



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.

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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—10.15am (during
Adoration)

Sat 9:45 am & 5:30pm.—5.50p.m.

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

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6TH / 7TH APRIL , SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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.*

FRANCIS' FOCUS

'In reality,' Pope Francis points out, 'Thomas is not the only one who struggles to believe. In fact,' the Pope adds, 'he represents all of us a little bit.'

But Thomas does not only represent us with his explicitly articulated doubt. Rather, Thomas highlights our tendency to walk away. Thomas had absented himself from the community. Returning, he seems a touch transactional: Show me the proof, then I'll commit!

As Pope Francis highlights, Jesus answers Thomas' doubt 'in front of everyone, in the community.' It was, the Pope suggests, as if Jesus was telling Thomas that 'if you want to meet me, do not search far away; remain in our community, with the others, and don't go away. Pray with them. Break bread with them.' Be open to encounter, not closed to possibilities.

This, evidently, is a lesson for us too. Every Christian generation is called to find the Risen Christ together. We belong with each other, with Christ forming a mystical unity out of our diversity.

In this, the story of Thomas has another lesson for the Church. We Christians are called to be a welcoming people. 'Let us ask ourselves,' the Pope suggests, 'if in the name of Jesus' wounds, we are willing to open our arms to those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God's mercy but welcoming everyone.'

After all, despite his attitude Thomas was still included and welcomed by the community whose testimony he doubted. Even more pointedly, Our Lord opens his exchange with the doubter with some clearly welcoming words: 'Peace be with you.'

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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 THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN

Christ the Lord is ris'n again;
Christ has broken ev'ry chain;
hark! The angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high; alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal Lamb today;
We too sing for joy, and say; alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom,
alleluia.

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

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart
and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything
that he had, as everything they owned was held in
common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection
of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all
given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all
those who owned land or houses would sell them,
and bring the money from them, to present it to the
apostles; it was then distributed to any members who
might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24*

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

R./

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

R./

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

R./

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been
begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that
begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can
be sure that we love God's children if we love God
himself and do what he has commanded us; this is
what loving God is –keeping his commandments; and
his commandments are not difficult, because anyone
who has been begotten by God has already overcome
the world; this is the victory over the world –our
faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man
who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ
who came by water and blood, not with water only,
but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another
witness –since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still
believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

COMMUNION: COMMUNION: YOU ARE NEAR

Refrain

My God, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways ever-lasting

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm. **Ref.**

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there. **Ref.**

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun
in my mother's womb. **Ref.**

Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there. **Ref.**

RECESSIONAL : CHRIST IS ALIVE! WITH JOY WE SING

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
We celebrate our risen Lord,
Praising the glory of his name.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He is the grain of wheat that died,
Sown in distress and reaped in joy,
Yielding a harvest of new life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 / 7 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Vernon Curtis	Peter Penson	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Michelle Penson	Leo & Charito Cosio	Olivia Musitano
13 / 14 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Marnie Keenan	Margaret Andrews	Mark Aiello
Communion	TBA	Chris Ratnayake	Margaret Bradley	Leela Cherubim
	-	-	Mary Furlan	-

MORNING TEA: 7th April - Maureen & Rosa

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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
\$213.15	\$1,681.40	\$257.00	\$419.20	\$917.55	\$528.00

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: This Sunday 7th April following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: The collection was \$1,475.90. Thank you for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL: celebration at St John's from 2.45pm.



FIFTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S - MAY 21ST: Australia's Biggest Morning

EASTER HOLY WATER: is available to take home at each of the church entrances.

Tea is one of Australia's most well known fundraising events and plays a vital role in raising money towards Cancer Council's work in research, education, prevention and support. As an independent, not-for-profit organisation, the Cancer Council play a leading role in reducing the impact of all cancers on all people.

HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: appeal raised \$1265.25. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION: THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or envelopes kindly return them to the parish office or sacristy. They can also be placed in the collection bag during weekend Mass.

Here at St John's, we are hosting a **BIGGEST MORNING TEA** in St John's Hall on Tuesday May 21st at 10.30a.m. Entrance \$10 (on the day). Enjoy a delicious morning tea, raffle, games, door and lucky seat prizes.

HEIDELBERG ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: We have 9 active members visiting individuals and families each week in Heidelberg Heights, Heidelberg West and Heidelberg distributing supermarket vouchers and Vinnies shop vouchers. We also supply beds, mattresses and sofas. The Heidelberg Conference have made a total of 95 visits so far this year giving a helping hand to 140 adults and 51 children. We thank the parishioners of St John's for your prayers and financial support of our work.

At this stage we are looking for donations of goods towards door and raffle prizes. If you could help out in this way, please leave items in the basket in the church foyer. Examples of items include sweets, chocolate, wine, champagne, tea, gourmet biscuits, pantry sauces, jam, pasta, movie tickets, department store gift voucher, or an idea of your own. Closing date for the acceptance of donations is Sunday April 21st. Thank you in anticipation.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Jacques Coomans, Frank Viola, Bill Barnes, Kevin Andrews, Margaret Sinclair, Joan O'Donoghue, Samantha Byran, Frank Dempsey, Davis Morck, Caterina Chincarni, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Val Wallis.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norma Camilleri.

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