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. **R./**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R./**

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. **R./**

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 5:12-15*

Sin entered the world through one man, and  
through sin death, and thus death has spread through  
the whole human race because everyone has sinned.  
Sin existed in the world long before the Law was  
given. There was no law and so no one could be  
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned  
over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin,  
unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a  
law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift  
itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain  
that through one man's fall so many died, it is even  
more certain that divine grace, coming through the  
one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an  
abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

**All reply:** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:26-33*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the rooftops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we  
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

### COMMUNION: SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and it shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there am I in their midst;  
and whatsoever ye ask, I will do.  
Allelu, alleluia.

### RECESSIONAL : AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.



24 / 25 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	John McGrath	Elizabeth Williamson	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	TBA
1 / 2 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Leela Cherubim
Communion	TBA	Marni Mant	Margaret Bradley	TBA

**MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S HALL : 2ND JULY - Rosa & Maureen Howard**

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 18TH JUNE 2023**

<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 <i>(it is taken up after the Prayers of the faithful)</i> ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			<b>Second Collection</b> 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		
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>Bank Direct</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>Bank Direct</b>
\$97.80	\$841.25	\$910.00	\$540.00	\$487.70	\$345.00

**MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE :** Next Sunday 2nd July following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All our welcome.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION 2023:** Next weekend 1st /2nd July at all Masses. Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. Please make your contribution to the Holy Father.

*"The Church is all of us! All those who follow The Lord Jesus and who, in his name, come close to the least and the suffering, seeking to offer a little relief, comfort and peace"- Pope Francis*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** 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 / Fr Kishore after mass at the weekend or by contacting the Parish Office 94571066.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY —LISBON, PORTUGAL 1ST-6TH AUGUST 2023:** World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope celebrated about every three years in a different country. WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter centered on Jesus Christ together with their peers. This event is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church, and to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who are committing their lives to Christ and His Church.

The parish of St John's has four young parishioners, Bella Mathai, Hannah Thorley, Mikaela McGowan and Madeline Kos attending WYD. As a parish we would like to support these young people with some financial assistance. If you are able to make a contribution to their fares and accommodation you can do so by using the envelope provided in the pews. Thanks to those who have already contributed. Please keep these young pilgrims in your prayers.

**GEMS:** The GEMS are taking a break for a few weeks and will resume on Tuesday July 11th. Venue to be advised.



**Thank you for all your contributions towards the Vincent De Paul Appeal last weekend. We raised \$1,694.95 towards the good works of SVDP Heidelberg Conference**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Annika Prada-Maffei, Olivia Zelazny.

**THE SICK:** Eamon Whealan, Daisy & Tyler Sanderson, Shelby Jentz, Michael Spence, Joan O'Donoghue, Graham Foote.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Bruno Scopece, Elroy DeWitt.

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