



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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Vinh Nguyen
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ST JOHN'S PARISH OFFICE:

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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

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
55 Cape St Heidelberg 3084
Phone: 9459 2963

7TH /8TH FEBRUARY, 5TH 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.*

AFFIRMATION OR CHALLENGE

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light for the world.

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A GREAT WAY TO ENRICH OUR LENTEN JOURNEY As part of our 175th Anniversary Celebrations in 2026

THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN: A UNIQUE VISION OF FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP

**Associate Professor Joel Hodge, National Head, School of Theology
Faculty of Theology and Philosophy Australian Catholic University**

(Joel is a parishioner of St. John's and on our Parish Pastoral Council)

He will give a series of 3 individual talks

Tuesday March 3rd – Who is Jesus for St John's Gospel?

Tuesday March 10th – Jesus' Passion, Death & Resurrection in St John's Gospel

Tuesday March 17th – Being a Disciple for St John's Gospel

Talks will be held in

St. John's Church 52 Cape St. Heidelberg - commencing at 7pm

and go for approximately 1 hour.

Whether you are a parishioner, a friend of St. John's or from the surrounding parishes, we warmly encourage you not to miss this great opportunity. No booking required

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

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

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the
hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the

man you see to be naked and turn not from your own
kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your
wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go
before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry,
and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am
here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist,
the wicked word, if you give your bread to the
hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will
rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like
noon.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111: 4-9.

Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

R./

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

R./

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any
show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you
what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you,
the only knowledge I claimed to have was about
Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far
from relying on any power of my own, I came among
you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches
and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the
arguments that belong to philosophy; only a
demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did
this so that your faith should not depend on human
philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father 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

Save us, Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

COMMUNION: SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Where two or three
are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst;
and whatsoever ye ask, I will do.
Allelu, alleluia.

BE STILL

Be still and know that I am God. (x 3)
I am the Lord that health thee . (x 3)
In thee O Lord, I put my trust. (x 3)

RECESSIONAL: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies;
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies;
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on Earth and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled,
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

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	
Collectors	Paul & Zen Zebrowski	Colin & Mary Ingram	TBA	TBA
14/15 FEB	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Margherite Ryan	Peter Penson	Mary Motefski
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Robyn Laurie	TBA	-
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Bobbie Bartkus	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
			Michelle Penson	

MORNING TEA 15/02/2026: Kate & Marnie

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 1ST FEB 2026

First Collection <i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i>			Second Collection <i>(taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</i>		
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
\$308.80	\$1,016.90	\$596.00	\$464.00	\$586.80	\$1,352.00

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 **before 17th February**, from the parish office during office hours (Tues – Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm) **OR this Saturday 7th February after 6pm Mass or after 8.30am/ 10.30am Masses on Sunday 8th February from the Church foyer.**



175TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER: on Friday 29th May, 7-10.30pm at The Centre Ivanhoe – (Heidelberg Town Hall) Upper Heidelberg Rd Ivanhoe. Singles, doubles, groups, tables of 8 or 10. 3 course dinner, wine, beer & soft drink inclusive. \$150 per head. Dress – Gala Dinner worthy! Any queries ring Michelle 0499891101 or Wendy 0423153310. **Booking opens 12th February**
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIYEK>

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be on Wednesday the 25th 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

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.

CHILDREN LED MASS: Our next Children Led Mass will be on Sunday February 22nd at the 10.30am Mass. If you would like your child to take on a ministry at this Mass (reader, welcomer, collector, taking up the offertory gifts or serving, please contact Elizabeth on 0447195553.

MORNING TEA : Next Sunday 15th February following the 10.30am Mass, will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.



Happy 80th Birthday Donna Richardson



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: Christine Saldanha, Rocco Misale, Caterina Misale, Tina Forte, Johnny Forte.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Claire Skehan, Lorna Lawford, Gary Mpofu.

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