



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

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

Ms Alison Dean Principal
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28TH/29TH MARCH, PALM SUNDAY, 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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

Masses Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

Monday of Holy Week - 30th March - Mass 9.15am

Tuesday of Holy Week - 31st March - Mass 7 pm (NO 9.15am Mass)

Wednesday of Holy Week - 1st April - Mass 9.15am

Confessions 9.45 - 10.15am

HOLY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

Confessions 10am-11am

Mass of the Lord's Supper **7:30pm** - After the "Prayer after Communion" the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the Parish Hall for Adoration concluding at 10.30pm with Night Prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

Stations of the Cross **10:30am** in the church gardens & school grounds.

Confessions 11.30am to 12.30pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 4TH APRIL Easter Vigil 7:30 pm

Please join us in the parish hall following the Easter Vigil to celebrate the greatest feast in the Church's Year.

EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

Masses **8:30am, 10:30am & 5pm**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 12, 2026

"The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter."

2:00pm : Adoration, Confessions & Prayers.

2:45pm : Chaplet & Benediction,

3:00pm : Holy Mass - Celebrant: Fr. Vinh Nguyen

All are welcome to join us at St John's Catholic Church, Heidelberg to gather together to pray the **Novena of the Divine Mercy** every day for **nine days** from Good Friday 3rd of April at 7 pm in the church.



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.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,

"The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

ENTRANCE: ALL GLORY, PRAISE AND HONOUR

Refrain

All glory, praise and honour, to you, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel,
great David's royal Son,
And in the Lord's name coming,
the King and blessed one.

Ref.

The company of angels are
praising you on high,
As here on earth your people
respond with joyful cry.

Ref.

The children of the Hebrews,
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

Ref.

To you before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
To you now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Ref.

As you accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
rejoicing in all goodness,
our saviour and our King.

Ref.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides

me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24.

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

R./

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

R./

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

R./

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

R./

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my
drinking it, your will be done.

COMMUNION : WILL YOU LOVE ME?

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways? Ref.

Refrain:

Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,
and the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world. Ref.

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire? Ref.

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord
The Bread of Life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
They follow and rejoice. Ref

With joyful lips, we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy Lord
To share this Heavenly food. Ref.

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Does not one cup, one loaf declare
Our Oneness in the Lord? Ref.

RECESSIONAL: HAIL REDEEMER

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain:

Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with your praises, King of kings. Ref.

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28/29 MARCH	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Narrator	Peter Penson	Robyn Laurie	Michelle Burns	Christine Soosairaj
Crowd	Margherita Bechelli	Elizabeth Williamson	Peter Greenham	Emily Andrews
Other	Amelia Bechelli	Margherite Ryan	Kate Mathai	Annaliza
Communion	Donna Richarson	Bobbie Bartkus	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
			Mary Furlan	
4/5 APRIL	EASTER VIGIL 7:30PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Marguerite Ryan	Ophelia Le	Jacqueline Lewis	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Elizabeth Williamson	Peter Le	Kate Mathai	Annaliza
Reader 3	Margaret Andrews	-	-	-
Reader 4	Domenica Ashworth	-	-	-
Epistle	Peter Penson	-	-	-
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
	Michelle Penson		Liz Sier	

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 22ND MARCH 2026

First Collection <i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i> ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			Second Collection <i>(taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</i> ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$934.00	\$1,128.05	\$806.00	\$1,072.00	\$544.50	\$1,939.00

CHRISM MASS: (Mass of the Holy Oils): There will be NO 9.15am Mass on Tuesday, 31st March as priests will attend the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10am. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this Chrism Mass. Please note there will be a 7pm Mass at St John's on Tuesday the 31st March.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION 3RD APRIL: This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians, parishes, orphanages and to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in you prayers. Thank you.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be this Sunday the **29th of March at 6pm** in St Francis Xavier meeting room, 52 Yarra Street (access through carpark behind the parish office) All youth from Secondary school Year 9 to 30 years of age are warmly welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Contributions (boxes and Envelopes) for Caritas Australia can be returned from Holy Thursday to Second Sunday of Easter. It can be placed in the collection plate or into the basket on the sanctuary or return them to the sacristy or the parish office. Thank you.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: are available in the pews. Money from the Easter Offering (together with the collections to priest support) goes to support priests in our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in poorer parishes and the ministry of the archbishop. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS: 1st Subha George, 2nd Ramona Enconniere, 3rd Damian Ritossa, 4th Georgia Hope

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Poppy Raptis, Gloria Torres, Fr Michael Anghel, Michael Foley, Anne Fusca, 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.

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