



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

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:

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SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:

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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.

And 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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8TH / 9TH AUGUST, 19TH 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

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognized.

CLERGY CONFERENCE: Father Vinh will be attending the annual Clergy Conference next week. Daily Mass will be offered by Father Dom at the usual time of 9.15am **except** for Wednesday August 12th when Mass will be at 7.00pm.

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: COME TO THE WATER

Refrain:

Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!

Ref.

Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you!

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God,
he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then
he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain
before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by.
There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the
mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord.
But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind
came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the

earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the
Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came
the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard
this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out
and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14.

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and
grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land

R./

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

R./

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union
with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union
with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want
to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental
anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned
and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers
of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted
as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants;
the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and
the promises were made to them. They are
descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh
and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever
blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on
ahead to the other side while he would send the
crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went
up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening
came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far

out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess you
Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

COMMUNION: LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the
lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God.

Ref.

I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.

The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest.

Ref.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the
lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home
home
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RECESSIONAL: PRAISE GOD

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry one.

8/9 AUGUST	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews	Christine Soosairaj
Reader 2	Paul Zebrowski	Cheryl Jayaweera	Elizabeth Williamson	
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
			Mary Furlan	
15/16 AUG	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Marguerite Ryan	Margaret Andrews	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Cheryl Jayaweera	Elizabeth Williamson	
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Marni Mant	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
			Charito Cosio	

MORNING TEA: 16th August: Marguerite & Margaret

AVERAGE COLLECTIONS - JULY 2026

First Collection <i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i> ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			Second Collection <i>(taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</i> ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$314.09	\$883.98	\$912.69	\$504.76	\$612.90	\$1,787.81

THANK YOU – to all who attended the Parish Trivia night a fortnight ago. Parish family together for a night of fun and laughter. THANK YOU also to those who donated prizes for the night and to our compare and entertainer extraordinaire Paul Sapiano. The tidy sum of \$1000 was made on the night which was a bonus and will be put into church restoration fund.

The Parish wine and candle drive has now been completed and we say a big THANK YOU to all those who purchased wine or candles. I am sure you will be delighted when you try the wine and it does make a great gift. THANK YOU to Marguerite Ryan for running this drive and all the organisation she put into it.

SAVE THE DATE – St. John's Historic Fuller Organ Recital with Anthony Halliday Sunday 18th October 2.30pm

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUGUST 15TH

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION : Masses:

- Vigil Mass at 7pm Friday 14th August
- Morning 9:15am Saturday 15th August.

STEWARDSHIP (THANKSGIVING) ENVELOPES: for next twelve months (September 2026 to August 2027) is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP GATHERING: 16th August after the 5pm Mass in St John's Hall. All youth from Secondary school Year 9 to 30 years of age are warmly welcome.



RCIA & RCIC ENQUIRY FOR 2026/2027: RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or those wanting to become Catholics. If you would like to enquire about the RCIA programme, please see Father Vinh, or contact parish office

RCIC-Rite of Christian Initiation Children - Catholic parent/s wanting their child/ren **9 years old** and above to be baptized into the Catholic faith, please contact Father Vinh or parish office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Chrissanthi Midas, Eva Suante, Gabriel Aloise, Gloria Torres, Fr Michael Anghel, Sergio Furlan, Margaret Sinclair, Wendy Wales, Ross Pace.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Helena Griffiths, Bernie Crowe

ANNIVERSARY: Terry Green, Anna Tran Thi Vui, Judith Kalotas