



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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ST JOHN'S PARISH OFFICE:
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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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20TH /21ST JUNE, 12TH 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.*

'DO NOT BE AFRAID'

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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A NEW WAY TO GIVE: Starting next weekend, our parish will be introducing a simple new way to give. Small wooden NFC tags will be placed on the pews. Just tap your smartphone to be taken straight to our parish giving page. Whether you'd like to make a one-off gift or set up a regular donation, it only takes a moment. As with all offertory giving, contributions go directly to the church account as normal. If you'd like help using it, our parish team will be happy to assist. As always, cash and envelope giving remain available at every Mass. Thank you

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: WE ARE MANY PARTS

Refrain

We are many parts
We are all one body.
And the gifts we have,
We were given to share.
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed;
One, the Love that we share;
One, our hope and despair;
One, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you,
We would be your servants true,
Let us be your love for all the world **Ref.**
So my pain is pain for you,
In you joy is my joy, too,
All is brought together in the Lord. **Ref.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

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

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us
denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be
seduced into error. Then we will master him and take
our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty
hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure; everlasting,
unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of
Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the
loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will
take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered
the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:8-10.

Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R./**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R./**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R./**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and
through sin death, and thus death has spread through
the whole human race because everyone has sinned.
Sin existed in the world long before the Law was
given. There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death
reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though
their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of
breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that
through one man's fall so many died, it is even more
certain that divine grace, coming through the one
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant
free gift.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

Save us, Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

COMMUNION: BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though
you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and
death is at your side, know that
I am with you through it all.

Ref..

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you
shall laugh.

And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of
me, blessed, blessed are you!

Ref..

RECESSIONAL : REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice! The Lord is King, your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above.

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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	
27/28 JUNE	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Ophelia Le	Peter Greenham	<i>Children Led</i>
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Peter Le	Margaret Andrews	
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Michelle Penson
			Mary Furlan	

Morning Tea, 21st June: Beba & Margaret

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 14TH 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
\$468.35	\$1,145.15	\$650.00	\$545.00	\$552.65	\$1,517.00

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LED MASS: will be on Sunday, June 28th 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.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be on this Sunday, 28th 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.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: There will be a meeting of those young people who would like to train as altar servers at St John's in early July (date to be confirmed). Young people from Year 4 (who have made their First Communion) and above are encouraged to chat with their parents about the possibility of joining this ministry.

COMMUNION VISITATION: If you know of someone who can no longer get to Mass and would like to receive Communion in their home, please contact the Parish Office on 94571066 to arrange a suitable time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: At St John's we are blessed with a vibrant community that thrives on volunteer efforts. We are reaching out to invite you to join us in serving our congregation and the wider community.

Have you considered taking a more active role in your parish of St John's? Are you looking for a rewarding way to make a difference in your community? Volunteering is a fantastic opportunity to share your gift of service and connect with others who share your faith. We are presently needing **readers and communion ministers**. Please consider accepting this invitation and contact the parish office. On 94571066 & 70643906 Email: heidelberg@cam.org.au

SAVE THE DATE : Saturday July 25th, Parish Hall
GAMES NIGHT- Fun Games and quizzes. Bring family and friends. More details in next week's newsletter.



Happy 99th Birthday Stanley Wai



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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Najla Joseph.

ANNIVERSARY: Laura Foote.