



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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*1ST / 2ND JULY, THIRTEENTH 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.*

*"Hospitality is simply an opportunity to show love and care."*

My dear friends, the common theme of readings of this week is the witnessing mission given to Christ's followers to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment in humble service, and the practice of corporal and spiritual works (acts) of mercy (charity).

In our first reading, we see, the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless couple who lived in Shunem. The wife recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by arranging an upper room of their house so that Elisha might stay with them when he visited the area. In response, Elisha promised her, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." The promise was fulfilled by God.

The second reading from Romans explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward. That is why the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward.

Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behavior expected of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behavior expected of others towards the disciples. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the "little ones," (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded.

*"Many years ago, a traveler came to a small town. The custom at those times was to open your door to whoever comes as "God's guests," as they were called. When someone knocked on your door and said "I am God's guest," you were to invite him in, feed him, and give him a place to sleep."*

— *Sheikh Ragip Frager in Love Is the Wine*

**"Practice hospitality." Romans 12:13**

*Amen.*

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: LET ALL THE PEOPLES**

**Refrain:**

Let all the peoples praise you. O Lord.  
Let all the peoples praise you;  
Let all the peoples praise you O Lord,  
Let all the people praise you.

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord  
And all the rulers of earth your glory  
when the Lord shall build Sion again  
coming in glory. Alleluia

Ref.

Let this be written for ages to come  
peoples unborn may praise the Lord  
Who has come down from the sanctuary on high  
to set the prisoners free. Alleluia

Ref.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**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**

*2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalms 88:2-3. 16-19.*

**Response:** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

R./

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

R./

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

R./

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 6:3-4. 8-11*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:37-42*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

## COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

### Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth  
Come to the table of plenty  
God will provide for all that we need  
Here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table  
Where saints and sinners are friends  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
To share the cup of my love .

O come and eat without money  
Come to drink without price  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
With faith and fullness of life .

My bread will ever sustain you  
Through days of sorrow and war  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
To flood the depths of your soul

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
will send my rain on the soil.

## RECESSIONAL : ON EAGLES WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in His shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I  
trust!"

### Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

### Refrain

1 / 2 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Sally Tramontana	Marni Mant	Margaret Bradley	Elizabeth Williamson
8 / 9 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Pietro Sciotto	Christine Soosairaj	Annaliza
Communion	Michelle Penson	Christopher Ratnayake	Mary Furlan	TBA

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

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 25TH JUNE 2023**

<b>First Collection</b> is for the support of our <b>Parish Priest, Asst Priest</b> , the Archbishop, the sick & retired priests, priests in less fortunate areas around Archdiocese of Melbourne <i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i> ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			<b>Second Collection</b> is for the support of our <b>Church</b> , its operating expenses, staff wages, church & ground maintenance etc. <i>(It is taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</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>
\$98.45	\$1057.40	\$145.00	\$536.00	\$430.10	\$200.00

**REGULAR CREDIT CARD/DIRECT DEBIT THANKSGIVING TRANSACTIONS:** Dear Parishioners due to a technical glitch the transaction schedule for Church for June did not go through. Please be advised that there will be two transactions on your July statement / account for those accounts which have not been charged in June. Please contact parish office on 94571066 if you have any concerns. Thanks for understanding.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION 2023:** This 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 .

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

**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.

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.

 Thank you to our Legion of Mary Group who provided each First Communicant with a pack containing rosary beads, a medal and a card containing a beautiful prayer for First Communicants.  
 Thank you also to Chris Ratnayake who facilitates the Sausage Sizzle each first Sunday of the month. Chris recently donated a new barbecue to the parish as our old one no longer worked.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Clara Petrilli, Charlie Catajur, David Morck, Eamon Whealan, Daisy & Tyler Sanderson, Shelby Jentz, Michael Spence, Joan O'Donoghue, Graham Foote.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Brigitte Le Guen Duff.

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