



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:
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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

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18TH /19TH APRIL, THIRD 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.



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

CELEBRATE OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

AT THE ANNIVERSARY MASS

MAIN CELEBRANT: MOST REVEREND ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

DATE: 3RD MAY, **TIME:** 10.30AM

Followed by a light luncheon in the hall. ALL ARE WELCOME
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AT THE ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

DATE: 29TH MAY, **TIME:** 7PM—10.30PM

VENUE: 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>

Any queries ring Michelle 0499891101 or Wendy 0423153310.

**Remember
Rejoice
Renew**



Please note that volunteers will be present after all Masses from next weekend if anyone prefers to book in for the dinner through cash or Eftpos

CELEBRATING PARISH FAMILY TOGETHER

WE WISH TO NOTE IN OUR HISTORY, PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH IN 2026 SUCH AS:

- * The largest family currently in the parish
- * The oldest parishioner in the parish
- * The youngest parishioner (on the 3rd May)
- * The oldest pupil from St. John's primary school still in the parish
- * Living Legends.....

If you would like to nominate someone who you feel should be in the history books, please give the parish house a ring (Tuesday – Friday, 9.30am to 2.30pm) or email heidelberg@cam.org.au or ring Michelle on 0499891101. We would love to hear your suggestions.

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: EASTER GLORY FILLS THE SKY

Easter glory fills the sky; alleluia;
Christ now lives, no more to die; alleluia;
Darkness has been put to flight, alleluia;
By the living Lord of light, alleluia!

See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia;
From the tomb where, once he lay; alleluia;
He has risen as he said alleluia;
Glorious first born of the dead, alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, 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 2:14, 22-33*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he

foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 15:1-2. 5. 7-11.

Response: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

R./

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

R./

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

R./

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

R./

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters

are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.’

Then he said to them, ‘You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. ‘It is nearly evening’ they said ‘and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, ‘Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

COMMUNION: TAKE AND EAT

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 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.

Ref.

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.

I am the corner stone that God has laid;
a chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
you are God's dwelling place, on me you rest;
like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

Ref.

I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets;
lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

Ref.

I am the first and last the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this is my wedding song;
you are my bride, come to the marriage feast.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Father we praise you as Lord,
All of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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18/19 APRIL	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Wendy Hernandez	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews	Annaliza
Reader 2	Pamela Smith	Margherite Ryan	TBC	-
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo Cosio	Michelle Penson
			Charito Cosio	
25/26 APRIL	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Mark Aiello	Peter Greenham	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	TBA	Kate Mathai	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Marni Mant	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	

MORNING TEA 19/04/2026: Maureen & Rosa

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 12TH 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
\$650.65	\$1,099.85	\$653.50	\$630.00	\$906.05	\$1,110.50

MORNING TEA: This Sunday 19th April 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 Sunday the **26th 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 COVID19 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: 26 APRIL: Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations. *We will welcome a seminarian to speak about vocations at all Masses next weekend.*

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, 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: Frank Viola.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne Fusca.

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