



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

# 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.

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**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris

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Elizabeth Williamson (0447195553)

**SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

Michelle Penson (0499 891 101)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**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.

**EXPOSITION**

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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**JUBILEE PRAYER – PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

*Father in heaven, May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen*

**PILGRIM PLACES FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025**

The Holy Year is celebrated across the world, including right here in Melbourne, and there is no shortage of Pilgrim Places in our Archdiocese to make our own local journeys of reconciliation and renewal. See our 'mother church' St Patrick's Cathedral with new eyes; visit relics associated with Australia's first saint, Mary McKillop, at St Mary McKillop Church in Keilor Downs; worship with multicultural congregations at St Luke's in Lalor; reflect on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Our Lady of La Vang Shrine in Keysborough. To plan their pilgrimages, pilgrims can visit the websites of each Pilgrim Place to find out more about what is happening, and when.

Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer extended hours, additional Masses, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location. Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026.

Jubilee plenary indulgences are another feature of the local Jubilee celebrations, and the new webpage

<https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/jubilee>

clearly outlines how pilgrims can obtain them for themselves and for their loved ones who have died. As part of the Jubilee Year, pilgrims may receive up to two plenary indulgences a day.

[Melbournecatholic.org/news/jubilee-2025-website-launch](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/jubilee-2025-website-launch)

**ST JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENT PRAGRAMME 2025:** Applications are now being taken for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation for children not attending a Catholic School. To register your child for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation, please contact the parish office for an application form; [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) 94571066 / 70643906 or for more information. Parish Sacramental Dates are: Eucharist May 17th; Confirmation June 13th; Reconciliation September 11th

**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

### ENTRANCE: PRAISE GOD

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost..

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the creator's praise arise!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry one.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

### 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 6:1-8*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

**All reply:** Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 137:1-5. 7-8.*

**Response:** n the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

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./**

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R./**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.. **R./**

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

## COMMUNION: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Seed, scattered and sown,  
Wheat, gathered and grown,  
Bread, broken and shared as one,  
The Living bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land, wine,  
Work of our hands, one cup that is  
Shared by all; the Living Cup,  
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,  
A sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless,  
The blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock  
Will wither and will die,  
The seed within good ground  
Will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills  
Was gathered and was grown,  
So may the Church of God  
Be gathered into one.

## RECESSIONAL: FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION

For the fruits of this creation, Thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

| 8 / 9 FEB   | Sat 6:00pm           | Sun 8:30am          | Sun 10:30am         | Sun 5pm             |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Reader 1    | Vernon Curtis        | Mark Aiello         | Kate Mathai         | Emily Andrews       |
| Reader 2    | Adrian Daly          | Peter Le            | Margaret Andrews    | Mary Kotefski       |
| Communion   | Michelle Penson      | Chris Ratnayake     | Brian McIntosh      | Olivia Musitano     |
|             | -                    | -                   | Liz Sier            | -                   |
| Collectors  | Zen & Paul Zebrowski | Colin & Mary Ingram | Leo & Charito Cosio | TBA                 |
| 15 / 16 FEB | Sat 6:00pm           | Sun 8:30am          | Sun 10:30am         | Sun 5pm             |
| Reader 1    | Paul Zebrowski       | Peter Le            | Peter Greenham      | Peter Penson        |
| Reader 2    | Sheila Serrao        | Ophelia Le          | TBA                 | Christine Soosairaj |
| Communion   | Elizabeth Williamson | Marni Mant          | Olivia Musitano     | Michelle Penson     |
|             | -                    | -                   | Mary Furlan         | -                   |

**MORNING TEA : 16TH** February 2025 - Kate & Marnie

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 2ND FEBRUARY 2025**

| First Collection <i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i>  |                  |             | Second Collection <i>(taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</i> |                  |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 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 |
| \$200.70                                               | \$880.50         | \$713.00    | \$559.00                                                      | \$585.95         | \$1,997.00  |

**MORNING TEA:** In the parish hall next Sunday 16th February, following the 10.30a.m.Mass. Parishioners and visitors warmly welcome.

**OUR PARISH MAGAZINE:** The Eyrie is accepting new advertisement. If you wish to buy space to advertise your business please contact the parish office. We greatly appreciate the current sponsors that support our quarterly magazine so please support them when you can.

**TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION NEEDED URGENTLY:** An elderly lady is looking for temporary accommodation for a month around the Austin hospital from the third week in February. Her husband, for whom she is the primary carer is undergoing surgery at the Austin and she does not drive. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL WAY TO SERVE OUR ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY?**

We are grateful for the faithful volunteers we already have at St John's however we always need more. Church volunteers play a vital role in the life and growth of the community, dedicating their time, energy, and talents to serve others and support various church activities. The beginning of the new year provides an opportunity to consider one of these ministries: lectors, Ministers of Communion, Musicians and singers, Floral arrangers, altar servers, cleaners helpers with hospitality following Mass.

Guidelines, training and support are available for all these ministries. You would go on a roster and are able to choose the Mass and date/s you are available. Contact email: heidelberg@cam.org.au or call 94571066 / 70643906, or see Father John or Elizabeth after Mass.



***Happy 80th Birthday Beverley Gillard***



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Andrew Sheahan, John Griffiths, Michael Hall, Hannah Williamson, Robert Pelly, Kath Rickard, Thelma Kotefski, Joe & Jenny Galati, Gianna Yee, Cherie Corke, Charmaine Hawke, Margaret Barker, Bill Barnes, Karl Dabal, Joel Huffman, Alice Hyland, Bert Chapman, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Frank Viola, Margaret Sinclair, Samantha Byran, David Morck, Paula Morck.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Leo Milesi.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dimitri Romanidis.

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