



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

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SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:

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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
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23RD/ 24TH MAY, PENTECOST SUNDAY , 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.

SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE CITY.

Dear Parishioners you are warmly invited to join Fr Vinh under St John's Parish banner with other parishes and Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession as the Archdiocese of Melbourne on Sunday 7 June 2026, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), publicly and joyfully journeys with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Like those disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus. This afternoon will be a wonderful opportunity for the whole Archdiocesan community to bear witness to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, into the heart of the city.

On the 7th June, please meet Fr Vinh at the at Heidelberg Train station at 12.30pm to catch the 12.40pm train to proceed to Parliament Station. Prayer starting at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Please note that Mass will not be held. Thank you and hope to see a huge contingent representing St John's.



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: SEND US YOUR SPIRIT O LORD

Send us your spirit O Lord.
Evening enfolds us and holds us too near.
Wake the morning light. Make our living bright.
Shine on our darkness O Lord.

Hold us with mercy O Lord.
Sorrow has spoken, has broken our hearts.
Clothe us in your care. Be the life we bear.
Feed us and fill us O Lord.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, 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 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34.*

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches .

R./

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

R./

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

R./

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 20:19-23*

In the evening of 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.'

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

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth
Come to the table of plenty
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty

O come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love.

Ref.

O come and eat without money
Come to drink without price
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life

Ref.

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and woe
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul.

Ref.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

Ref.

I RECESSIONAL : JUBILEE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ancient land of wide and sunburnt plains
where feet have long since trod,
you have known the stories of our search
to find the face of God.
God who hovered over darkness
when the silent void was still,
God whose voice rang out in splendour,
Creation knew your will.
And your loving eyes beheld in light
our land of sweeping plains,
so that since the dawn our hearts have joined
in chorus wild with praise.

Holy Spirit gift of love divine,
with you we dare to dream,
so to walk in wisdom all our days
this land of gold and green.
From all nations we have gathered.
Lead us on to unity.
In this vast and rugged homeland,
may you our centre be.
May our lives show forth your tender love, compassion
warm and bold.
Give us hope to face all dark despair,
your Spirit Love untold.

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	
30/31 MAY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Ophelia Le	Margaret Andrews	Annaliza
Reader 2	Vernon Curtis	Peter Le	Michelle Burns	-
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Vin Sier	Olivia Musitano
			Liz Sier	

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 17TH 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
\$222.40	\$1,349.40	\$781.00	\$291.00	\$866.95	\$988.00



Thank you to our parishioners who have already booked for our 175th Anniversary Gala Dinner on the 29th of May, 7pm to 10.30pm to be held at the Great Hall of the Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.

**Remember
Rejoice
Renew**

Kindly refer to the seating list displayed at the entrance to confirm your seating arrangement before entry as table numbering might not reflect your trybooking ticket. We can't wait to welcome you to a fantastic evening of good company, food, music and fun to celebrate our church's history of 175 years.

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.

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. Entry by donation.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be this Sunday the **24th of May 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.

FRANCISCUS: CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI! 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.. 8:30am for 9am start to 5pm. Talks, a workshop, a Q&A Panel, and daily Mass. Light lunch provided. No registration fee but there will be the opportunity to donate to support the running of the Conference. For more detail, Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMBUF>



Happy 70th Birthday Margaret Andrews



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Romeo Slewa, John Minniti, 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: Bernadette Milesi.