



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

# 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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**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

Elizabeth Williamson (0447195553)

**SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

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**

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## 1ST/2ND FEBRUARY, THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, YEAR C



### JUBILEE PRAYER – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

*Father in heaven, May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,  
Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May  
that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be  
glory and praise for ever. Amen*

## ST JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMME 2025

The Sacraments are a key part of Church life and are celebrated within a Parish Church community. Celebrating a sacrament for the first time is an important step in the life of a child as a Catholic.

The parish of St John's offers a sacramental programme to prepare those children who live within the parish boundary and do not attend a Catholic Primary School or a Catholic Secondary School.

To register your child for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation, please contact the parish office for an application form; [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) 94571066 / 70643906 or for more information.

### Guidelines for Registering:

**RECONCILIATION:** Child must be in Year 3 or above and be a Baptised Catholic.

**HOLY EUCHARIST:** Child must be in Year 4 or above and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**CONFIRMATION:** Child must be in Year 6 or above and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

### Parish Sacrament Dates 2025

Eucharist May 17<sup>th</sup> - Application close 28th February

Confirmation June 13<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm St Patrick's - Appl close 30th April

Reconciliation September 11<sup>th</sup> - Application close 31st August.

**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: 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.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### 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

*Malachi 3:1-4*

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 23:7-10.*

**Response:** Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war.  
O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory.

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### SECOND READING

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
Alleluia!



### GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22-40*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the

Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.’

As the child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.

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

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

#### COMMUNION: BREAD BROKEN, WINE SHARED

##### REFRAIN:

Bread broken, wine shared; Jesus, here,  
Taking our lives, opening our hearts,  
making us whole, setting our loving free.

Take all our dreams, all that we are, all we  
could ever be. Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,  
we take bread and eat. **Ref.**

Open our minds, open our hearts, let love set us  
free within. Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,  
we pour wine and drink. **Ref.**

Make us alive, filled with Your hope, living what’s  
really true. Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,  
we know this is You. **Ref.**

#### RECESSIONAL: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices;  
Who wondrous things hath done!  
In whom his world rejoices.  
Who from our mothers’ arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this gracious God  
through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us,  
Preserve us in his grace,  
And guide us in distress,  
And free us from all sin,  
Till heaven we possess.

| 1 / 2 FEB  | Sat 6:00pm           | Sun 8:30am           | Sun 10:30am      | Sun 5pm          |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Reader 1   | Paul Zebrowski       | Marguerite Ryan      | Margaret Andrews | Leela Cherubim   |
| Reader 2   | Sheila Serrao        | TBA                  | Jacqueline Lewis | Annaliza         |
| Communion  | Lorraine Mascarenhas | Elizabeth Williamson | Leo Cosio        | Sally Tramontana |
|            | -                    | -                    | Charito Cosio    | -                |
| Collectors | Zen & Paul Zebrowski | Colin & Mary Ingram  | TBA              | TBA              |
| 8 / 9 FEB  | Sat 6:00pm           | Sun 8:30am           | Sun 10:30am      | Sun 5pm          |
| Reader 1   | Vernon Curtis        | Mark Aiello          | Kate Mathai      | Emily Andrews    |
| Reader 2   | Adrian Daly          | TBA                  | TBA              | Mary Kotefski    |
| Communion  | Michelle Penson      | Chris Ratnayake      | Brian McIntosh   | Olivia Musitano  |
|            | -                    | -                    | Liz Sier         | -                |

**MORNING TEA : 2nd February 2025 - Barbara & Tina**

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 26TH JANUARY 2025**

| 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 |
| \$510.30                                               | \$816.20         | \$674.00    | \$930.00                                                      | \$481.90         | \$1,751.00  |

**MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** In the parish hall this Sunday 2nd February, following the 10.30a.m. Mass. You are invited to join fellow parishioners for the first time in this New Year. Parishioners and visitors warmly welcome.

**OUR PARISH MAGAZINE:** The Eyrie is accepting new advertisement. If you wish to buy space to advertise your business please contact the parish office. We greatly appreciate the current sponsors that support our quarterly magazine so please support them when you can.

**THE ORDER OF MALTA'S ANNUAL LOURDES MASS:** Saturday 8 February 2025 at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, is celebrated for the intentions of all Catholic families, but the sick and infirm members of our community are particularly encouraged to participate. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be the principal celebrant of the Mass and will be assisted by chaplains of the Order. Those in attendance receive a blessing for good health and a pack containing bottle of water from the Lourdes sanctuary, prayer material and Rosary beads.

**APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (AM):** The late the Honourable Kevin James ANDREWS For significant service to the people and Parliament of Australia, to the Catholic Church, and to the community.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL WAY TO SERVE OUR ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY?**

We are grateful for the faithful volunteers we already have at St John's however we always need more. Church volunteers play a vital role in the life and growth of the community, dedicating their time, energy, and talents to serve others and support various church activities. The beginning of the new year provides an opportunity to consider one of these ministries: lectors, Ministers of Communion, Musicians and singers, Floral arrangers, altar servers, cleaners helpers with hospitality following Mass. Guidelines, training and support are available for all these ministries. You would go on a roster and are able to choose the Mass and date/s you are available. Contact email: [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) or call 94571066 / 70643906, or see Father John or Elizabeth after Mass.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Hannah Williamson, Robert Pelly, Kath Rickard, Thelma Kotefski, Joe & Jenny Galati, Gianna Yee, Cherie Corke, Charmaine Hawke, Margaret Barker, Bill Barnes, Karl Dabal, Joel Huffman, Alice Hyland, Bert Chapman, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Frank Viola, Margaret Sinclair, Samantha Byran, David Morck, Paula Morck.

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