



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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19TH /20TH SEPTEMBER, 25TH 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.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY : Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) is the peak body representing over 40 Catholic social service and community organisations across the state. It's members have thousands of staff and dedicated volunteers who support more than 300,000 people each year, working from across more than 388 sites. CSSV's mission is to work with the Catholic Church to fulfil the Gospel imperatives to stand in solidarity with those who are disadvantaged and marginalised and to create a more just, equitable and compassionate society.

This Sunday, 20 September 2026, we give thanks for the thousands of staff and volunteers across Catholic social services who accompany people experiencing poverty, disadvantage and marginalisation throughout Victoria.



**QR Code
to Social Services Sunday
Video:**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At St John's we are blessed with a vibrant community that thrives on volunteer efforts. We are reaching out to invite you to join us in serving our congregation and the wider community.

Have you considered taking a more active role in your parish of St John's?

Are you looking for a rewarding way to make a difference in your community? Volunteering is a fantastic opportunity to share your gift of service and connect with others who share your faith.

We are presently needing readers and communion ministers.
Please consider accepting this invitation and contact the parish office.

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: WE ARE MANY PARTS

Refrain:

We are many parts
We are all one body.
And the gifts we have,
We were given to share.
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed;
One, the Love that we share;
One, our hope and despair;
One, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you,
We would be your servants true,
Let us be your love for all the world
So my pain is pain for you,
In you joy is my joy, too,
All is brought together in the Lord.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18.

Response: The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R./**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R./**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R./**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one

denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

COMMUNION: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In Thee, O Lord, I put our trust,
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O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

O', God, you search me, and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
And with love everlasting, you besiege me
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning through and through
You are with me beyond my understanding
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me
Still I search for shelter from your light
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonders of who I am I praise you,
Safe in your hands all creation is made new.

RECESSIONAL : HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all The worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Ref.**

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	
26/27 SEPT	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Clara Hernandez	Ophelia Le	Peter Greenham	Children Led
Reader 2	Wendy Hernandez	Peter Le	Michelle Burns	
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Marni Mant	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	

MORNING TEA: 20TH SEPTEMBER - Beba & Margaret

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 TEA AND GAMES : Join us for Morning Tea and games (table tennis, darts, chess) this weekend in the Parish Hall following 10.30am Mass.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LED MASS: will be on Sunday, September 27th at the 5.00pm parish Mass. Please contact parish office if your child would like to take an active part (reader, welcomer, prayers of the faithful, offertory gifts, collector) in this Mass.

COMMUNION VISITATION: If you know of someone who can no longer get to Mass and would like to receive Communion in their home, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a suitable time.



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 / 70643906 or email heidelberg@cam.org.au

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Christine Park.

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