



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.

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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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1ST/2ND NOVEMBER, ALL SOULS DAY, 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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Saturday 1st November we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Sunday, 2nd November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). The Church often speaks of the totality of the baptised as the Communion of Saints. The word 'saints' is used in the Scriptural sense as found in the New Testament when it generally refers to baptised members of Christian communities.

The Communion of Saints is formed of three groups. The first are those who can properly be called 'saints', that is, those who have died and are now enjoying a face to face relationship with God for all eternity. We sometimes call that 'heaven', but it is less a place than a relationship.

The second group are those who are living on earth at the present time and are part of the Pilgrim Church on its way to ultimate union with God in unending happiness.

The third group are those we are remembering on 2nd November-ALL SOULS' DAY. They are those who have died but are not quite ready to meet God face to face. Most of us would probably acknowledge that we are far from perfect and that we still need to go through some purifying process before entering the eternal presence of God. What that process is like it is not for us to speculate.

What we are reminded of today is that those who are already in the eternal presence of God and those who are still on pilgrimage on earth can help the group we call 'Holy Souls' to reach the Vision of God sooner through our good works and prayers.

November is a special time to pray for the dead. The infinite value of the Mass makes it the most important prayer we have to offer up for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We can also offer our prayers for their benefit, especially the Rosary, our work, the sufferings of life and all kinds of difficulties we experience, as well as the indulgences we merit for them during our earthly existence. Offering these suffrages is the best way we can show our love for those who have gone before us and await their definitive encounter with God. We should remember our parents with particular devotion and pray especially for our relatives and friends.

God bless,

Fr Vinh-Parish Priest

ST JOHN'S PARISH MISSION

"Like St John, we are called to Evangelize and Serve, as a community of faith, hope and love journeying with Christ in this life and into eternal life."

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: SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Just as Jesus died and has risen again,
so through Jesus God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep;
and as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

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.

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 *Job 19:1. 23-27*

Job said: 'Ah, would that these words of mine were
written down, inscribed on some monument with
iron chisel and engraving tool, cut into the rock for
ever.

This I know; that my Avenger lives, and he, the Last,
will take his stand on earth. After my awaking, he will
set me close to him, and from my flesh I shall look on
God. He whom I shall see will take my part: these
eyes will gaze on him and find him not aloof.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22.

*Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I
shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R./

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R./

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R./

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has
been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which
has been given us. We were still helpless when at his
appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not
easy to die even for a good man – though of course
for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared
to die – but what proves that God loves us is that
Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having
died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would
now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were
reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were
still enemies; now that we have been reconciled,
surely we may count on being saved by the life of his
Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled
but because we are filled with joyful trust in God,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we
have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he
sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he
began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall
have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who
mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who
hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be
satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy
shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see
God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called
sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against
you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in heaven.’

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess you
Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die
for ever.

COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
You who comes to me shall not hunger;
You who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

Refrain

And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and you who eats of this bread,
You shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever. Ref.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. Ref.

I am the Resurrection
I am the life. you who believe in me,
even if you die,
You shall live forever. Ref.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who has come into the world. Ref.

RECESSION: TO YOU, OUR HOLY GOD

To you, our holy God, we bring our praises strong,
We call on all to laud and sing your joyful song.
Sing praise to God, who is the sov'reign of all things,
O praise the Lord!

You rule with might and strength above the firmament
We call on all the heav'n and earth to give assent.
Sing praise to God, who is the sov'reign of all things,
O praise the Lord!

01/02 Nov	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	Mark Aiello	Jacqueline Lewis	Annaliza
Reader 2	Pamela Smith	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews	-
Communion	Donna Richardson	Chris Ratnayake	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	
Collectors	Paul & Zen Zebrowski	Colin & Mary Ingram	TBA	TBA
08/09 Nov	SAT 6PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Adrian Daly	Ophelia Le	Peter Greenham	Christine Soosairaj
Reader 2	Cassie Abeynaike	Peter Le	Michelle Burns	-
Communion	Michelle Penson	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo Cosio	Marni Mant
			Charito Cosio	

MORNING TEA: 2ND NOVEMBER - MARGUERITE & BARBARA

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 26TH OCTOBER 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
\$233.00	\$995.55	\$398.00	\$439.00	\$686.60	\$857.00



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS FILM 'ROADMAP TO REALITY': Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 11 October 2006) was an English-born Italian Catholic teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of digital media to promote Catholic devotion. He was canonised by Pope Leo on the 7th of September 2025. We will be showing Carlo Acutis documentary Film "Roadmap to Reality" in St John's Parish Hall on **Saturday November 1st at 7.00pm**. Light refreshments will be available following the showing. *All are welcome.*

PARISH MEMORIAL MASS: On Tuesday 18th November at 7.00pm. We gather to celebrate a Remembrance Mass for our family members and friends who have passed away. Please come early before Mass and write down your name and the name of the person/s you have come to remember. We invite you to bring a photograph of your loved ones.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS: November Mass envelopes are available in the porch and in the church pews. They can be dropped off in the Sunday collections, at the parish office or sacristy.

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: This Sunday 2nd November following the 10.30am Mass in the Parish hall. All are welcome.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: November is the month we pray particularly for and remember those family and friends who have died. You are invited to enter the name of loved ones who have died in our Book of Remembrance. The book can be found on the sanctuary.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR: are now available for sale. Please see Elizabeth or Sally after the weekend Masses to purchase one for \$10.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Frank Gysberts, Sergio Furlan, Elvira Dessmann, Max, Gomez, Daisy Coote and Edward Reyes, James Bourke, Cherie Corke, Charmaine Hawke, Maureen Thorley, Margaret Sinclair, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Gail Pearson, Tony Dilabio, Liza Sutherland, Chris Barnett, Wendy Hankin, Carmel Finley, Romy Deveza, Matthew John, Ross Pace, Emma and Hannah Williamson, Robert Pelly, Joe Galati, Jenny Galati, Gianna Yee, Bill Barnes.

ANNIVERSARY: Frank Viola.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Carole Carmody.

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