



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.

10TH/ 11TH JANUARY 2026, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A

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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 - Resumes 21st January
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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – WEDNESDAYS

Exposition on Wednesday nights will resume from 21 January 2026. This is a sacred time for prayer, quiet reflection, and adoration before the Eucharist. During Exposition, a priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those who wish to go to confession. The evening will continue with Compline (Night Prayer) and conclude with Benediction. All are warmly welcome.

PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH AUSTRALIA DAY

All are invited to join us for the first function of the year to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of our parish.

Venue: Church and parish house gardens.

What to bring: Food and drink (tables and chairs provided)

Time: Following 10.30am Mass.

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOHN'S PARISH HEIDELBERG GOSPEL WRITING PROJECT:

Thank you to those who have agreed to participate in this project. The gospel verse/s, lined paper and pen are now available to be collected from the parish office during office hours (Tues – Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm).

SACRAMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 are now open. The Sacrament Programme is for children residing in and worshiping at St John's but not attending the parish primary school. Children are required to be in Year 3 (or older) for First Reconciliation, Year 4 (or older) for First Eucharist and Year 6 (or older) for Confirmation. **RCIC** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) For children older than Eight years of age who would like to become catholic (whose parents are catholic or at least one of the parents is catholic).

If you would like to register your child, please contact the parish office 94571066. **Closing dates** for enrolling your child in the programmes are as follows: • **First Eucharist** Friday, January 23rd 2026 • **Confirmation** Friday, April 24th 2026 • **First Reconciliation** (Confession) Friday August 7th 2026 • **RCIC** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) September 30th 2026

KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE COMMUNION IN THEIR HOME?

Please ring the Parish Office during office hours to arrange a time to suit. Office hours Tues – Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm

10 / 11 JAN	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Domenica Ashworth	Robyn Laurie	Peter Greenham	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Sheila Serrao	-	Margaret Andrews	-
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Leo Cosio	Sally Tramontana
			Charito Cosio	
17 / 18 JAN	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Paul Zebrowski	Mark Aiello	Kate Mathai	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Wendy Hernandez	Ophelia Le	Peter Penson	-
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	TBA	Brian McIntosh	Marni Mant
			Michelle Penson	

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 ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

R./

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

R./

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

R./

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God

does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Anne Fusca, Gabriel Aloise, Gianna Yee, Frank Gysberts, Sergio Furlan, Max, Gomez, Daisy Coote and Edward Reyes, James Bourke, Cherie Corke, Charmaine Hawke, Margaret Sinclair, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Gail Pearson, Tony Dilabio, Liza Sutherland, Chris Barnett, Wendy Hankin, Carmel Finley, Romy Deveza, Matthew John, Ross Pace, Emma Williamson, Bill Barnes.

ANNIVERSARY: Mary White, Maria Hoang, Mary Thomas, Michael Lucy.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Krystyna Dabal, Daniel Smith, John O'Connor,

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