



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
ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Geo

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday
9:30am to 2:30pm

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Elizabeth Williamson (0447195553)

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Michelle Penson (0499 891 101)

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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25TH /26TH APRIL, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us: *Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PARISH
HEIDELBERG
INVITE YOU TO**

CELEBRATE OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

**Remember
Rejoice
Renew**

1. AT THE ANNIVERSARY MASS

MAIN CELEBRANT: MOST REVEREND ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

DATE: 3RD MAY, TIME:10.30AM

Followed by a light luncheon in the hall. ALL ARE WELCOME

2. AT THE ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

DATE: 29TH MAY, TIME: 7PM—10.30PM

VENUE: The Centre Ivanhoe in the Great Hall
275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

Tickets \$150 per person (three course meal & drinks)

Bookings Try Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIYEK>

Any queries ring Michelle 0499891101 or Wendy 0423153310.

Please note that volunteers will be present after all Masses from next weekend if anyone prefers to book in for the dinner through cash or Eftpos



CELEBRATING PARISH FAMILY TOGETHER

If you would like to nominate someone who you feel should be in the history books, please contact parish office

- * The largest family currently in the parish

- * The oldest parishioner in the parish
- * The youngest parishioner (on the 3rd May)
- * The oldest pupil from St. John's primary school still in the parish
- * Living Legends.....

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: MY LORD HE DIED FOR A KINGDOM

My Lord, He died for a Kingdom
To redeem the hearts of men.
Now my people don't you weep,
He has risen from His sleep.
He lives again, alleluia.

Refrain:

Sing alleluia! The Lord is risen,
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

My Lord came forth like the morning
With the splendour of the sun,
Came triumphant from the womb,
From the darkness of the tomb,
The victory won, alleluia.

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

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 *Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise

that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:1-6.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R./

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R./

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R./

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

COMMUNION: LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the
lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God.

Ref.

I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.

The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest.

Ref.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : ON EAGLE'S WING

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

Ref.

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25/26 APRIL	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Mark Aiello	Peter Greenham	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	TBA	Kate Mathai	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Marni Mant	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	
2/3 MAY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	Robyn Laurie	Peter Penson	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Paul Zebrowski	Margherite Ryan	Wendy Hernandez	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Chris Ratnayake	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
			Charito Cosio	

MORNING TEA: 03/05/2026: Barbara & Tina

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 19TH APRIL 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
\$343.60	\$978.00	\$719.25	\$480.00	\$125.55	\$762.75

AUCTION ITEMS WANTED for GALA DINNER ON 29TH MAY. We would appreciate any auction items you would like to donate with all funds raised going towards our church restoration fund.

Auction items must be new and of good value e.g. - a signed footy jumper or signed memorabilia that is valuable, vouchers for services or goods, new boxed wine glasses, wine, spirits, luxury goods, pamper packages, golf voucher, movie tickets, designer apparel etc. We will have a few major items that will be Auctioned and other items will be listed for silent auction (written bidding on a list) on the night. Perhaps you have a holiday house and you can give us a weekend at your holiday house to auction.

Please drop your auction item/donation at the parish house or ring Michelle 0499891010, Wendy (school parent) 0423153310. We can also arrange pick up if required.

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL: Next weekend 2nd/3rd May. CatholicCare is the Church's mission in action-empowering communities and building strength and resilience. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. Please support by using appeal envelopes or call (03) 9967 2515 or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be this Sunday the **26th of April at 6pm** in St Francis Xavier meeting room, 52 Yarra Street All youth from Secondary school Year 9 to 30 years of age are warmly welcome.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Poppy Raptis, Gloria Torres, Fr Michael Anghel, Michael Foley, Tony Romanella, Glory Packianathan, Gabriel Aloise, Gianna Yee, Sergio Furlan, Max, Gomez, Daisy Coote, James Bourke, Cherie Corke, Charmaine Hawke, Margaret Sinclair, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Gail Pearson, Liza Sutherland, Chris Barnett, Wendy Hankin, Carmel Finley, Romy Deveza, Matthew John, Ross Pace, Emma Williamson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Felicia Holland.

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