



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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16TH/17TH SEPTEMBER, 24TH 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.*

Social Services Sunday

Sunday 17 September 2023 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks to the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised.

We acknowledge with gratitude Catholic Social Service Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 8,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who work together to serve and support over 211,000 people. Catholic social services hold a unique position in social services because they serve and are part of an established, connected community of people sharing in the social mission of the Church. We thank parishes for often being at the forefront of providing services to members of their community in need. In this challenging time of a cost of living and housing crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. On this day we consider how we all have a role to play. How might we be more involved in achieving justice in our own communities? How can we advocate for structural changes to build a more equitable society where no one is pushed to the margins, and all can prosper?

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

Pope Francis

17 September 2023



Social Services Sunday

A day to reflect and give thanks



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: PRAISE THE LORD! YOU HEAV'NS ADORE HIM

Praise the Lord! you heav'ns adore him;
Praise him angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;
Praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high his power proclaim;
Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,
Praise and glorify his name..

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

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 *Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts
vengeance will experience the vengeance of the
Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your
neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray,
your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger
against another, can he then demand compassion
from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like
himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere
creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will

forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and
stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and
live by the commandments. Remember the
commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-
will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

R./

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

R./

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

R./

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 14: 7-9

The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord;
and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or
dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ
both died and came to life, it was so that he might be
Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often
must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often
as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell
you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared
to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his
servants. When the reckoning began, they brought
him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he
had no means of paying, so his master gave orders
that he should be sold, together with his wife and

children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess you
Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.

COMMUNION: WHERE THERE IS CHARITY AND LOVE

Refrain

Where there is charity and love,
there the God of love abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
Let us revere and love the living God
And love each other with unfeigning hearts. Ref.

And so when we are gathered here as one,
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace. Ref.

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
To where the blessed glory in your sight;
There let us see and love you face to face,
Gathered once more in everlasting light Ref.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.
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if you have love one for another.

RECESSIONAL : THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Refrain

Though the mountains may fall and
the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God!

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you. Ref.

Should you turn and forsake Him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from Him,
He will always take you back. Ref.

16/17 SEPT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Pamela Smith	Marnie Keenan	Kate Mathai	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Bobbie Bartkus	Brian McIntosh	Elizabeth Williamson
23/24 SEPT	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Peter Penson	John McGrath	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Margaret Bradley	Sally Tramontana

MORNING TEA: 17TH SEPTEMBER - MARIA & FRANCOISE

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 10TH SEPTEMBER 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)

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.

(It is taken up after Prayers of Faithful)

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

Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$177.05	\$873.75	\$260.00	\$358.00	\$431.15	\$675.00

MORNING TEA: This Sunday 17th September following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the St. Francis Xavier Meeting Room. All are welcome.

PARISH SURVEY: As a parishioner of St. John's your opinion is valued. We invite you to contribute your ideas for the future of our parish. We are seeking constructive practical ideas and suggestions. The survey form has 9 simple questions and your name (which is optional).

This is YOUR OPPORTUNITY to assist our parish to move forward, to share your voice, help build our parish community and a sense of belonging, It will help strengthen relationships, build a mission and vision with the love of Christ as the centre of all we do. Please take the form home to complete or complete it today. Return your completed form to the 'SURVEY BOX' in the porch of the church or email it to: heidelberg@cam.org.au before the 30th September.

PIZZA EVENING: Join us after 6.00p.m. mass on Saturday October 8th in the parish house for pizza, wine/soft drink. If you are able to join us please add your name to the list at the back of the church for catering purposes. All are welcome.



GEMS: The GEMS are in recess for the next two weeks returning on Tuesday October 3rd. On this day we will be travelling by bus to the Tesselar Tulip Festival. Leaving St John's at 10.00a.m. returning 2.30p.m. Cost \$20. Bookings essential. Elizabeth 0447195553



PARISH CENSUS PROCESS: We have noticed that a number of longtime parishioners have not as yet completed a census form probably thinking we have your details already. We need you to fill in the form to update our records. If you been away please also fill in a census form. 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. 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.

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

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: Marta & Peter Brejta, Vincent Cannuli, Senal Thiththagalla.

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