



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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27TH/28TH APRIL, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

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.*

BEARING FRUIT

Until I spent time on a vineyard ten years ago, I always heard the parable of the vinedresser as a tough, 'shape up or ship out' message.

It was a pleasant surprise then, to actually see a vinedresser in action. A good vinedresser pores over the vines and from experience knows that to cut too much or too little will render the vine without its distinctive character. Every cut is measured and aimed to prune back only the diseased branch, so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard. The vinedresser is not violent with the vine, but extremely tender.

This parable is a profound insight into the Christian life. We can claim to belong to the Christian family all we like. We can come to Mass every Sunday. But if the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous, if we are unforgiving, unjust and uncaring, we cannot claim to be on the vine of Christ's love. And if that's the case we are in desperate need of the gentle hand of the vinedresser, who only wants to see us bring forth the yield we are capable of achieving. God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we can turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion.

This metaphor also reminds us that we are connected to each other. There are moments in our life of faith when we hear or see other Christians saying or doing things we cannot countenance. We can try to disown them by retreating into our denomination, but we are all connected in Christ's vineyard. We need the courage to tell them the truth as we see it, and charitably point out the problems we have with what they think is right. And we need the humility to listen when they challenge us.

In the face of the world's 'shape up or ship out' principle, today's Gospel challenges us to hang in there with each other, in season and out of season, because as the old folk hymn sings, 'They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'

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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: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, 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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 21:26-28. 30-32

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R./**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
R./

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R./**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe

in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandment lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit .

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.

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 you
Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The I am the true vine and you are the branches, says
the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia.

COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth
Come to the table of plenty
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty

O come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love. **Ref.**

O come and eat without money
Come to drink without price
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life **Ref.**

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and war
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul. **Ref.**

Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil. **Ref.**

RECESSIONAL : SING TO THE LORD

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made salvation known. Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness! Alleluia! **Ref.**

Sing to the Lord! Praise the Holy One!
God alone is our salvation! Alleluia! **Ref.**

27/ 28 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Christine Soosairaj	Annaliza
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Leo & Charito Cosio	TBA
4 / 5 MAY	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Pamela Smith	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Vernon Curtis	John McGrath	Claire Newsome	Emily Andrews
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
	-	-	Liz Sier	-

MORNING TEA: 5th May - Barbara & Liz

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 21ST APRIL 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)

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
\$287.30	\$1,099.15	\$842.00	\$699.00	\$510.25	\$1,610.10



CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL: Next weekend 4th / 5th

May. CatholicCare delivers services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. Please donate using the appeal envelope or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT: The four weekends of **4-5 May, 11-12 May, 18-19 May and 25-26 May** have been selected for the count. The count should include ALL those in attendance at the Mass, including babies.

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Next Sunday 5th May following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

GEMS: will not meet this Tuesday and will resume on Tuesday May 7th at 10.00a.m. in the Francis Xavier Room.



FIFTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S - MAY 21ST: At this stage we

are looking for donations of goods towards door and raffle prizes. If you could help 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 next Sunday May 5th. Thank you in anticipation.

ANNUAL SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY: will be held at Corpus Christi College on Saturday May 19th. Please send details to Fr Vinh of any young man whom you consider should be invited or who would be interested to know more about vocation to the priesthood to attend this enquiry day.

EYRIE: The Parish Magazine has a vacancy for an advertisement if you wish to advertise your business and help support the magazine. The magazine is circulated quarterly on line to all parishioners and school families. Hard copy is available in the church porch. You can take an advertisement for just one or two issues or for a full year. Details contact Parish Office. On 94571066 or heidelberg@cam.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Bert Chapman, Sue Chapman, Marie Hankin, Pat Chenoweth, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Jacques Coomans, Frank Viola, Bill Barnes, Kevin Andrews, Margaret Sinclair, Joan O'Donoghue, Samantha Byran, Frank Dempsey, Davis Morck, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Val Wallis.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anthony Clifford.

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