



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:

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LEGION OF MARY: Meet every

Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish

house in the Francis Xavier Room. All

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CHILD SAFETY: St John's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and

25TH/26TH NOVEMBER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, 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.*

CHRIST THE KING

The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done.

On the positive side it finally sealed the end of the persecution of the earliest Christians. The blood of the martyrs had been so eloquent that their witness caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society. especially in the West. On the cost side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the Empire. Our liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the Roman temples.

It cannot surprise us that after Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. After 313, however, Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre and orb. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called the Queen of Heaven.

The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.

That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.

To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.

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ENTRANCE: HAIL REDEEMER

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain

Angels, saints and nations sing :
“Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!”

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
To receive power and divinity,
And wisdom and strength and honour
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep,

the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:1-3. 5-6.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

R./

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

R./

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R./

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations

will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

The Lord sits as King for ever
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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, ye waters gushing from His Side.

Strength and protection may His 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 drear 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.

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.**

25 / 26 Nov	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader	Margherita Bechelli	Michelle LeMaster	Elizabeth Williamson	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Chris Ratnayake	Mary Furlan	Sally Tramontana
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Reader	Pamela Smith	Pietro Sciotto	Jacqueline Lewis	Mark Aiello
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Margaret Bradley	Elizabeth Williamson

MORNING TEA, 3rd December: Margaret & Elizabeth

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 19TH NOVEMBER 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
\$258.80	\$895.05	N/A	\$549.00	\$515.00	N/A

NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

This week the Archbishop appointed a new Assistant Priest to St John's Parish Heidelberg. With great joy we welcome Father John Pereira who will be with us from next week as Assistant Priest.

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Next Sunday 3rd December following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK This Sacrament enables the sick or aged person to be anointed with the oil of the sick, to experience the healing and strength of Jesus Christ and to be supported by a praying community. It will be celebrated at St. John's on **Wednesday December 6th during the 9.15a.m. mass** followed by morning tea in the Francis Xavier Room in the Parish House.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS These will be on sale following all masses this weekend. \$5 for a pack of five. This will be the last week the cards will be available for sale.

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLS: on Tuesday December 5th commencing at 6.00p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's celebrates 175yrs in 2026

Yes....It's not that far off!

We would like to get a 175th Committee together.

We hope to put together a book recognising our past, present and future. Also to run a few fundraising social occasions in the lead up to 2026.

This will help build up our parish family, raise funds for the celebrations of 2026 and assist towards refreshing the inside of our beautiful church.

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP he group will begin to meet on Wednesday, November 29th at 5.15p.m. in the St Francis Xavier Room at the rear of the Parish House. The other three gatherings will be on the following three Wednesdays - 6th, 13th and 20th all at 5.15p.m. All welcome.

MARCELLIN COLLEGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS: Parishioners who have lost a loved one are warmly invited on Thursday 7th December, 7.30pm at Marcellin College Champagnat Chapel, 160 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen followed by a light supper in the Functions Room.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Joan O'Donoghue, Samantha Bryan, Frank Dempsey, David Morck, Caterina Chincarini, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Val Wallis.

ANNIVERSARY: Stephen Smith

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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