



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

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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
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29TH /30TH AUGUST, 22ND 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.*

WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE...

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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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: SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Where two or three
are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst;
and whatsoever ye ask, I will do.
Allelu, alleluia.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the
day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to 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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself
be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were
the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have
to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word
of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day
long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will
not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed
to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my

bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could
not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9.

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my
God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

R./

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

R./

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

R./

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship
him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking
beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model
yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you,
but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new
mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God
and know what is good, what it is that God wants,
what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he
was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously
at the hands of the elders and chief priests and
scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the
third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to

remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

COMMUNION: WILL YOU LOVE ME?

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways? **Ref.**

Refrain

Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,
and the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world. **Ref.**

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire? **Ref.**

RECESSIONAL : GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.
Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly
hear!
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!

Refrain

So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord! (rpt)

In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry! **Ref.**

29/30 AUG	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Pamela Smith	Ophelia Le	Margaret Andrews	<i>Children Led</i>
Reader 2	Paul Zebrowski	Peter Le	Peter Greenham	
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	Michelle Penson
			Mary Furlan	
5/6 SEPT	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Sheila Serrao	Elizabeth Williamson	Michelle Burns	Annaliza
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	TBA
			Mary Furlan	

MORNING TEA: 6TH SEPTEMBER - Francoise Toussaint, Maureen Howard

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

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating, or you can use the campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards.

FATHER'S DAY MORNING TEA: Next Sunday 6th September following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Let's celebrate our wonderful fathers.

MERCY SISTER MASS: on Sunday 13th September at 10,30am. With morning tea to follow..... come along and join in thanks for all the Mercy Sisters have given to us in Heidelberg over so many years.

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.



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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Martyn Dabbs, Max Gomez, John Crowe.

ANNIVERSARY: Giovanni Vinci, Gerasimos Bavelos, Michael Desmond Ralph.

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