



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

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

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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18TH /19TH JULY, 16TH 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.*

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 – THEME PAPER RELEASE

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

The theme papers for Formation and Participation and Missionary Leadership are included, along with the facilitation guide. These resources can be accessed via: [Melbourne Synod 2026](https://www.melbourne-synod.org.au) | [Melbourne Catholic](https://www.melbourne-catholic.org.au)

WE PRAY FOR THE MELBOURNE SYNOD:

*That our preparations will be marked by wisdom in decision-making,
courage in leadership, and humility in listening to one another.
May the Spirit guide our every conversation and action. Amen.*

St John's Parish Heidelberg
TRIVIA NIGHT!
GAMES AND TRIVIA FUN NIGHT
Saturday 25th July 2026

ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL (Cape St)
Saturday 25th July 2026 7pm

GREAT FUN, PRIZES AND FRIENDSHIP
\$20 Adult, Children Free
BYO FOOD, GLASSES AND DRINKS
TEA, COFFEE & NIBLES PROVIDED

Please write your name on the list at the rear of the church so we have an idea of numbers

All funds raised go toward restoration of our church

PRIZES!

For enquiries call the Parish House on 9457 1066 or Michelle on 0499 891 101

Come by yourself, with a group of friends or your family
YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME!

TRIVIA!

We warmly welcome everyone to our Trivia Night! We look forward to seeing you there!

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: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies;
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies;
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on Earth and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled,
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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 *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16.*

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

R./

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

R./

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

R./

SECOND READING *Romans 8: 26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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 Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

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

Refrain

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

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
He shall live for ever,
He shall live for ever.

Ref.

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL: FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION

For the fruits of this creation, Thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping, Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

18/19 JULY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews	Annaliza
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Cheryl Jayaweera	Peter Greenham	-
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
			Mary Furlan	
25/26 JULY	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Clara Hernandez	Ophelia Le	Peter Penson	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Wendy Hernandez	Peter Le	Sean Dunn	
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Chris Ratnayake	Leo Cosio	Sally Tramontana
			Charito Cosio	

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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH LED MASS: Next Sunday, July 26th, 5pm Mass. If you would like your child to participate please contact Christine or Elizabeth.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP GATHERING: 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.

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

MORNING TEA: This Sunday 19th July following the 10.30am Mass, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome

175TH ANNIVERSARY WINE AND CANDLE DRIVE! This is the third week of our Commemorative Wine and Candle Drive! Please consider purchasing from the delicious wine selection or the beautifully scented candle on offer. Flyers and order forms available from the back of the church.

*Please be aware that the order form box is cleared after every Mass, so your credit card details will remain secure.

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



CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: Next weekend the 25th/26th July. For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. You are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children. Thank you.

*Name changed for privacy

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Brian Thomas, Frank Sharkey, Mary Eileen Lucy, Kay Radzikowski.

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