



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):**

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

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*2ND/3RD SEPTEMBER, 22ND 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.*



Dear Friends,

We celebrate Father's Day on this Sunday, 3rd September 2023.

We give thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for revealing us God as Father. Through God the Father we have the greatest example of the very vocation of fatherhood. God the Father gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him. So, fathers are to sacrifice their lives for their families. They do this by being the spiritual leader and guardian of our families, praying for and with our families. They do this by being a courageous witness to the Gospel, providing care and support for our families, serving as an example of goodness and truth. They do this by leading with courage and accountability and by laying down their life for another.

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life. We are grateful for our Church leaders, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life. Especially, let us give thanks to God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.

On this Father's Day, we celebrate, congratulate, and pray for the men who continue to reflect the Divine qualities of fatherhood as they lovingly establish, nourish, and maintain their families. Fathers are a blessing, and we thank them for blessing us with lives of dedication, endurance, and love.

We honour all the fathers and significant men in our lives who have passed away. We give thanks for those who have made sacrifices for our families. We pray for all our fathers.

Happy Father's Day!

With every blessing,

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: 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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### 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 20:7-9*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day

long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my hear imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 62:2-6. 8-9.*

*Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water.

*R./*

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise.

*R./*

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

*R./*

For you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;

your right hand holds me fast.

*R./*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned

and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

#### COMMUNION: WILL YOU LOVE ME

Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross every day?  
Will you walk in the light of my presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

#### Refrain

Will you love me as I have loved you?  
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?  
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,  
And the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
Is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night for the world? **Ref.**

Can you walk in the footprints of silence?  
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,  
From the desert of doubt and temptation.  
To the glorious mountain of fire? **Ref.**

#### THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

#### Refrain

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in  
his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me **Ref.**

#### 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; **Ref.**

2 / 3 SEPTEMBER	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Marni Mant	Elizabeth Williamson
9/10 SEPTEMBER	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Sheila Serrao	Pietro Sciotto	Peter Greenham	Annaliza
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Chris Ratnayake	Margaret Bradley	Sally Tramontana

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 27TH 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  
*(It is taken up after Homily)*

**Second Collection** is for the support of our Church, its operating expenses, staff wages, church & ground maintenance etc.  
*(It is taken up after Prayers of Faithful)*

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318

Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$98.70	\$802.00	\$237.00	\$616.15	\$444.15	\$433.00

**FATHER'S DAY, PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION**

**APPEAL:** This weekend 2nd/3rd September for the Priests Retirement Foundation who cares for our Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please donate using the envelopes on the pews or through paypal at [www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation). Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.

**MORNING TEA:** This Sunday 3rd September following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish hall. All are welcome.

**GEMS:** Just a remainder that the group are meeting offsite on Tuesday, September 5th. Inquiries Elizabeth 0447195553

**FLOWER ROSTER:** Volunteers with flower arranging skills needed to do the altar flowers one week a month. Interested – please ring the parish office on 94571066 or Michelle 0499891101.

**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)**

**PROGRAMME AT ST JOHN'S:** Please 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](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)

**PARISH CENSUS PROCESS:** Parishioners who have not already completed please take one census card from the church foyer to get it completed. Only one per family is needed. Completed cards can be placed either at the first or second 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.

**LIVING THE GOSPEL: HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?**

For some people, to be a Christian is a 'soft option' – they see being Christian as being a bit 'fluffy'. This week's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option.



@Greg Sunter

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Peter Pastetnik, Sereno Pellizzaro.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maria Villamagna.

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