



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

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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 (Not on 18th
February - Ash Wednesday)

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
55 Cape St Heidelberg 3084

14TH /15TH FEBRUARY, 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.*

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: Wednesday 18th February, 9.15am,
12.00pm (school Mass) & 7.00pm

(Please note there will be no Wednesday's Exposition at 7.30pm)

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251f).

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent - time to reflect on the Stations of the Cross from Friday February 20th at 7:00pm in the Church.

A GREAT WAY TO ENRICH OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As part of our 175th Anniversary Celebrations in 2026

THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN: A UNIQUE VISION OF FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP

**Associate Professor Joel Hodge, National Head, School of Theology
Faculty of Theology and Philosophy Australian Catholic University**

(Joel is a parishioner of St. John's and on our Parish Pastoral Council)

He will give a series of 3 individual talks

Tuesday March 3rd – Who is Jesus for St John's Gospel?

Tuesday March 10th – Jesus' Passion, Death & Resurrection in St John's Gospel

Tuesday March 17th – Being a Disciple for St John's Gospel

Talks will be held in

St. John's Church 52 Cape St. Heidelberg - commencing at 7pm

and go for approximately 1 hour.

Whether you are a parishioner, a friend of St. John's or from the surrounding parishes, we warmly encourage you not to miss this great opportunity. No booking required

ST JOHN'S PARISH MISSION

"Like St John, we are called to Evangelize and Serve, as a community of faith, hope and love journeying with Christ in this life and into eternal life."

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: PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the king of creation. O my soul praise him for he is your health and salvation. All you who hear, now to his altar draw near. Join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at the altar. Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter. Christ the high priest, bids us all join in his feast, victims with him on the altar.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING *Sirach 15:15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 118:1-2. 4-5.*

Response: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R./**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R./**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R./**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R./**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 2: 6-10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God

which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:17-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks

at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

‘It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

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

Save us, Saviour of the world for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

COMMUNION: TAKE AND EAT

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be re-born;
I am the bread that comes from heaven above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat,
This is my body given up for you;
Take and drink, take and drink,
This is my blood given up for you.

I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. **Ref.**
I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
You are my own: your ransom is my blood. **Ref.**

RECESSIONAL: HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all The worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout The universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Ref.**

14/15 FEB	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Margherite Ryan	Peter Penson	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Robyn Laurie	TBA	-
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Bobbie Bartkus	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
			Michelle Penson	
Collectors	Paul & Zen Zebrowski	Colin & Mary Ingram	Leo & Charito Cosio	TBA
21/22 FEB	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Adrian Daly	Ophelia Le	Children Led	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Ammar Kazi	Peter Le	-	
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Chris Ratnayake	Leo Cosio	Sally Tramontana
			Charito Cosio	

MORNING TEA 15/02/2026: Kate & Marnie

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 8TH FEB 2026

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
\$349.00	\$1,055.05	\$413.00	\$458.20	\$618.40	\$1,747.00



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate Or by calling: 1800 024 413



MORNING TEA : This Sunday 15th February following the 10.30am Mass, will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be on Wednesday the 25th of February at 6.30pm in St Francis Xavier meeting room, 52 Yarra Street (access through carpark behind the parish office) All youth Secondary School and above are warmly welcome.

CHILDREN LED MASS: Our next Children Led Mass will be on Sunday, February 22nd at the 10.30am Mass. If you would like your child to take on a ministry at this Mass (reader, welcomer, collector, taking up the offertory gifts or serving, please contact Elizabeth on 0447195553 or Christine 0451064877.

175TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER: on **Friday 29th May, 7-10.30pm** at The Centre Ivanhoe – (Heidelberg Town Hall) Upper Heidelberg Rd Ivanhoe. Singles, doubles, groups, tables of 8 or 10. 3 course dinner, wine, beer & soft drink inclusive. \$150 per head. Dress – Gala Dinner worthy! Any queries ring Michelle 0499891101 or Wendy 0423153310.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Glory Packianathan, Anne Fusca, Gabriel Aloise, Gianna Yee, 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: Walter Duff, Margaret Barker, Kazik Radzikowski, Lionel Ligouri.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alan Grossman, Elaine Chester.

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