



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):

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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29TH/30TH JULY, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.*

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Melbourne met the Holy Father in Rome on Wednesday 26 July, in a special private audience as part of the lead-up to World Youth Day Lisbon. 'I'm very happy to welcome you here and to see such courageous young people' said Pope Francis. When asked what message he wanted to get across to young people, the Holy Father simply said: 'The main message I want to get across is that the Lord is always by your side—always. Even in the most difficult moments, he is always with us. He never tires of walking with us!'

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli expressed his deep gratitude to the Pope for taking the time to speak with the young Australians.

'To have the Holy Father speak with our young leaders today, to listen to their own experiences, and to encourage them in their journey of faith is a real gift,' he shared. 'Melbourne pilgrims laughed and cried while listening to the wisdom of the Holy Father and his words of freedom, accompaniment, joy and encouragement. The Lord is good.'

'As Pope Francis expressed recently, our faith and tradition have been enriched by the lives of those who have gone before us, and while the World Youth Day event is aimed at youth, we know that we are part of a larger tapestry of faith.

Over one million young people are expected to descend on Lisbon next week for the 16th international World Youth Day. Our Melbourne pilgrims—youth, young leaders, clergy, religious and staff—will carry today's special experience with them, along with the prayers of the Archdiocese.

'World Youth Day will be a time of powerful spiritual encounter with the Lord for each pilgrim in their own personal journey of faith', said Archbishop Comensoli.

From Melbourne Catholic



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: CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me.
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand.
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting.
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its

numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130.*

Response: *Lord, I love your commands.*

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

R./

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

R./

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

R./

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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 never forget all his benefits.

COMMUNION: SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour bathe me in Thy Tide;
Wash me, with waters flowing from Thy Side.

Strength and protection may Thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in Thy Wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
So shall I never, never part from Thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
In death's dread moments make me only Thine;
Call me and bid me come to Thee on high,
Where I may praise Thee with Thy Saints for aye.

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
(Twice)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" *(Twice)*

Give thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
(Twice)

RECESSIONAL : HOLY SPIRIT HYMN

Ancient land of wide and sunburnt plains
Where feet have long since trod,
You have known the stories of our search
To find the face of God.
God who hovered over darkness
When the silent void was still,
God whose voice rang out in splendour.
Creation knew your will.
And your loving eyes beheld in light
our land of sweeping plains,
So that since the dawn our hearts have joined
In chorus wild and praise.

Holy Spirit gift of love divine,
With you we dare to dream,
So to walk in wisdom all our days
this land of gold and green.
From all nations we have gathered.
Lead us on to unity.
In this vast and rugged homeland,
May you our centre be,
May our lives show forth your tender love,
Compassion warm and bold.
Give us hope to face all dark despair,
Your Spirit love, untold.

29 / 30 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Claudia LaCivita	Michelle LeMaster	Peter Greenham	Annaliza
Communion	Sally Tramontana	Chris Ratynayake	Brian McIntosh	Elizabeth Williamson
5 / 6 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Sheila Serrao	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Mary Furlan	TBA

MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S HALL : 6th August - Barbara & Liz

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 23RD JULY 2023

First Collection is for the support of our Parish Priest, 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			Second Collection is for the support of our Church, 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		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$201.00	\$857.80	\$540.00	\$734.70	\$391.05	\$1472.50

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday 6th August following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All our welcome.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) PROGRAMME AT ST JOHN'S: Are you someone or do you know someone who

- Just wants to know more about the Catholic faith?
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- May have experienced 'stirrings of the heart'?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



RCIA is a 'journey' designed for those who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to participate in the RCIA with your questions, your insights and your faith story. You can approach Fr Vinh directly to discuss and find out more about the programme. Or contact Parish Office during office hours on 94571066 / 70643906 Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 to 2.30 or email at heidelberg@cam.org.au

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: Appeal totaled \$573.30. Thank you for your generosity



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: In August some of our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This year Confirmation will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday August 13th. As part of their preparation the Confirmation candidates will be presented to our parish community at the various masses this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS: Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has commenced the Principal Appointment process in relation to appointing a Principal to St John's Primary School. A Local Selection Panel has been formed and the Regional Leadership Consultant (MACS) will Chair the process which will be conducted during Term 3. Let's keep them in our prayers for a good & positive outcome.

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP 2024 DISCOVERY TOURS:

- Monday 14 August 9:15am
 - Friday 18 August 9:15am
 - Wednesday 23 August 9:15am
- Private Tours available
Please call 9459 2963



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Val Wallace, Sandra Kemp, Alice Hyland, Cynthia and Giuseppe Amoroso, Desmond Ralph, David Pauloski, Peter Newton, Charlie Catajur, David Morck, Eamon Whealan, Daisy & Tyler Sanderson, Shelby Jentz, Michael Spence, Joan O'Donoghue.

ANNIVERSARY: Benjamin & Therese Hennequin,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Claude Hennequin.

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