



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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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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12TH /13TH SEPTEMBER, 24TH 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.*



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 this 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.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY -13 SEPTEMBER 2026

"LOVE PROTECTS" (1 CORINTHIANS 13)

"Love protects when we listen. Love protects when we act. Love protects when we place the wellbeing of others at the centre of our decisions and our ministry," Bishop Bennet said.



As we gather this Safeguarding Sunday under the theme "Love Protects," Love that protects is not a soft love. It is a love with its eyes and ears open.

May we Make our parish a community where children are cherished,
where young people are respected,
where older and isolated parishioners are not forgotten,
honest with the truth, and faithful to the God whose love always protects.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

PAPAL BLESSING: On the occasion of the 175th Anniversary since the initiation of the Heidelberg Mission we have received a treasured Papal Blessing from Pope Leo. In the Papal Blessing, the Holy Father gives his blessing to Father Vinh and all parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish. The Blessing will be on display in the church during the month of September.

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: HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Ref.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

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

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and
both are found with the sinner. He who exacts
vengeance will experience the vengeance of the
Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your

neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray,
your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger
against another, can he then demand compassion
from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like
himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere
creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will
forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and
stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and
live by the commandments. Remember the
commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-
will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

102:1-4. 9-12 .

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to
anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

R./

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

R./

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

R./

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die,
we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong
to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and
came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of
the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

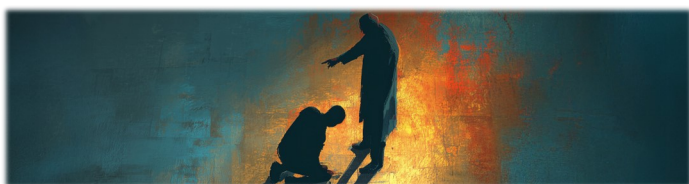
Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often
must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often
as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell
you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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 precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.

COMMUNION: OUR SUPPER INVITATION

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.

Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.

Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find

Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.

Food for the journey will answer your need.

Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.

Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.

Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.

Share with your people, that love has its will.

RECESSIONAL : PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL

Praise the lord, my soul,

Let fire and rain give praise to Him,

Give praise to Him who is merciful, slow to judge;

Bless the lord, O my soul!

Bless the Lord, my soul,

Let all I am give praise to Him,

And not forget he is kind, He forgives our sins;

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

12/13 SEPT	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Adrian Daly	Ophelia Le	OLMC Student	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Vernon Curtis	Peter Le	OLMC Student	Emily Andrews
Communion	Donna Richardson	Marni Mant	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	
19/20 SEPT	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Pamela Smith	Robyn Laurie	Kate Mathai	Annaliza
Reader 2	Paul Zebrowski	Cheryl Jayaweera	Margaret Andrews	Eric Torres
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Bobbie Bartkus	Brian McIntosh	TBA
			Mary Furlan	

MORNING TEA: 13TH SEPTEMBER -Michelle Penson, Maria Bechelli, Margaret Andrews

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

MORNING TEAS: following the 10.30am Mass, this Sunday 13th September to celebrate our wonderful Mercy sisters and next Sunday the 20th of September our usual third Sunday morning tea will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: This Thursday the 17th of September as Fr Vinh and Mary, need to attend an Administration Forum at the Archdiocese.

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: Please note that there will be morning Mass at 9.15am.

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.

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. Enquiries for the above please see Father Vinh, or contact parish office 94571066.

DR ANTHONY HALLIDAY-ORGAN RECITAL

Come along to hear 'One of the world's greatest organists' Recently returned from a standing ovation in Beethoven's home city Bonn, Germany, for his performance of the complete 'Pastoral' Symphony, Anthony Halliday plays the magnificent Fuller Organ.

On Sunday 18th October 2026, 2.30pm –3.30pm

Tickets \$35 each

Recital plus wine & cheese in hall after concert.

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/DPMBQ>



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Gertruda Krzysik, Claudio Oro, Domenico Biviano, Angelo Biviano, Francesco Casaceli, Fabian Bucoy, Vincent Cannuli, Frank Merlino, Josie Battaglia .

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