



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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday
9:30am to 2:30pm

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

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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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5TH /6TH SEPTEMBER, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR 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.



BLESSING PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Lord God, who is Father of all,
send your blessing down on these men who are fathers.
For those who in the night worry for their child,
grant them your comfort.
For those who in the day work and struggle to provide for their child,
send them your strength.
For those who mourn a child,
hold them in your love.
For those who play, laugh, sing and dance with their child,
you share in their joy.
Lord God, who is Father of all,
walk with these fathers, in the light times and the dark.
Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your fatherly love;
a symbol to their children and all who they encounter.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



MERCY SISTERS THANKSGIVING MASS- SEPTEMBER 13TH 10.30AM:

As part of our 175th anniversary celebrations, and in recognition of the outstanding service the Mercy Sisters have given to our school and parish since 1910, the 10.30am Mass next Sunday, September 13th, will be offered in thanksgiving for these devoted women. If you, or anyone you know, has been associated with the Sisters over the years, please join the parish in giving thanks for their dedicated service. Morning tea will be served in the Parish Hall following Mass.

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 AS YOU ARE

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.
I come to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

94:1-2.6-9.

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord .

R./

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

R./

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

COMMUNION: COME TO ME

REFRAIN

Come to me all who labour and are heavy burdened,
And I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me,
For I am meek and humble of heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls,
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.
The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall never be in need,
Fresh and green are the meadows where he gives me
rest.

Ref.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Refrain

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in
his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL : THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Refrain

Though the mountains may fall and
the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God!

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you.

Ref.

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	Robyn Laurie	Michelle Burns	Annaliza
Communion	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Brian McIntosh	TBA
			Mary Furlan	
12/13 SEPT	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Adrian Daly	Ophelia Le	Peter Penson	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Vernon Curtis	Peter Le	Peter Greenham	Emily Andrews
Communion	Donna Richardson	Marni Mant	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	

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

AVERAGE COLLECTIONS - AUGUST 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
\$346.47	\$782.07	\$1,416.50	\$434.06	\$469.60	\$3,008.50

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

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP GATHERING: 13th September after the 5pm Mass in St John's Hall. All youth from Secondary school Year 9 to 30 years of age are warmly welcome.

GEMS: The group will not meet next week. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15th at 10.00am. Come along in your footy colours for games and morning tea.



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.

FACING THE ISSUE

Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed. Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: 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