



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

ST JOHN'S PARISH OFFICE:

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Elizabeth Williamson

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.

And 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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10TH /11TH OCTOBER, 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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.

Next Sunday: DR ANTHONY HALLIDAY-ORGAN RECITAL

We warmly invite you to hear 'One of the world's greatest organists' Recently returned from a standing ovation in Beethoven's home city Bonn, Germany, for his performance of the complete 'Pastoral' Symphony, Anthony Halliday plays the magnificent Fuller Organ.

**On Sunday 18th October 2026, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
At St John's Catholic Church - 52 Cape St, Heidelberg**

Toccata and Fugue in D minor

Church Sonata in C

Storm and Shepherd's Hymn

'Pastoral Symphony'

Consolation No.3 in D Flat

Finale 'Organ' Symphonie

Extemporisation on three previously unseen themes

J.S. Bach

Mozart

Beethoven

Liszt

Saint-Saens



Tickets \$35 each

Recital

plus wine & cheese in hall after concert.

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/DPMBQ>

Or Scan QR Code above

Or contact Parish Office 94571066

Email: heidelberg@cam.org.au

Mon - Fri 9.30am-2.30pm



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At St John's we are blessed with a vibrant community that thrives on volunteer efforts. We are reaching out to invite you to join us in serving our congregation and the wider community.

Have you considered taking a more active role in your parish of St John's? Are you looking for a rewarding way to make a difference in your community? Volunteering is a fantastic opportunity to share your gift of service and connect with others who share your faith.

We are presently needing readers and communion ministers. Please consider accepting this invitation and contact the parish office.

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: COME TO THE WATER

Refrain:

Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare
for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of
fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained
wines. On this mountain he will remove the
mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud
enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for
ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every
cheek; he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That
day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we
hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we
hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved
us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22.

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life.

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

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich
too. I have been through my initiation and now I am
ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty
stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot
master with the help of the One who gives me
strength. All the same, it was good of you to share
with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil
all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God
can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the
people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent
his servants to call those who had been invited, but
they would not come. Next he sent some more
servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said
"that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and
fatted cattle have been slaughtered, everything is
ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not
interested: one went off to his farm, another to his
business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was furious. He
dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers
and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants,

"The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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.

I FOUND A TREASURE

Lord, to whom can I go?
You alone speak the words of life.
You alone on the earth
or in heaven above
are my Saviour and my Lord.

Refrain.

I found the treasure in a field,
that neither time nor death can steal.
I will sell what I have,
give all that I am,
to hold this treasure as my own.

Jesus, Lord of my life,
I can ask for nothing more
than to see and believe
that my life lies in you,
in the kingdom of my Lord.

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RECESSIONAL : GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ,
His Son

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
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Because of what the Lord has done for us"
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Give thanks!

10/11 Oct	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Robyn Laurie	Peter Penson	Joel Hodge
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Elizabeth Williamson	Peter Greenham	Annaliza
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	TBA	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
			Mary Furlan	
17/18 Oct	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Clara Hernandez	Ophelia Le	Margaret Andrews	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Wendy Hernandez	Peter Le	Kate Mathai	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Chris Ratnayake	Vin Sier	Marni Mant
			Liz Sier	

MORNING TEA: 18TH OCTOBER - Maureen & Rosa

AVERAGE COLLECTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

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
\$334.88	\$795.00	\$1,198.94	\$456.50	\$463.86	\$2,002.01

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP GATHERING: This Sunday 11th October after the 5pm Mass in St John's Hall. All youth from Secondary school Year 9 to 30 years of age are warmly welcome.

MORNING TEA AND GAMES : Next weekend the 18th of October in the Parish Hall following 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Session have begun, anyone still interested in joining the group would be most welcome. Please contact parish office.

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RAFFLE: Scan QR code or



visit bit.ly/stjohnsraffle26 to purchase tickets. Drawn on the **24th October 2026**. Attendance at Trivia night not required to purchase raffle tickets. All funds raised will support important St John's Primary School programs, as well as Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) — an organisation providing vital support, information and advocacy for Australians affected by breast cancer. Amazing prizes to be won. More details of prizes can be found in flyer in the church foyer. Support a great cause and go in the draw to win. Thank you.

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO CAN'T GET TO MASS ANY LONGER? Would they like to be visited and perhaps have communion taken to them? please contact the parish office to arrange a time suitable to visit.

18TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR THE BABIES: Saturday October 10th, 1-3pm at the Treasury Gardens, cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne, a peaceful witness for unborn babies and their mothers, a voice for the voiceless. All are welcome to join.

Advent begins Year B and the Gospel of Mark, you are invited to

Zoom in to Meet Mark, His Gospel & His Jesus

7.00 to 9.00pm, 3 Wednesday evenings: 11, 18 & 25 November

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Or Click:



Donation only



For further information contact: sandraellenbishop@gmail.com

This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Gianna Yee, Maureen McKeown, Allan Panaligan, Brad Selkrig, Eva Suante, Gabriel Aloise, Gloria Torres, Sergio Furlan, Margaret Sinclair, Wendy Wales, Ross Pace.

ANNIVERSARY: .

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