



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

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2ND/3RD MAY, FIFTH 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.

The Month of May-dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Dear Friends,

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Many great popes, saints, and Christian leaders have exhorted us to pray the Rosary. It's a powerful prayer, they say, one that can change your life, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls.

In our parish here at St John's Heidelberg, the Rosary is recited after every weekday Mass by our parishioners. It is a wonderful way to honour Our Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially during this month of May so that we can learn from her to ponder the words of God to us, to imitate, and follow God's will for us in our daily living and ask her to intercede for us before God.

Pope Benedict XVI reflected in Deus Caritas Est (Dec. 2005), "Outstanding among the saints is Mary, Mother of the Lord and mirror of all holiness. Mary's greatness consists of the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself. She is lowly: her only desire is to be the handmaid of the Lord."

Mary, more than anyone, can show us Jesus, lead us to Him and teach us to know and love Him, "so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world."

Holy Mary, Mother of God. Pray for us.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest



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

CELEBRATE OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

**Remember
Rejoice
Renew**

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.



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

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,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, 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 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their

hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 22:1-6.

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

R./

For 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./

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are

many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

COMMUNION: YOU ARE NEAR

Refrain

My God, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways ever-lasting

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.

Ref.

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.

Ref.

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun
in my mother's womb.

Ref.

Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there.

Ref.

I RECESSIONAL : NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done!
In whom his world rejoices.
Who from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this gracious God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
Preserve us in his grace,
And guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess.

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2/3 MAY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	Robyn Laurie	Peter Penson	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Paul Zebrowski	Margherite Ryan	Wendy Hernandez	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Chris Ratnayake	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
			Charito Cosio	
9/10 MAY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Wendy Hernandez	Margherite Ryan	Peter Greenham	Annaliza
Reader 2	Ammar Kazi	Elizabeth Williamson	Kate Mathai	-
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Bobbie Bartkus	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	

MORNING TEA: 03/05/2026: Barbara & Tina

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 26TH 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
\$315.65	\$927.10	\$2,042.35	\$441.50	\$508.85	\$702.75



This weekend 2nd/3rd May. This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Please support by using appeal envelopes or call (03) 9967 2515 or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au

ANNUAL SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY 2026: will be held at Corpus Christi College on Saturday 23rd May. Corpus Christi is the place where young men discern and study for the priesthood. Please find the invitation letter from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli in the church foyer. Please send details to Fr Vinh of any young man whom you consider should be invited or who would be interested to know more about vocation to the priesthood to attend this enquiry day.

AUCTION ITEMS WANTED for GALA DINNER ON 29TH MAY. We would appreciate any auction items you would like to donate with all funds raised going towards our church restoration fund.

Auction items must be new and of good value e.g. - a signed footy jumper or signed memorabilia that is valuable, vouchers for services or goods, new boxed wine glasses, wine, spirits, luxury goods, pamper packages, golf voucher, movie tickets, designer apparel etc. We will have a few major items that will be Auctioned and other items will be listed for silent auction (written bidding on a list) on the night. Perhaps you have a holiday house and you can give us a weekend at your holiday house to auction.

Please drop your auction item/donation at the parish house or ring Michelle 0499891010, Wendy (school parent) 0423153310. We can also arrange pick up if required.

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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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Liz Turner.

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