



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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27TH /28TH JUNE, 13TH 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.

JOIN THE HOLY FATHER IN HIS MISSION OF PEACE, HOPE AND LOVE

"Let us resolve to bring his love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering."

Pope Leo XIV

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION 2026: This weekend 27/28 June at all Masses. Donating to Peter's Pence is a **concrete gesture of communion** with the Holy Father and closeness to his mission of proclaiming the Gospel and bringing hope and love to every part of the world.



*Thanks to donations to Peter's Pence, it has been possible to fund 239 projects in 66 countries.
(source: annual report, June 2025)*

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: BE THOU MY VISION

We Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou and thou only first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her

husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19.

Response: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

R./

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

R./

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

COMMUNION: WILL YOU LOVE ME?

Will you give me your life forever?

Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?

Will you walk in the light of my presence?

Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Ref..

Refrain:

Will you love me as I have loved you?

Will you live with me the darkness as I die?

For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,
and the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?

Does your faith carry on through the shadows?

Does it shine in the night for the world.

Ref..

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire?

Ref..

RECESSIONAL : GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.
Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!

Refrain:

So I leave my boats behind!

Leave them on familiar shores!

Set my heart upon the deep!

Follow you again, my Lord! (rpt)

In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry!

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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	
4/5 JULY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Clara Hernandez	Robyn Laurie	Jacqueline Lewis	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Wendy Hernandez	Cheryl Jayaweera	Peter Greenham	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
			Charito Cosio	

Morning Tea, 5th July: Barbara & Tina

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
\$344.60	\$1,143.70	\$918.00	\$480.00	\$669.50	\$1,737.00

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to let you know that the Archbishop has appointed Fr Tinku George Punnakattussery Lawrence (Fr Geo) as Assistant Priest of St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park. Fr Geo will commence his ministry in the new parish from 6 August 2026.

We give thanks to Fr Geo for his generous service, dedicated ministry, and presence among us over the past 15 months. We are grateful for all that he has contributed to the life of our parish community.

Please join me in congratulating Fr Geo on this new appointment and wishing him every blessing as he begins this next chapter of priestly ministry. May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen him in his service to God's people. Please keep Fr Geo in your prayers.

Fr Vinh Nguyen - Parish Priest

SOLEMNITY OF ST. PETER & PAUL: Monday 29th June
Please note that **there will be 9.15am** Mass for the solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul.

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.

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.

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.

TAP TO GIVE: This weekend we launch our new digital giving tags, small wooden NFC tags placed on every pew. Just tap your phone to be taken directly to our parish giving page, where you can set up a regular gift or make a one-off donation. As with all offertory giving, contributions go directly to the church account as normal. NFC tags don't store any data themselves; they only take you to our secure giving page on our website. Our team is happy to help if you have any questions, and cash and envelope giving remain available at every Mass. Parish office - phone 94571066 & 70643906, Email: heidelberg@cam.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Terry O'Meara, Gloria Torres, Fr Michael Anghel, Sergio Furlan, Margaret Sinclair, Wendy Wales, Ross Pace.

ANNIVERSARY: Potenciano Catingub.

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