



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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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

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17TH /18TH OCTOBER, 29TH 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.*

A SIMPLE QUESTION?

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

Advent is such a busy time of year, and we so easily forget that—at its heart—it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives.

In the coming season of Advent, you are warmly invited to join our **Advent Reflection Group**. Each week, we will gather to pause from the busyness of life, light a candle on the Advent wreath, and reflect on the deeper meaning of this season. Through prayer, scripture, and open conversation, we'll journey together towards Christmas, preparing our hearts for the celebration of the Incarnation.

WHEN: Thursdays during Advent (November 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 17th)

WHERE: St Francis Xavier Room (at the rear of the Parish House)

TIME: 7.00pm

If you'd like to join, please add your name and details to the list in the foyer.

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: CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me.
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand.
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting.
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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 45:1.4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom
he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations
before him and strip the loins of kings, to force
gateways before him that their gates be closed no
more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel
my chosen one, that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me. I am
the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides
me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that
men may know from the rising to the setting of the
sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10.

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

R./

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

R./

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

R./

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank
God for you all, and constantly remember before God
our Father how you have shown your faith in action,
worked for love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you
have been chosen, because when we brought the
Good News to you, it came to you not only as words,
but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter
conviction.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between
them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they
sent their disciples to him, together with the
Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an
honest man and teach the way of God in an honest
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a
man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your
opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar

or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

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

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

COMMUNION: MY GOD, I KNOW YOU ARE NEAR.

Refrain

My God, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways ever-lasting

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm. **Ref.**

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there. **Ref.**

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun
in my mother's womb. **Ref.**

Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there. **Ref.**

RECESSIONAL: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To his feet Thy tribute bring!
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praise should sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for His grace and favour,
To his children in distress!
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

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	
24/25 Oct	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Adrian Daly	Cheryl Jayaweera	Michelle Burns	<i>Children Led</i>
Reader 2	Paul Zebrowski	Marguerite Ryan	Peter Greenham	
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo Cosio	Sally Tramontana
			Charito Cosio	

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

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

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP GATHERING: Sunday 25th 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.

THE ORDER OF MASS BOOKLETS: are available to use during Mass. They can be found in the rack in the foyer of the church. Please return after use.

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LED MASS: The next Children and Youth will be on Sunday, October 25th at the 5.00pm parish Mass. Please contact Christine 0451064877 or Elizabeth 0447195553 if your son or daughter would like to take an active part in this Mass.

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.

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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 This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Joseph Tuyen Nguyen, Kevin White, Ermes & Maria Petracco.

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