



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

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

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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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19TH/20TH AUGUST, 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR 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.*

BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES: The Canaanite woman was all alone: she was a Gentile in a Jewish world and a woman in a man's world. What makes her special is her determination: she turns to her advantage Jesus' statement about not giving food to the dogs.

There can be no doubt that God's "care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live," and that God's house should become a house of prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we should pray that the walls, which prejudice raises between us, crumble.

Gerald Darring

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 9457 1066, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 to 2.30 or email at heidelberg@cam.org.au

PARISH CENSUS PROCESS: On your pews you will find a census card and pencils. Can you please take some time to fill these in after the homily. Only one per family is needed. Once completed please place these into either the first or second collection - either collection is fine. If you would like to take your time, you are welcome to complete this at home and bring it to next weekend's Mass where you can drop it into any collection.

This information will be kept private to the parish, and it is very helpful to us. A census allows us to know who you are and how best to contact you. All of our parishioners are very important and having up to date information helps us as a parish connect and grow in our faith together.

Fr Vinh Nguyen—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: HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8.

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

R./

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

R./

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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.

BREAD OF LIFE

Refrain.

Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother;
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death as we recall your life,
We remember your promise to return again.

Ref.

The bread we break and share was scattered
once as grain:
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : SING TO THE LORD

Refrain

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness! Alleluia! **Ref.**

19 / 20 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Marnie Keenan	Kate Mathai	Mark Aiello
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Mary Furlan	Sally Tramontana
26 / 27 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Michelle LeMaster	Christine Soosairaj	Annaliza
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Margaret Bradley	Brian McIntosh	Elizabeth Williamson

MORNING TEA: St Francis Xavier's room 20th August: Michelina & Margaret Andrews

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 13TH AUGUST 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
\$171.25	\$783.75	\$140.00	\$730.00	\$346.95	\$480.00

MORNING TEA: This Sunday 20th August following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. All are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP (THANKSGIVING) ENVELOPES: The instalment of Stewardship Envelopes for next twelve months (September 2023 to August 2024) is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order of surname. Please note the **new Envelopes numbers** on your new Envelopes for parishioners with **weekly giving**. We kindly request you not to use the old left over Envelopes from the first Sunday of September 2023 as the Envelope numbers have changed. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

FLOWER ROSTER: Do you have some flower arranging skills? We have vacancies for volunteers who would like to do the altar flowers one week a month. The flowers can be done on Thursday or Friday. You can swap and change with others if you are busy the week you are rostered. Interested – please ring the parish office 03 94571066 or Michelle 0499891101.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL: The Appeal totaled \$627.50 Thank you for your generosity.



VOLUNTEERING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL HEIDELBERG:

Recently we asked for parishioners to think about volunteering for the St Vincent De Paul Society, Heidelberg Branch and we had few parishioners come forward. If you are still considering joining or would like to know more about the Society and its good work, we are offering a 'Come and See' session on Wednesday August 30th at 7.00p.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. Our current volunteers are ageing and it would be lovely to have some younger volunteers to give an hour of their time each week. Inquiries Sally 94571066.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH RETREAT: Invitation to day Retreat on 'Listening - to God and to each other' to be held on Saturday, 26th August, From 8.30 am to 3.00 pm at Loyola College, Watsonia. Presented by Fr Anthony Girolami. Cost \$5, bring lunch to share. Tea & Coffee provided. Booking Essential. RSVP by Tuesday, 22nd August. Contact 9407 6700, Email: Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au

THANK YOU: to the members of our Legion of Mary who provided our newly confirmed parishioners with a lovely gift of rosary beads and a prayer card.

Happy 85th Birthday to Zen Zebrowski

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Val Wallis, 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.

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