



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
Enquires, Contact Sue 0449260206

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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24TH /25TH AUGUST, 21ST 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.*

PETER'S FAITH

The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation is given to us for our mission in the world today and for our journey toward the World to come.

The other response in today's Gospel gives us great hope. In spite of being confused and deserted by his friends Peter hangs in there with Jesus. He holds on to faith when all the signs show that a hasty retreat may be a better course of action. We all know people who remain faithful in the most extraordinary of circumstances.

James Keenan in his excellent book, 'Virtues for ordinary Christians' says that fidelity is the bottom line of the Christian life. He argues that the Church has spent too much time preaching about 'infidelities' and too little time teaching about those things that strengthen fidelity. 'Each person', he says, 'has two major moral goals in life: to be just and to be faithful'. Being faithful to his Father, and to us, sums up what Jesus does for our salvation and is exactly what He calls forth from the disciples in today's Gospel. Perhaps because we too easily think it is something difficult, we presume that being faithful to our friends is hardly a moral issue. Yet once we see that friendship is the key to the moral life then we can come to see that living the moral life is about the ordinary interactions of our day.

James Keenan writes, 'To this end we may need to make more calls, write more letters, cook more dinners, take more strolls, linger a little longer with a friend. We may also need to disengage ourselves from the habit of counting or measuring what the other does or does not do or say'.

May this Eucharist enable us to respond to the invitation of the Holy One of God to place fidelity and friendship at the centre of our moral life and attend to the everyday activities that will see us live it out.

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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: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song of praise shall be:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth
and sky and sea:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the
day long.

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 *Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33:2-3. 16-23

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

R./

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

R./

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

R./

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

R./

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned

R./

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers

were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

COMMUNION: I FOUND A TREASURE

Lord, to whom can I go?

You alone speak the words of life.

You alone on the earth or in heaven above
are my Saviour and my Lord.

Ref.

Refrain.

I found the treasure in a field,
that neither time nor death can steal.
I will sell what I have, give all that I am,
to hold this treasure as my own.

Jesus, Lord of my life,
I can ask for nothing more than to see and believe
that my life lies in you,
in the kingdom of my Lord.

Ref.

AS GENTLE AS SILENCE

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence of
all that I love here on earth.

All the beauty I see he has given to me,
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his
presence, and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

RECESSIONAL: THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Refrain

Though the mountains may fall and
the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God!

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you.

Ref.

Should you turn and forsake Him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from Him,
He will always take you back.

Ref.

24 / 25 AUG	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Amelia Bechelli	Claire Newsome	Kate Mathai	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Margherita Bechelli	Ophelia Le	Peter Greenham	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Bobbie Bartkus	Margaret Bradley	Sally Tramontana
	-	-	Olivia Musitano	-
Collectors	Zen Zebrowski	Mary Ingram	John Griffiths	TBA
	Paul Zebrowski	Colin Ingram	Jack Taylor	TBA
31 / 1 SEPT	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Reader 2	Paul Zebrowski	TBA	TBA	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Leo Cosio	TBA
	-	-	Charito Cosio	-

MORNING TEA: 1st September - Elizabeth

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 18TH AUGUST 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

Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$509.50	\$682.95	\$770.00
Assumption Mass Collection: \$448.95		

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
\$939.40	\$442.85	\$685.00
Assumption Mass Collection: \$ 320.60		

THE 2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN: Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church.

You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign.

THE LEGION OF MARY: Legion of Mary brings the love of our blessed Mother into the world. Please join us each Wednesday morning at 10.30am, at the parish house in the Francis Xavier Room. All are welcome. Fatima statue is available to be taken home for a week. For enquiry Sue 0449260206.

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday 1st September (Father's day) following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: on Thursday the 29th August as Fr Vinh and Mary need to attend an Administration Forum at the Archdiocese.

RCIA ENQUIRY FOR 2024 /2025: Are you interested or do you know someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith? The Catholic Church's mission is to offer people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to deepen their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ. Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. There are ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage to signify the steps along the way. If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic, please see Father Vinh or Father John. We hope to commence the programme in October.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Betty Heath, Helen Mc Guiness.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Emma Modesti.

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