



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.

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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

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

Ms Alison Dean Principal

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24TH/25TH JANUARY, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR 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.*

Happy Australia Day!

Generous God, we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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MONDAY 26TH JANUARY AUSTRALIA DAY: THERE WILL BE MASS AT 9:15AM

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: 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

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(And, striking their breast, they say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then they continue:)
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you,
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will
confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of
Jordan, province of the nations. The people that
walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those
who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater, you have
made their joy increase, they rejoice in your
presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are
happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the
yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his
shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break
as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink?

R./

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

R./

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

R./

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord
Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you,
and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be
united again in your belief and practice. From what
Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear
brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences
among you. What I mean are all these slogans that
you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am
for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been
parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you?
Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach
the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms
of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot
be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went
back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and
settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders
of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of
Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of
Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in
darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in
the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with
the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is
close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of
Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called
Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a
cast in the lake with their net, for they were
fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will
make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at
once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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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

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

COMMUNION: GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord
The Bread of Life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
They follow and rejoice.

Ref

With joyful lips, we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy Lord
To share this Heavenly food.

Ref.

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Does not one cup, one loaf declare
Our Oneness in the Lord?

Ref.

The mystery of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

Ref.

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL: HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

24 / 25 JAN	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Domenica Ashworth	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Ammar Kazi	Sean Dunn	Peter Greenham	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	
Collectors	Paul & Zen Zebrowski	Colin & Mary Ingram	Leo & Charito	TBA
31 JAN /1 FEB	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	Ophelia Le	Peter Penson	Annaliza
Reader 2	Pamela Smith	Peter Le	Jacqueline Lewis	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo Cosio	Marni Mant
			Charito Cosio	

MORNING TEA 01/02/2026: Maria & Tina

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 18TH JANUARY 2026

First Collection (It is taken up after Homily)			Second Collection (taken up after Prayers of Faithful)		
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
\$252.50	\$1,055.70	\$827.00	\$479.00	\$545.85	\$888.00

PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH 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. **TIME:** Following 10.30am Mass.

WHAT TO BRING: Food and drink.

Tables, chairs, tea, coffee and ice cream and Games for children (and adults) are provided

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: Will meet fortnightly and the first gathering will be on Wednesday the 4th 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 to attend.

175TH ANNIVERSARY 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) **OR next weekend following all Masses from the Parish Hall.** The cut off date for collection is February 17th.

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday 1st February following the 10.30am Mass, will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

SACRAMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 for children residing in and worshipping at St John's but not attending the parish primary school. They are required to be in Year 3 (or older) for First Reconciliation, Year 4 (or older) 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. **Closing dates** for enrolling your child in the programmes are as follows: • **First Eucharist Closed for this year** • **Confirmation** Friday, April 24th 2026 • **First Reconciliation** (Confession) Friday August 7th 2026 • **RCIC** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) September 30th 2026

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Janet Sheets, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Helena Kot.

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