



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
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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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16TH/ 17TH MAY, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD , 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.

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church). Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PARISH

**Remember
Rejoice
Renew**

CELEBRATE OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY AS PARISH

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>

HURRY! Last tables left

Any queries ring Michelle 0499891101 or Wendy 0423153310.

Dietary Requirements: If you have booked for our Gala Dinner and have any dietary requirement please contact Mary in the parish office by **FRIDAY MAY 21ST** on 94571066 or Heidelberg@cam.org.au



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: O RAISE YOUR EYES

O raise your eyes on high and see,
There stands our sovereign Lord;
His glory is this day revealed,
His word a two edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour
and the pow'r of him who conquered death,
the Christ in whom the universe
knows God's creating breath. .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the

kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 46:2-3. 6-9.

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. *R./*

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. *R./*

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. *R./*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

COMMUNION: I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU

I will never forget you my people,
I have carved you on the palm of My hand,
I will never forget you,
I will not leave you orphaned,
I will never forget my own.

Does a mother forget her baby,
Or a woman the child within her womb,
Yet even if these forget,
Yes even if these forget,
I will never forget my own.

I FOUND A TREASURE

Lord, to whom can I go?
You alone speak the words of life.
You alone on the earth
or in heaven above
are my Saviour and my Lord.

Ref.

Refrain.

I found the treasure in a field,
that neither time nor death can steal.
I will sell what I have,
give all that I am,
to hold this treasure as my own.

Jesus, Lord of my life,
I can ask for nothing more
than to see and believe
that my life lies in you,
in the kingdom of my Lord.

Ref.

I RECESSIONAL : GO NOW, YOU ARE SENT FORTH

Go now, you are sent forth to
live what you proclaim; to show the world you
follow Christ in fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth to
walk this troubled earth, to share your faith with
other men and prove your real worth.

16/17 MAY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Mark Aiello	Margaret Andrews	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Robyn Laurie	Michelle Burns	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
			Mary Furlan	
23/24 MAY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Adrian Daly	Ophelia Le	Kate Mathai	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Domenica Ashworth	Peter Le	Peter Greenham	-
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
			Charito Cosio	

MORNING TEA: 17/05/2026: Marguerite & Kate

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 10TH MAY 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
\$309.00	\$1,291.25	\$418.00	\$480.00	\$695.55	\$1,181.00

FIRST COMMUNION: Forty-six young people from the parish school will receive their First Communion on Sunday afternoon. Please keep them in your prayers.

MORNING TEA : This Sunday 17th May following the 10.30am Mass, will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE -TALK BY MATT MACDONALD: Monday, 15 June, 7:30pm-8:30pm. Inviting all parents and parishioners to a presentation by Matt MacDonald on *"How to love your kids without losing your Marriage."* Matt is a Counsellor and Psychotherapist working in private practice in Melbourne. For more than a decade he was Director of the Life, Marriage and Family Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. His interest is in helping people find a path forward in the often-messy reality of their lives. Entry by donation.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LED MASS: Sunday, May 31st at the 5.00pm parish Mass. Please contact Christine 0451064877 or Elizabeth 0447195553 if your son or daughter would like to take an active part (reader, welcomer, prayers of the faithful, offertory gifts, collector) in this Mass.

FRANCISCUS: CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI! The Capuchin Franciscan Friars are hosting a **2-day Conference** at St Anthony's, Hawthorn on the weekend of **30th-31st May** to celebrate this **Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi**; to reflect upon and share about the amazing life and enduring legacy of this great saint. Each day will commence with registration at 8:30am and a 9am talk; each day concluding at 5pm. Across the 2 days, there will be six talks, a workshop, a Q&A Panel, as well as daily Mass and concluding each day with Evening Prayer. Light lunch provided. No registration fee but there will be the opportunity to donate to support the running of the Conference. For more details, and to Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMBUF>

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 Devezza, Matthew John, Ross Pace, Emma Williamson.

ANNIVERSARY: Peter Krzysik.

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