



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 9.45am (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, Contact Sue 0449260206

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4TH /5TH NOVEMBER, 31ST 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.

Thank you to the parishioners who were able to attend our Parish Lunch last Sunday. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the company of other parishioners. Thanks to all who contributed to making the day enjoyable.



Thank You

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: I WILL GIVE YOU LIVING WATER.

Refrain

I will give you living water!
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart!
Grow deep within me...filled by my spirit;
My burdens are easy; my life it is yours!

We have been with the lonely!
To the hungry we've given your bread...
We now come with all our hopes and dreams
To rest awhile with you!

To the empty we've carried...
Your word of hope and of life.
Build us now beyond our hopes and dreams
'Til we live in you.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have

not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 130.

Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me .

R./

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

R./

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of

honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

COMMUNION: O', GOD, YOU SEARCH ME, AND YOU KNOW ME

O', God, you search me, and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
And with love everlasting, you besiege me
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning through and through
You are with me beyond my understanding
God of my present, my past and future, too

Although your Spirit is upon me
Still I search for shelter from your light
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight

For you created me and shaped me
Gave me life within my mother's womb
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new

RECESSIONAL: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To his feet Thy tribute bring!
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praise should sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for His grace and favour,
To his children in distress!
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

PRAYER FOR VCE STUDENTS: God, our Father, we praise you for the gifts of education, intelligence, wisdom, and friendship. We pray that as the year comes to its climax for our VCE students, you give them peace of heart, strength of mind, and joy in their spirits. We pray for the grace of recollection, resilience, and for gifted hands and thoughts as they sit their exams. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

4 / 5 Nov	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Margherita Bechelli	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Marni Mant	Elizabeth Williamson
11 / 12 Nov	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Pamela Smith	Marnie Keenan	Peter Greenham	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Christopher Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana

MORNING TEA, 5th November: Barbara & Liz

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 29TH OCTOBER 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
\$147.90	\$871.00	\$288.00	\$401.00	\$464.60	\$787.00

Dear Parishioners, this weekend concludes our parish offertory giving process. For those of you who have returned your pledge cards, thank you very much for doing so. For those who haven't returned your pledge cards as yet, you can return them in the offertory collections at Mass, at the designated boxes in the foyers of the Churches or to the parish office. The pledge cards not picked up will be posted after this weekend. There will also be generic pledge cards on the pews this weekend that can be filled out and returned straight away. Thank you for your faithful participation in our parish offertory process over the past few weeks. Each offering, no matter the amount, is an expression of love and gratitude to God. It is a testament to your faith and trust in His provision.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

MORNING TEA: This Sunday 5th November following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER-MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: November Mass envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. Our Memorial Book is available on the sanctuary to record the name of your loved ones who have died.

ANNUAL DEAF APPEAL: Next weekend 11th/12th November. The John Pierce Centre provides Mass in AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language), resources and support, Pastoral Care, Counselling and activities for Deaf individuals and their families throughout Victoria. Lets support their important work.

Thank You: We thank Sally Tramontana who has been the President of the St John's Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society for the past 8 years and congratulate her on her retirement from the position. Sally has been a dedicated, hard-working leader much loved by the members of the Conference here at St John's. Elizabeth Williamson was appointed to take over the position of president last week.

VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REV PAUL GALLAGHER.

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP: Expressions of interest are asked from those interested in joining a small group to pray and reflect on the readings during Advent. Please indicate your interest on the sheet either in the church porch or in the side chapel.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS: will be on sale after all masses this weekend. Calendars \$10 Christmas Cards \$5 pack of 5.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Frank Dempsey, Caterina Chincarini, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Nicky, Val Wallis.

ANNIVERSARY: Teresa Dickson, Bernard Kairouz, Maria Basilone.

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