



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—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
Enquires, Contact Sue 0449260206

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18TH /19TH MAY, *PENTECOST SUNDAY- SOLEMNTY*

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.*

"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit"

Dear Friends,

Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal Mystery-the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus-culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father (at the request of His Son), on Jesus' disciples.

The Feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church Jesus established more than 2,000 years ago.

Today's Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today's readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

On this Feast Day, we are reminded that on the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Advocate or Paraclete. The gift of the Spirit would enable his disciples to fulfill Jesus' commission to preach the Gospel to all nations. Today's Gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." These wonderful words, which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit with the gift of forgiveness, are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But they have a much wider meaning. Those words remind us of the Christian vocation we all have, to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgmental and vengeful.

The Feast of Pentecost offers us the chance to look at the role which forgiveness should play in our dealings with others. Thus, we are challenged to examine our sense of compassion, patience, tolerance and magnanimity. Learning to forgive is a lifelong task, but the Holy Spirit is with us to make us agents of forgiveness. If we are prepared on this day of Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit into our lives, we can have confidence that our lives will be marked by the Spirit of forgiveness.

Come Holy Spirit, come and transform our lives!

With every blessing,
Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

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: SPIRIT COME

Refrain:

Spirit, come, transform us.
Come be our breath, be our hope.
Spirit, come, transform us.
Come be our breath, be our hope.

Deep in the womb of our heart
Reveal your presence, O God.

Draw us to share others' burdens,
Healing and loving with truth.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, 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 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles
had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard
what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven,

the noise of which filled the entire house in which
they were sitting; and something appeared to them
that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and
came to rest on the head of each of them. They were
all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak
foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of
speech.

Ref:

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem
from every nation under heaven, and at this sound
they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear
these men speaking his own language. They were
amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these
men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that
each of us hears them in his own native language?
Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from
Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and
Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of
Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome –
Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we
hear them preaching in our own language about the
marvels of God.'

Ref:

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34*

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the
face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

R./

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

R./

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under
the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to
the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways
in different people, it is the same God who is working
in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is
given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many
parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though
many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one
Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks,
slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to
us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

In the evening of 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.'"

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

COMMUNION: COME TO THE WATER

Oh let all who thirst,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
Let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
Let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
Bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord.

RECESSIONAL : JUBILEE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ancient land of wide and sunburnt plains
where feet have long since trod,
you have known the stories of our search
to find the face of God.
God who hovered over darkness
when the silent void was still,
God whose voice rang out in splendour,
Creation knew your will.
And your loving eyes beheld in light
our land of sweeping plains,
so that since the dawn our hearts have joined
in chorus wild with praise.

Holy Spirit gift of love divine,
with you we dare to dream,
so to walk in wisdom all our days
this land of gold and green.
From all nations we have gathered.
Lead us on to unity.
In this vast and rugged homeland,
may you our centre be.
May our lives show forth your tender love,
compassion warm and bold.
Give us hope to face all dark despair,
your Spirit Love untold.

18 / 19 MAY	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Sheila Serrao	Paul Sapiano	Mark Aiello
Reader 2	Margherita Bechelli	Elizabeth Williamson	Peter Greenham	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
	-	-	Mary Furlan	-
25 / 26 MAY	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	John McGrath	Kate Mathai	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Christine Soosairaj	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Laurette Kairouz
Communion	TBA	Marni Mant	Olivia Musitano	TBA
	-	-	Liz Sier	-

MORNING TEA: 19th May - Maria & Francoise

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 12TH MAY 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
\$389.00	\$1,127.35	\$313.00	\$795.00	\$681.55	\$597.00

COLLECTORS NEEDED: We are most grateful for the faithful collectors at Mass however we would love to have other parishioners (male and female) to commit to being on a Counter's Roster. Having enough volunteers would mean a once a month commitment. If you are a regular attendee at either the 10.30a.m. or 5.00p.m. Mass you are invited to consider taking on this ministry. Please see Elizabeth following mass to express your interest in this ministry.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: We would like to offer the young members of our parish, Children's Liturgy of the Word each Sunday during the 10.30am. mass. This involves the children hearing the Word of God in a way they can better understand. To offer this ministry we need leaders. It is not necessary to commit each week, if we had sufficient volunteers your commitment might be once a month. Volunteers would need a Working with Children Check. Resources and training would be provided. If you can help or would like to find out more about this ministry, please see Fathers Vinh/John or Elizabeth following mass or contact the Parish Office.

MORNING TEA: This Sunday 19th May following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

RENOVATIONS APPEAL: Please find insert for details on donation for our church renovations. Thank you for your generosity.



FIFTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA :
at St John's - May 21st 10.30a.m. – 12.00: in the Parish Hall. \$10 entry

on the day, door prizes, games and raffle. Monies raised donated to Cancer research. We possibly all know someone touched by cancer. Maybe you can get a group of friends together so as a caring community we are able to make a significant donation to Cancer Research. Bookings (for catering purposes) Elizabeth 0447195553 or add your name to the list at the back of the church.

ALPHA AT ST PIUS X: From 29th May, 6.30 – 8.00pm running until 13th July. Alpha seeks to share the life of Jesus, faith, hope and our lives through interactive talks and discussions. Each session will commence with a meal. To join Alpha please ring the Parish House on 9457 5794.

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.

ANNIVERSARY: Silvia Robles De Sierra.

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