



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

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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
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7TH/8TH MARCH, THIRD 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.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS AND PATRICK ORATION ON TUESDAY 17 MARCH

At St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. The event will be a significant event in the life of the local Church of Melbourne, with the Oration introducing Light into the City, the Archbishop's vision for the renewal of the Cathedral and its surrounds – a once-in-a-generation opportunity to restore and reimagine this sacred precinct for future generations. All are warmly welcome.

6.00pm: Mass for the Solemnity of St Patrick

7.15pm: Patrick Oration delivered by the Archbishop

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*)

(Please note the changed date for the 3rd session)

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

Wednesday March 18th – Being a Disciple for St John's Gospel

Talks will be held in St. John's Church 52 Yarra St. Heidelberg from at 7pm

EMAILING NEWSLETTERS: Please be advised that we are not able to attach Newsletter as a document when sending bulk emails. You would have noticed that instead now we attach the link to our Newsletter from last weekend.

Email providers are increasingly treating bulk emails with attachments as unsolicited or potential unsafe content. To improve deliverability, attachments are no longer supported.

Subscribers who have explicitly opted in via the subscription link can continue to receive the Newsletters. Other previous subscribers will get a one-time email invite by next week to subscribe again.

All others please use the link given below or the QR code to subscribe if you want to receive our weekly Newsletter through email.

<https://www.melbocatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOJ5RAAT&req=subscribe>

The weekly Newsletter is also available in our website.



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: I WILL GIVE YOU LIVING WATER.

Refrain

I will give you living water!
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart!
Grow deep within me...filled by my spirit;
My burdens are easy; my life it is yours!

We have been with the lonely!
To the hungry we've given your bread...
We now come with all our hopes and dreams
To rest awhile with you!

Ref.

To the empty we've carried...
Your word of hope and of life.
Build us now beyond our hopes and dreams
'Til we live in you.

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9.

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

R./

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

R./

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again

to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

COMMUNION: BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though
you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and
death is at your side, know that
I am with you through it all.

Ref..

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you
shall laugh. And if wicked men insult and hate you all
because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

Ref..

RECESSIONAL: TO YOU, OUR HOLY GOD

To you, our holy God, we bring our praises strong,
We call on all to laud and sing your joyful song.
Sing praise to God, who is the sov'reign of all things,
O praise the Lord!

You rule with might and strength above the firmament
We call on all the heav'n and earth to give assent.
Sing praise to God, who is the sov'reign of all things,
O praise the Lord!

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	
Collectors	Paul & Zen Zebrowski	Colin & Mary Ingram	TBA	TBA
14/15 MARCH	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Mark Aiello	<i>Children Led</i>	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Sheila Serrao	Robyn Laurie		-
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
			Mary Furlan	

MORNING TEA 15/03/2026: Beba & Margaret

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 1ST MARCH 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
\$444.00	\$1,058.15	\$616.00	\$739.80	\$402.25	\$1,613.00

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: at 9.00am, Tuesdays to Saturdays.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS: We are asking for donations of chocolate Easter Eggs towards a raffle to raise funds for the newly formed St John's Youth Group. Please place your donation in the basket in the church foyer. Collection of the Easter Eggs will take place on the weekend of **March 14th/15th ONLY**.

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

MORNING TEA : Next Sunday 15th 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.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST PROGRAMME: Applications for 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. Contact parish office on 94571066.

 **PROJECT COMPASSION** Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future. 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: Bernadette Jordan, Michael Foley, Anne Fusca, Tony Romanella, Glory Packianathan, 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: Paule & Emmanuel Camille, Guy Ferriere, J.S. Nathan.

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