



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

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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22ND /23RD AUGUST, 21ST 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.*

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF

St John's Heidelberg, St Martin of Tours Rosanna/Macleod
And St Pius X Heidelberg West

AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY TOGETHER

We welcome the invitation to journey more purposefully together with our neighbouring parishes.

We are not the first parishes to be invited on this journey. To our south, the three Ivanhoe parishes were partnered under one parish priest more than 20 years ago and Greensborough to our north was partnered with Greensborough North and Diamond Creek more than 10 years ago. These parishes have more recently embraced a formal process of parish amalgamation. Preston East and Kingsbury to our west are partnered and, earlier this year, Bulleen to our east was partnered with Doncaster and Templestowe.

While nothing will change for our three parishes in the short term, it is helpful to know that our parishes will be partnered within two years as this gives us time to discern and plan and walk together.

When Fr Tony shared the news with the parish pastoral councils on Tuesday evening, we agreed each council would nominate three representatives to form a transition team. We will have more to say when the team is formed. However, in the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak with a member of your pastoral council.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Michael, Fr Vinh and Fr Wayne

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: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song of praise shall be:
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth
and sky and sea:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the
day long.

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 22:19-23*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master
of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from
your post, and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash, entrust him with your
authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants
of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the
key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he
open, no one shall close, should he close, no one
shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he
will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

.The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8.*

Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake
the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

R./

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

R./

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

R./**SECOND READING***Romans 33-36*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his
wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to
penetrate his motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists
comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be
glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my
Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi
he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people
say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is
John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or
one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you
say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the
Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man!
Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this
to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you:
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out
against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be
considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on
earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he

gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart..

COMMUNION: LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is His word, love is His way
feasting with men fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is His way.

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the
love of my Lord
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.

Ref.

Love is his mark, love is His sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
This is my body, this is my blood
Love, only love is His sign.

Ref.

Love is His sign, love is His news,
'Do this' He said 'Lest you forget
All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood,'
Love, only love, is His news.

Ref.

Love is His news, Love is His name,
We are His own, chosen and called,
Family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love is His name.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain

Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Ref.

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	Eric Torres
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	
29/30 AUG	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Clara Hernandez	Ophelia Le	Sean Dunn	<i>Children Led</i>
Reader 2	Wendy Hernandez	Peter Le	Peter Greenham	
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Michelle Penson
			Mary Furlan	

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

THE 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN - 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)

Please support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure in the foyer. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



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

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP GATHERING: 30th 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.

WINE/CANDLE DRIVE ORDER COLLECTION: Parishioners who have ordered via the paper form can collect the order on **Sunday 30th August from 9.30am - 12 noon** from the counselling room via the ramp near the St Francis Xavier meeting room at the rear of the presbytery or from Mary at the parish office during office hours, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30am to 2.30pm. If you any problems with orders please contact Prospect Wines by phone on 9877 1099 or via email blackburn@prospectwines.com.au



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

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