



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

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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27TH /28TH JULY, 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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.*

A MIRACLE OF SHARING

In today's Gospel, after the 5,000 have been fed, Jesus says, 'Gather the pieces together that are left over. Let nothing be wasted'. Some of us have never truly been hungry, so it can be hard to fully appreciate how wasteful our developed world must appear to those who watch their families die of starvation. For most of us in the developed world, hunger has only ever been fleeting, and we are presently eating ourselves into obesity.

Some people would prefer to think of the story of the feeding of the five thousand exclusively in spiritual terms. There is no question that today's Gospel refers to the Eucharist where all are spiritually nourished by Christ our host. It also refers to the eternal banquet where hunger will be no more. But this Gospel asks us to look at our world through the eyes of Christ's kingdom where the mighty will be cast down from their thrones, the poor will be raised up, and the rich who will not share will be sent away.

There is such a thing as healthy guilt. It's where we become aware of what we have done or failed to do to bring about Christ's Kingdom in our world. Given that it is entirely unnecessary for 29,000 people, on average, to die each day because of lack of food and water and the diseases this brings, guilt on our part seems a reasonable response. It becomes a healthy moment in our lives when we decide to change our priorities, and call for similar changes in a nation's priorities which spends more on bombs than starving babies.

I often wonder what God thinks when he hears wealthy nations say that the reason they refuse to share more with the poor is because these poorer nations often have unelected despots who divert their country's wealth into Swiss bank accounts or nuclear and conventional weaponry programmes. Even in the face of these complex issues we could find a way to feed the hungry who might, one day, be empowered to take charge of their nations.

May this Eucharist enable us to do on earth what is done in heaven, where the hungry are welcomed and fed, the leftovers are gathered together and nothing is wasted.

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SAVE THE DATE - PARISH MISSION 2024: Friday October 18th (evening) and Saturday October 19th, 2024. Facilitated by Father Richard Leonard SJ, acclaimed speaker, and author.

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 ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat a banquet hall on
Holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.

All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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

2 Kgs 4: 42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

R./

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

R./

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

R./

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left

over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

COMMUNION : GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord
The Bread of Life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
They follow and rejoice.

Ref

With joyful lips, we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy Lord
To share this Heavenly food.

Ref.

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Does not one cup, one loaf declare
Our Oneness in the Lord?

Ref.

The mystery of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

Ref.

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see .

Refrain:

Christ be our light, shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace our world is troubled
Longing for hope many despair
Your word alone, has power to save us
Make us your living voice .

Ref.

27 / 28 JULY	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Amelia Bechelli	Sheila Serrao	Margaret Andrews	Annaliza
Reader 2	Margherita Bechelli	Ophelia Le	Kevin Andrews	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Chris Ratnayake	Olivia Musitano	Sally Tramontana
	-	-	Liz Sier	-
Collectors	Zen Zebrowski	Mary Ingram	Leo Cosio	TBA
	Paul Zebrowski	Colin Ingram	Charito Cosio	TBA
3 / 4 AUG	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Sean Dunn	Mark Aiello
Reader 2	Cassie Abeynake	Claire Newsome	Jacqueline Lewis	Christine Soosairaj
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Margaret Bradley	Olivia Musitano
	-	-	Brian McIntosh	-

MORNING TEA: 4th Aug - Barbara

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 21ST JULY 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
\$361.00	\$846.15	\$1162.00	\$859.00	\$559.95	\$1643.00

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY SUNDAY JULY 28TH : Pope Francis told the World Youth Day crowds in Brazil. "How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives. This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened." Today we think about your great wisdom and experience, which is passed from generation to generation, and we celebrate the gifts all our ancestors have forged for us- the gifts of life and love. We give thanks for all of the guidance and encouragement.

Happy Day to the Grandparents and the Elderly.

VISIT TO ST JOHN'S BY ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI: Archbishop Peter Comensoli will visit our parish for the Vigil Mass on Saturday, August 10th at 6.00p.m. During his visit, he will bless the Mary MacKillop Chapel, the new statue of St Mary of the Cross, and the other renovations to the church. Please join us at this Mass. Following Mass there will be an opportunity to meet and chat with the Archbishop in the hall where refreshments will be served.

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday 4th August following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

RCIC—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN: We warmly welcome anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith for your children/grandchildren. The program will be commencing in the next few months. Please see Father Vinh or Father John.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: The Appeal totaled \$890.30. Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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