



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
ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Geo

ST JOHN'S PARISH OFFICE:
52 Yarra Street Heidelberg 3084
Phone: 94571066 & 70643906
Email: heidelberg@cam.org.au
Website: www.melbcatholic.org/heidelberg

Facebook.com/stjohnheidelberg

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Elizabeth Williamson (0447195553)

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.

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
55 Cape St Heidelberg 3084
Phone: 9459 2963

28TH FEBRUARY/1ST MARCH, 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, 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 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?

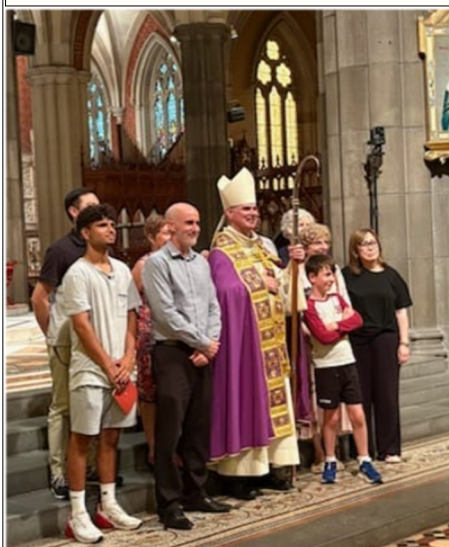
Tuesday March 10th – Jesus' Passion, Death & Resurrection in St John's Gospel

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

Talks will be held in

St. John's Church 52 Yarra 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



RITE OF ELECTION

St Patrick's Cathedral was overflowing on Sunday for the annual Rite of Election. Thousands gathered for the biggest Rite of Election on record, with around 550 people preparing to receive the sacraments this Easter. Surrounded by family, friends and fellow parishioners, they made public their intention to join the Catholic Church. Let's keep each of them especially our candidate and catechumens from St John's, Mark, Amy, Jacob and Amy in our prayers as they continue on their journey towards the Easter ceremonies.

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: LORD, BE MY VISION

Lord, be my vision, supreme in my heart,
Bid every rival give way and depart;
You my best thought in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Lord, be my wisdom, and be my true word,
I ever with you and you with me, Lord:
You my great Father and I your true son,
You in me living and I with you one.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

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

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22 .

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

R./

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

R./

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

R./

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces,

overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.

COMMUNION: OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, Lord Help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord Help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord Help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord Help me to love.

I live within you Deep in your heart, oh, love
I live within you Rest now in me.

BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

RECESSIONAL: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you!
All on earth your power proclaim,
All in Heaven above adore you;
Boundless is your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Hear that loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, ho-y, holy, Lord!

28 FEB/ 1 MAR	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	Robyn Laurie	Jacqueline Lewis	Christine Soosairaj
Reader 2	Pamela Smith	Margherite Ryan	Margaret Andrews	
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Vin Sier	Olivia Musitano
			Liz Sier	
Collectors	Paul & Zen Zebrowski	Colin & Mary Ingram	TBA	TBA
7/8 MARCH	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Margherite Ryan	Peter Greenham	Annaliza
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Elizabeth Williamson	Michelle Burns	-
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Leo Cosio	Sally Tramontana
			Charito Cosio	

MORNING TEA 1/03/2026: Barbara & Tina

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 22ND 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
\$838.80	\$790.15	\$819.00	\$965.00	\$445.50	\$1,860.00

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: This Sunday 1st March following the 10.30am Mass, will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the Church.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be on Sunday the 15th of March at 6pm 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.

ST JOHN'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY WRITING PROJECT: Parishioners are reminded to return their gospel writing page by Tuesday, March 17th or before, if possible. Thank you to those who have already done so.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST PROGRAMME: Applications for St John's Parish Heidelberg Confirmation Catechist Programme close on Friday March 13th. This programme is for children Year 6 and older who have been baptised and made their First Communion and do not attend a Catholic school. Application forms are available from the parish office on 94571066 or Heidelberg@cam.org.au

 **PROJECT COMPASSION** Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate Or by calling: 1800 024 413



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Wanda Zebrowski, Antina Piermarini.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bill Barnes. Jeanette Douaihy.

The funeral of Bill Barnes will be celebrated at St Pius' Catholic Church, 419 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West on Tuesday, March 3rd at 11.00am.

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