



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

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11TH /12TH APRIL, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 12, 2026

"The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter."

2:00pm : Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Exposition, Confession,
Holy Rosary

3.00pm : Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

3:15pm : Holy Mass - Celebrant: Fr. Vinh Nguyen



**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PARISH
HEIDELBERG
INVITE YOU TO**

CELEBRATE OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

**Remember
Rejoice
Renew**

at

175TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

On: FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026, 7PM—10.30PM

At: The Centre Ivanhoe in the Great Hall

275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

Tickets \$150 per person (three course meal & drinks)

Bookings Try Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIYEK>
or ring Parish House Tues—Fri 9.30-2.30

Any queries ring Michelle 0499891101 or Wendy 0423153310.

*(time to remember, chat with old and new friends,
time to dance, bid for auction items
celebrate and rejoice as parish family together)*

(TABLES OF 8 OR 10, COME ALONG WITH YOUR FRIENDS)

**BE PART OF OUR PARISHES LIVING HISTORY
AND THIS WONDERFUL CELEBRATION**

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS CHURCH RENOVATIONS



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: LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

Refrain:

Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord.

Let all the peoples praise you:

Let all the peoples praise you.

O Lord, let all the peoples praise you.

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord,

And all the rulers of earth your glory

When the Lord shall build Zion again

Coming in glory. Alleluia

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom,
alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

FIRST READING *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community

those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24.*

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

R./

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory

in the tents of the just.

R./

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*(At the words that follow, up to and including the
Virgin Mary, all bow)*
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess you Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

COMMUNION: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Seed, scattered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The Living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,
Work of our hands, one cup that is
Shared by all; the Living Cup,
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,
A sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
The blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock
Will wither and will die,
The seed within good ground
Will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills
Was gathered and was grown,
So may the Church of God
Be gathered into one.

RECESSIONAL : CHRIST THE LORD IS RIS'N TOAY

Christ the Lord is ris'n today: Alleluia!
Let all earth and heaven say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done; Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell,, Alleluia!

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11/12 APRIL	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Ophelia Le	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Ammar Kazi	Peter Le	Peter Greenham	
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
			Olivia Musitano	
18/19 APRIL	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Wendy Hernandez	Robyn Laurie	TBC	Annaliza
Reader 2	Pamela Smith	Margherite Ryan	TBC	-
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo Cosio	Michelle Penson
			Charito Cosio	

MORNING TEA 19/04/2026: Maureen & Rosa

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 5TH APRIL 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
\$450.00	\$2,528.70	\$877.50	\$420.00	\$1,210.80	\$2,597.50



175TH ANNIVERSARY MASS : ALL ARE WELCOME

MAIN CELEBRANT: MOST REVEREND ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

DATE: 3RD MAY, TIME:10.30AM

Followed by a light luncheon in the hall.

*Remember
Rejoice
Renew*

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be this Sunday the **12th of April at 6pm** in St Francis Xavier meeting room, 52 Yarra Street (access through carpark behind the parish office) All youth from Secondary school Year 9 to 30 years of age are warmly welcome.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT: The four weekends of **2-3 May, 9-10 May, 16-17 May and 23-24 May** have been selected for the count. The 2026 results will provide valuable insights into long-term trends, particularly in understanding the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which influenced attendance patterns in 2021. As in 2021, parishes will again be asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of attendees during week 3 and week 4 respectively. Thank you for your cooperation.

MORNING TEA : Next Sunday 19th April following the 10.30am Mass, will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: appeal raised \$1698.05. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: The collection was \$1,015/- goes to support priests in our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in poorer parishes and the ministry of the archbishop. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION: THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2026. If you still have your Project Compassion box or envelopes kindly return them to the parish office or sacristy. They can also be placed in the collection bag during weekend Mass.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Poppy Raptis, Gloria Torres, Fr Michael Anghel, 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.

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