



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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
ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr John Pereira

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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

Ms Alison Dean Principal
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5TH/6TH APRIL, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C



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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS



LENTEN SERVICE AND

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION - 10TH APRIL - THURSDAY 7:00pm

PALM SUNDAY - 13TH APRIL

Masses Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY - 17TH APRIL - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY - 18TH APRIL - Stations of the Cross 10:30am

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY - 19TH APRIL - Easter Vigil 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY - 20TH APRIL - Masses 8:30am and 10:30am

(PLEASE NOTE: No evening Mass on Easter Sunday).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 27, 2025

"The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter."

Diving mercy Sunday: 27th April 2025

2:00pm : Adoration, Confessions & Prayers.

2:45pm : Chaplet & Benediction,

3:00pm : Holy Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Vinh Nguyen

Enquiries: Parish Office: 9457 1066 / 70643906

or Mary Furlan on 0412 666 787

All are welcome to join us at St John's Catholic Church, Heidelberg to gather together to pray the **Novena of the Divine Mercy** every day for **nine days from Good Friday 18th of April at 7 pm** in the church. We will bring (as Jesus requested) to His heart a different group of souls and immerse them into the ocean of His Mercy, and He will bring all these souls into the house of his father.



SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THE EASTER LITURGIES ARE IN THE MAIN FOYER OF THE CHURCH!
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ROLES IF YOU ARE HERE FOR EASTER!!!

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: 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!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(*And, striking their breast, they say:*)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

(*Then they continue:*)

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you,
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125.

Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

R./

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

R./

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

R./

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

R./

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

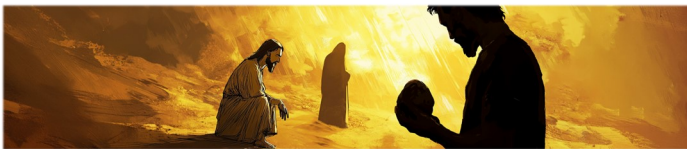
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the

very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

COMMUNION : SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour bathe me in Thy Tide;
Wash me, with water flowing from Thy Side.
Strength and protection may Thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in Thy Wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
So shall I never, never part from Thee.
Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
In death's dread moments make me only Thine;
Call me and bid me come to Thee on high,
Where I may praise thee with Thy Saints for aye.

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: Glory Be To God In Heaven

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sins away,
now with him in triumph seated -
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

5/6 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Adrian Daly	Peter Penson	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Reader 2	Sheila Serrao	Mark Aiello	Margaret Andrews	-
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Chris Ratnayake	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
	-	-	Charito Cosio	-
Collectors	Zen & Paul Zebrowski	Colin & Mary Ingram	TBA	TBA
12/13 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Narrator	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Emily Andrews
Other	Domenica Ashworth	Ophelia Le	Margaret Andrews	Leela Cherubim
Crowd	Paul Zebrowski	John McGrath	Peter Greenham	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Olivia Musitano	Sally Tramontana
	-	-	Mary Furlan	-

MORNING TEA : 6 APRIL 2025 - Margaret & Barbara

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 30TH MARCH 2025

First Collection (It is taken up after Homily) ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			Second Collection (taken up after Prayers of Faithful) ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$280.30	\$1,089.15	\$445.00	\$447.90	\$499.30	\$780.00

CHURCH CAR PARK CLOSED: On Tuesday 8 April, the church car park will be closed as Durasafe are completing line painting.

175TH ANNIVERSARY: Parishioners are warmly welcome to be part of our church's 175th Year Anniversary Committee. Your Ideas, questions, are suggestions will be much appreciated. Together let's make it a grand and memorable celebration. Contact parish office on 94571066 / 70649306, heidelberg@cam.org.au or talk to Fr Vinh or PPC members. Thank you.

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: This Sunday 6th April following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

WORKING BEE: We will be holding a Working Bee to prepare our beautiful church for Easter Celebrations on Saturday April 12th at 11.00a.m. If you are able to assist please add your name to the list in the church foyer.

LENTEN SERVICE & 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION : Thursday 10th April at 7pm. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2025: Please support through the donation boxes, envelopes or scanning the QR code , online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or calling: 1800 024 413

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS: Recently the St Vincent De Paul Conference Heidelberg was able to assist a young couple with paying their rent. Ill health had prevented the couple from working for a number of months and had been issued a 'Notice to Vacate'. During the month of March the Heidelberg Conference has made 35 home visitations distributing food vouchers in the Heidelberg Heights, Heidelberg West and Heidelberg areas. Thank you for your continual support of our work.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Matthew John, Ross Pace, Andrew Sheahan, John Griffiths, Hannah Williamson, Robert Pelly, Thelma Kotefski, Joe & Jenny Galati, Gianna Yee, Cherie Corke, Charmaine Hawke, 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: Caterina Vinci, Joseph Sleiman.

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