



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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6TH /7TH JUNE, THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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.*

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST). The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as followers of Jesus. The Eucharist calls and binds us together as disciples of Jesus. The Eucharist feeds, nurtures and nourishes us. As Jesus, tells us, 'the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world'.

In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus takes up residence within each one of us. We become the very presence of Christ in our world. We carry Him into the real world every time we receive communion. We proclaim that the Lord continues to come into the world, through us. We are the Body of Christ.

Every time there is a Eucharistic celebration, the Body of Christ is made accessible and available to us. We celebrate the Eucharist as a community of faith, hope, and love. Corpus Christi is not just a memorial celebration but an experience of God's love.

Jesus' presence does make a difference in our lives when Christ becomes the center and focus of our every longing. Jesus offers us the gift of Himself to lead, guide, and protect us in our journey of faith. What an awesome gift we have in Jesus. His farewell gift to the Church is that He will be with us always until the end of time.

Happy Feast Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest



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, this Sunday the **7th June**. Please meet Fr Vinh at the 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 at St Patrick's Cathedral) . Thank you and hope to see a huge contingent representing St John's.

*Our Fatima Statue is available to be taken home for the month of June. We invite parishioners to take her for a few days.
Contact Sue 0449260206 - Legion of Mary*



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: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
You who comes to me shall not hunger;
You who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

Refrain

And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up on the last day.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(And, striking their breast, they say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then they continue:)
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you,
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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 *Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which

neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *147:12-15. 19-20.*

Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. *R./*

He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. *R./*

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees *R./*

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 6:51-58*

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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 : PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL

Praise the lord, my soul,
Let fire and rain give praise to Him,
Give praise to Him who is merciful, slow to judge;
Bless the lord, O my soul!

Bless the Lord, my soul,
Let all I am give praise to Him,
And not forget he is kind, He forgives our sins;
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

6/7 JUNE	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Margherite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Christine Soosairaj
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Elizabeth Williamson	Kate Mathai	-
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Michelle Penson
			Mary Furlan	
13/14 JUNE	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Pamela Smith	Mark Aiello	Margaret Andrews	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Wendy Hernandez	TBA	Peter Greenham	-
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Chris Ratnayake	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
			Charito Cosio	

Morning Tea, 7th June: Maria & Francoise

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 31ST 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
\$350.20	\$1,132.15	\$404.00	\$520.20	\$532.55	\$711.00

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: This Sunday 7th June 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 14th June 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.

175TH ANNIVERSARY MASS PHOTOS: An album is present in the church foyer. If you would like personal copies please use the sheet beside to write down your details and the photo number.



TALK BY MATT MACDONALD: Monday, 15th June, 7:30pm-8:30pm at St Francis Xavier meeting room at the back of the parish house. 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.
Kindly RSVP attendance in the sheet present in the church foyer.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2026: This weekend June 6th/7th we will have our annual Winter Appeal for St Vincent De Paul. There will be a **third collection at all Masses** this weekend. We are also asking for donations of blankets and winter clothing – coats, jumpers, scarves and beanies to sell in the West Heidelberg Vinnies Shop. These can be left in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



Happy Birthday Fr Vinh



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Terry O'Meara, 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: Maria Colombo.