



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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.

17TH/ 18TH JANUARY 2026, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

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Michelle Penson (0499 891 101)

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 - Resumes 21st January
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.

PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH (CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY)

All are invited to join us for the first function of the year to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of our parish.

Venue: Church and parish house gardens.

What to bring: Food and drink (tables and chairs provided)

Time: Following 10.30am Mass.

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOHN'S PARISH HEIDELBERG GOSPEL WRITING PROJECT:

Thank you to those who have agreed to participate in this project. The gospel verse/s, lined paper and pen are now available to be collected from the parish office during office hours (Tues – Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm).

SACRAMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 are now open. The Sacrament Programme is for children residing in and worshiping at St John's but not attending the parish primary school. Children are required to be in Year 3 (or older) for First Reconciliation, Year 4 (or older) for First Eucharist and Year 6 (or older) for Confirmation. **RCIC** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) For children older than Eight years of age who would like to become catholic (whose parents are catholic or at least one of the parents is catholic).

If you would like to register your child, please contact the parish office 94571066. **Closing dates** for enrolling your child in the programmes are as follows: • **First Eucharist** Friday, January 23rd 2026 • **Confirmation** Friday, April 24th 2026 • **First Reconciliation** (Confession) Friday August 7th 2026 • **RCIC** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) September 30th 2026

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – WEDNESDAYS

Exposition on Wednesday nights will resume from 21 January 2026. This is a sacred time for prayer, quiet reflection, and adoration before the Eucharist. During Exposition, a priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those who wish to go to confession. The evening will continue with Compline (Night Prayer) and conclude with Benediction. All are warmly welcome.

KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE COMMUNION IN THEIR HOME?

Please ring the Parish Office during office hours to arrange a time to suit. Office hours Tues – Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm

17 / 18 JAN	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Paul Zebrowski	Mark Aiello	Kate Mathai	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Wendy Hernandez	Ophelia Le	Peter Penson	-
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Elizabeth Williamson	Brian McIntosh	Marni Mant
			Michelle Penson	
24 / 25 JAN	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Domenica Ashworth	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Ammar Kazi	Sean Dunn	Peter Greenham	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	

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 ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10.

Response: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

R./

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

R./

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

R./

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the

saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Janet Sheets, Anne Fusca, Gabriel Aloise, Gianna Yee, Frank Gysberts, Sergio Furlan, Max, Gomez, Daisy Coote and Edward Reyes, James Bourke, Cherie Corke, Charmaine Hawke, Margaret Sinclair, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Gail Pearson, Tony Dilabio, Liza Sutherland, Chris Barnett, Wendy Hankin, Carmel Finley, Romy Deveza, Matthew John, Ross Pace, Emma Williamson, Bill Barnes.

ANNIVERSARY: Gino Piermarini.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Shirley Butcher.

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