



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.

**PARISH PRIEST :** Fr Vinh Nguyen

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris

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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 during Adoration,

Sat 9:45 am & 5:30pm.

**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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*26TH/27TH AUGUST, 21ST 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.*

**LIVING THE GOSPEL ... WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?:** The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is.

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**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) PROGRAMME AT ST JOHN'S:** Are you someone or do you know someone who .....

- Just wants to know more about the Catholic faith?
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- May have experienced 'stirrings of the heart'?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



RCIA is a 'journey' designed for those who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to participate in the RCIA with your questions, your insights and your faith story. You can approach Fr Vinh directly to discuss and find out more about the programme. Or contact Parish Office during office hours on 9457 1066, Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 to 2.30 or email at heidelberg@cam.org.au

**PARISH CENSUS PROCESS:** Parishioners who have not already completed please take one from your pews to get them done. Only one per family is needed. Once completed please place these into either the first or second collection - either collection is fine. If you would like to take your time, you are welcome to complete this at home and bring it to next weekend's Mass where you can drop it into any collection.

This information will be kept private to the parish, and it is very helpful to us. A census allows us to know who you are and how best to contact you. All of our parishioners are very important and having up to date information helps us as a parish connect and grow in our faith together.

*Fr Vinh Nguyen—Parish Priest*

**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: ALL ARE WELCOME**

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat a banquet hall on  
Holy ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the  
day long.

**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**

*Isaiah 22:19-23*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the  
master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post, and the same day I call  
on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him  
with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him  
with your authority; and he shall be a father to the

inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I  
place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close, should he close,  
no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm  
place; he will become a throne of glory for his  
father's house.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8.*

**Response:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake  
the work of your hands.

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./**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R./**

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 11: 33-36*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his  
wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to  
penetrate his motives or understand his methods!  
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who  
could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give  
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists  
comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be  
glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my  
Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea  
Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do  
people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some  
say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others  
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said  
'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up,  
'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living  
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a  
happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that  
revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I  
now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will

build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

Save us, Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

#### COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

##### Refrain.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth  
Come to the table of plenty  
God will provide for all that we need  
Here at the table of plenty

O come and sit at my table  
Where saints and sinners are friends  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
To share the cup of my love.

Ref.

O come and eat without money  
Come to drink without price  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
With faith and fullness of life

Ref.

My bread will ever sustain you  
Through days of sorrow and woe  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
To flood the depths of your soul.

Ref.

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
will send my rain on the soil.

Ref.

#### RECESSIONAL : STRONG AND CONSTANT

I will be the Spirit who walks with you!  
You will be always within my hand!  
Take your heart and give it all to me!

##### Refrain

Strong and constant is my love!  
Strong and constant is my love!

Should you wander far away from me,  
I will search for you in ev-'ry land!  
Should you call, then you will truly know:

Ref.

When you know sorrow within your life,  
I will come I will embrace your heart!  
Through your pain you will discover me!

Ref.



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|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 26 / 27 August  | Sat 6:00pm           | Sun 8:30am       | Sun 10:30am         | Sun 5pm              |
| Reader          | Domenica Ashworth    | Pietro Sciotto   | Christine Soosairaj | Annaliza             |
| Communion       | Elizabeth Williamson | Margaret Bradley | Brian McIntosh      | Lorraine Mascarenhas |
| 2 / 3 September | Sat 6:00pm           | Sun 8:30am       | Sun 10:30am         | Sun 5pm              |
| Reader          | Peter Penson         | Marguerite Ryan  | Jacqueline Lewis    | Mark Aiello          |
| Communion       | Michelle Penson      | Bobbie Bartkus   | Marni Mant          | Sally Tramontana     |

### COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 13TH AUGUST 2023

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|--|-------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>First Collection</b> is for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick & retired priests, priests in less fortunate areas around Archdiocese of Melbourne<br><i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i><br>ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267 |                         |                    | <b>Second Collection</b> is for the support of our Church, its operating expenses, staff wages, church & ground maintenance etc.<br><i>(It is taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</i><br>ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318 |                         |                    |
| <b>Envelopes</b>   | <b>Loose Collection</b> | <b>Bank Direct</b> | <b>Envelopes</b>   | <b>Loose Collection</b> | <b>Bank Direct</b> |
| \$78.00  | \$910.55                | \$380.00           | \$808.40   | \$417.70                | \$1190.00          |

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:** St John's parish office will be closed on Wednesday, 30th August as Parish Priest and Secretary are required to attend an Administration Forum at the Archdiocese. Please email [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) for any urgent requests.

**FATHER'S DAY, PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL:** Next weekend 2nd/3rd September for the Priests Retirement Foundation who cares for our Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please donate using the envelopes on the pews or through paypal at [www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation). Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.

**MORNING TEA:** Next sunday 3rd September following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish hall. All are welcome.

**FLOWER ROSTER:** Do you have some flower arranging skills? We have vacancies for volunteers who would like to do the altar flowers one week a month. The flowers can be done on Thursday or Friday. You can swap and change with others if you are busy the week you are rostered. Interested – please ring the parish office 03 94571066 or Michelle 0499891101.

**ASSUMPTION DAY MASS COLLECTION:** was \$838.05



### VOLUNTEERING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL HEIDELBERG:

Recently we asked for parishioners to think about volunteering for the St Vincent De Paul Society, Heidelberg Branch and we had few parishioners come forward. If you are still considering joining or would like to know more about the Society and its good work, we are offering a 'Come and See' session on Wednesday August 30th at 7.00p.m. in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. Our current volunteers are ageing and it would be lovely to have some younger volunteers to give an hour of their time each week. Inquiries Sally 94571066.

**STEWARDSHIP (THANKSGIVING) ENVELOPES:** The instalment of Stewardship Envelopes for next twelve months (September 2023 to August 2024) is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order of surname. Please note the **new Envelopes numbers** on your new Envelopes for parishioners with **weekly giving**. We kindly request you not to use the old left over Envelopes from the first Sunday of September 2023 as the Envelope numbers have changed. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**THE SICK:** Val Wallis, Alice Hyland, Cynthia Amoroso, Desmond Ralph, David Pauloski, Peter Newton, Charlie Catajur, David Morck, Eamon Whealan, Daisy & Tyler Sanderson, Shelby Jentz, Michael Spence, Joan O'Donoghue.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Giuseppe Amoroso.

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