



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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday
9:30am to 2:30pm

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

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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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13TH /14TH JUNE, 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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.*

APOSTLES, NOT DISCIPLES

Today's readings are all about compassion. The Lord claims the Israelites as his treasured possession out of compassion. Saint Paul reminds us that God sent his Son to save us from our own destructiveness because he had compassion on us in our sinfulness. And when Jesus saw the crowds he had compassion for their diseases, sufferings and lack of leadership and he did something about it.

We are called to see the crowds of our own day and be moved with compassion. Compassion asks us to imagine what it's like to be a refugee, homeless, a victim of domestic violence, HIV positive, disabled, substance addicted, a single parent or unemployed. We may not be able to answer these people's suffering or perhaps for some reason we should not be the ones to respond to their suffering. In either event, what we should do is secondary to how we feel with them. And often the people we find it hardest to be compassionate toward are the ones to whom we are closest. We often expect so much of our wife or husband, children, friends and parents that we allow the poor to lay a greater claim on our compassion before those we love. We don't have to be stingy with compassion; there will always be enough to go around. By virtue of our baptism and our coming to this Mass, however, we should be well known for being very compassionate, even foolishly so.

For Jesus doesn't teach us today to solve all the world's problems, just that we have to have the right attitude toward our brothers and sisters, imagining what it's like for them and treating them in the way we would want to be treated. In the ministry of compassion we are all labourers sent out to harvest love in Christ's name; all of us are commissioned to confront evil and offer goodness in its place. And all of us are called, like the Apostles, to go to every lost sheep, especially the one who may be under our own roof, and offer healing and peace.

No one said following Jesus in this way was easy. Nearly every name read out in today's Gospel died a martyr for our faith. May the way we live be worthy of their example. So this week when we catch ourselves jumping to an immediate condemnation of someone, let's stop and pray for the gift of compassion. That we might ask, 'What must life be like for you?' At that point, our understanding will be touching the Divine.

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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: HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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

Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and
when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in

the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing
the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to
him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House
of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You
yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians,
how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you
to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey
my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the
nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine.
I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated
nation."'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:2-3. 5.

Response: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

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Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

R./

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed
moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to
die even for a good man – though of course for
someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to
die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ
died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to
make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail
to save us from God's anger? When we were
reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were
still enemies; now that we have been reconciled
surely we may count on being saved by the life of his
Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled
but because we are filled with joyful trust in God,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we
have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;

repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them
because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep
without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The

harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

COMMUNION: COME TO THE WATER

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the lord
Without money, without price
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the lord
Without money, without strife
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water
And let all who are weary,
Let them come to the lord
All who labor, without rest
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden,
Bring them all to the lord
Bring the children, without might
Easy the load and light, Come to the Lord.

RECESSIONAL : BLEST BE THE LORD

Refrain:

Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord
The God of mercy, the God who saves
I shall not fear the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day .

He will release me from the nets of all my foes
He will protect me from their wicked hands
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure

Ref.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down
No evil settle in my soul

Ref.

13/14 JUNE	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Pamela Smith	Mark Aiello	Margaret Andrews	Annaliza
Reader 2	Wendy Hernandez	Elizabeth Williamson	Peter Greenham	-
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Chris Ratnayake	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
			Mary Furlan	
20/21 JUNE	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Paul Zebrowski	Ophelia Le	Michelle Burns	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Domenica Ashworth	Peter Le	Kate Mathai	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	

Morning Tea, 21st June: Beba & Margaret

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 7TH JUNE 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
\$393.10	\$1,089.95	\$516.00	\$535.00	\$571.90	\$2,298.00

TALK BY MATT MACDONALD: This 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.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be on this Sunday, 14th June at 6pm in St Francis Xavier meeting room, 52 Yarra Street All youth from Secondary school Year 9 to 30 years of age are warmly welcome.

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday 21st June following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

WITNESSES TO CHRIST: Fr Vinh with our parishioners joined with more than 5000 Catholics last Sunday on the solemnity of Corpus Christi for the annual Eucharistic procession. Worshippers thronged the city streets in prayer, song and adoration, as the Eucharist was carried from St Patrick's Cathedral to Federation Square as a sign of Christ's presence among his people.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2026: Thank you for all your contributions towards the Vincent De Paul Appeal last weekend. We raised \$1,485.40 towards the good works of SVDP Heidelberg Conference. The clothing and blankets you donated have been taken to the Vinnies Shop in the Mall, West Heidelberg.

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.

ANNIVERSARY: Joan Cannuli, Concetta Merlino.