



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:

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.

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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15TH / 16TH AUGUST, 20TH 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.

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 (or a one off gift). Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church or anonymously via cash directly into the Special Collection during the campaign weekends (this weekend and next).

*You can also make a gift online at
melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign*

Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code or using our wooden NFC tags . Thank you for your generosity.

Collections for this weekend (15-16 August) and next weekend (22-23 August):

1st Collection: Special Collection for The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign (taken after Homily)

2nd Collection: St John's Presbytery (taken up after Prayers of the Faithful)

3rd Collection: St John's Catholic Church (taken up after Communion)



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 TO YOU, O CHRIST

Refrain:

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **Ref.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8.

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

R./

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

R./

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's

food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

COMMUNION: AS THE DEER

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver,
And the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love you You more than any other,
So much more than anything

You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

RECESSIONAL : NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done!
In whom his world rejoices.
Who from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this gracious God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
Preserve us in his grace,
And guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin,
Till heaven we possess.

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 W	
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Marni Mant	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
			Charito Cosio	
22/23 Aug	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Domenica Ashworth	Ophelia Le	Kate Mathai	Annaliza
Reader 2	Ammar Kazi	Peter Le	TBA	
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	

MORNING TEA: 16th August: Marguerite & Margaret

AVERAGE COLLECTIONS - JULY 2026

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
\$314.09	\$883.98	\$912.69	\$504.76	\$612.90	\$1,787.81

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

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.

MORNING TEA: This Sunday 16th August following the 10.30am Mass, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, August 28th

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

YOUTH AND CHILD LED MASS: Our next Youth and Child Led Mass will be on Sunday August 30th at 5.00pm Mass. Please let Christine or Elizabeth know if your child would like to be involved. Christine 0451 064 877 Elizabeth 0447 195 553

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 : The young Church of Melbourne is going to World Youth Day Seoul 2027! Join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and young people from across the Archdiocese as we launch the Archdiocese of Melbourne's pilgrimage to WYD Seoul 2027. The night begins with Six30 Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction in St Patrick's Cathedral and continues with food trucks, music and celebrations in the Cathedral grounds. Gather your family, friends, youth group and community members as we begin our journey to South Korea. Your invitation could be the first step in someone's encounter with Christ. Thursday 20 August 2026 6.30pm–9.00pm

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

ANNIVERSARY: Jaques Coomans, Fransi Widjanarko, Maria Biviano, Joe Vartuli

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