



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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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
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11TH /12TH JULY, 15TH 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.*

RECEPTIVE TO GOD'S WORD

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: We want to sincerely thank every parishioner who has contributed to our parish over these past weeks, whether through our new digital giving NFC tags, your usual electronic giving, or envelopes and cash. Your generosity makes a real difference to the life and mission of our parish. We are pleased to share that the response to our new giving options has been very encouraging, and the wooden NFC tags and QR codes will remain permanently available in the parish for anyone who wishes to use them. Regular giving continues to provide our parish with the stability and consistency needed to plan for the future, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

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: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To his feet Thy tribute bring!
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praise should sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for His grace and favour,
To his children in distress!
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 *Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come
down from the heavens and do not return without
watering the earth, making it yield and giving
growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for
the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth
does not return to me empty, without carrying out
my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 64:10-14.*

Response: The seed that falls on good ground will
yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.
And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth.

R./

R./

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

R./

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be
compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is
waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting
for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on
the part of creation that it was made unable to attain
its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still
retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its
slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and
glory as the children of God. From the beginning till
now the entire creation, as we know, has been
groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only
creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of
the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our
bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but
such crowds gathered round him that he got into a
boat and sat there. The people all stood on the
beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he
sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and
the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on
patches of rock where they found little soil and
sprang up straight away, because there was no depth
of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were
scorched and, not having any roots, they withered
away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew
up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and
produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty,
some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why
do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied
'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed
to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone
who has will be given more, and he will have more
than enough; but from anyone who has not, even
what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to
them in parables is that they look without seeing and
listen without hearing or understanding. So in their
case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will
listen and listen again, but not understand, see and
see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this

nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

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

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

COMMUNION: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Seed, scattered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The Living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,
Work of our hands, one cup that is
Shared by all; the Living Cup,
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,
A sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
The blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock
Will wither and will die,
The seed within good ground
Will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills
Was gathered and was grown,
So may the Church of God
Be gathered into one.

RECESSIONAL : ON EAGLE'S WING

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

11/12 JULY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Margherite Ryan	Peter Greenham	Eric Torres
Reader 2	Domenica Ashworth	Cheryl Jayaweera	Margaret Andrews	-
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	
18/19 JULY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Cheryl Jayaweera	Peter Greenham	-
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
			Mary Furlan	

Morning Tea, 19th July: Maureen & Rosa

AVERAGE COLLECTIONS - 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
\$389.06	\$1,127.74	\$622.00	\$520.05	\$581.65	\$1,565.75

ANointing OF THE SICK: The 9.15am Mass on Wednesday, 22nd July will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to bring their elderly or sick family members and friends to receive this sacrament.

ADORATION & EXPOSITION: Every Wednesday at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: The next gathering will be on Sunday, 19th July after the 5pm Mass 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 19th July following the 10.30am Mass, in the Parish Hall. All are 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.

HOUSING NEEDED: IN St John's Parish area, apartment or granny flat/unit for a parishioner to rent. Excellent references. Please contact Tanya 0407 090 367

MASS BY CANDLELIGHT: on Thursday, 16th July at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Creek Road, North Greensborough. Celebrated in the spirit of Taize, quiet music will commence at 7.30pm, followed by Mass at 8pm and supper afterwards. All welcome. Enquiries: Emilia 0418 120 902.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Tom Dennis, Giovanni Privitera, Concetta Privitera.

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