



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.

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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

Ms Alison Dean Principal
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31ST JANUARY / 1ST FEBRUARY, 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.*

BEATTITUDES

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. **These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.**

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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ST JOHN'S PARISH MISSION

"Like St John, we are called to Evangelize and Serve, as a community of faith, hope and love journeying with Christ in this life and into eternal life."

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: 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

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

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who
obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you
may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of
the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly
people, and those who are left in Israel will seek
refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no
wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will
no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be
able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10.

*Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of
heaven is theirs!*

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

R./

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

R./

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you
were called: how many of you were wise in the
ordinary sense of the word, how many were
influential people, or came from noble families? No, it
was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish
by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong
that he chose what is weak by human reckoning;
those whom the world thinks common and
contemptible are the ones that God has chosen –
those who are nothing at all to show up those who
are everything. The human race has nothing to boast
about to God, but you, God has made members of
Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our
wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our
freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast,
let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess you
Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

COMMUNION: YOU ARE NEAR

Refrain

My God, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways ever-lasting

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.

Ref.

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.

Ref.

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun
in my mother's womb.

Ref.

Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL: GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.
Words that I can't understand;
meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more
time!

Refrain:

So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord! (rpt) .

In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my
mind,

To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry!

Ref.

31 JAN /1 FEB	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	Ophelia Le	Peter Penson	Annaliza
Reader 2	Pamela Smith	Peter Le	Jacqueline Lewis	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo Cosio	Marni Mant
			Charito Cosio	
Collectors	Paul & Zen Zebrowski	Colin & Mary Ingram	TBA	TBA
7/ 8 FEB	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Sheila Serrao	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Paul Zebrowski	Mark Aiello	Peter Greenham	-
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Chris Ratnayake	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	

MORNING TEA 01/02/2026: Maria & Tina

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 25TH JANUARY 2026

First Collection (It is taken up after Homily)			Second Collection (taken up after Prayers of Faithful)		
ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$453.50	\$750.45	\$729.00	\$465.00	\$490.15	\$1,732.00

BLESSED PALMS FROM LAST YEAR: Parishioners are invited to return any of last year's blessed palms/ greenery and place them in the basket in the church foyer.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: Will meet fortnightly and the first gathering will be this Wednesday the 4th of February at 6.30pm in St Francis Xavier meeting room, 52 Yarra Street (access through carpark behind the parish office) All youth Secondary School and above are warmly welcome to attend.

175TH ANNIVERSARY 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) **OR this Saturday after 6pm Mass on 31st January, or Sunday 1st February after 8.30am/ 10.30am Masses from the Parish Hall.** The cut off date for collection is February 17th.

MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE: This Sunday 1st February following the 10.30am Mass, will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

SACRAMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 for children residing in and worshipping at St John's but not attending the parish primary school. They are required to be in Year 3 (or older) for First Reconciliation, Year 4 (or older) 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. **Closing dates** for enrolling your child in the programmes are as follows: • **First Eucharist Closed for this year** • **Confirmation** Friday, April 24th 2026 • **First Reconciliation (Confession)** Friday August 7th 2026 • **RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)** September 30th 2026

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Anne Fusca, Gabriel Aloise, Gianna Yee, 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: Caterina Leone, Dimitri Romanidis.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Janet Sheets.

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