



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 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

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*20TH/21ST APRIL, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B*

**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.*

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood

My dear friends

The Holy Father has called us to a Year of Prayer, preparing for the forthcoming Jubilee. We are invited as Christ's faithful to rediscover the great value and absolute need for prayer - prayer in our personal life; prayer in the life of the Church, and prayer for the world.

Our seminarians need our prayer.

Vocations to the priesthood are a source of new life for each of us, and our community in Christ. These young men, who have been called to discern priesthood need our prayer to form and deepen their relationship with Jesus so as to better serve God's people with love.

With this calendar (*copies in church foyer*), I invite you to join me in regular prayer for these men and their families.

Through the Holy Spirit, may they be granted the wisdom and courage to respond generously to God's call, and may their own discernment and journey inspire others to become gentle servants of the Gospel.

**Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli**

Archbishop of Melbourne

**A Prayer for Vocations**

*O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church. We implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all. Through Christ Our Lord.*

*Amen*

**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: CELTIC ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Father we praise you as Lord,  
All of the earth gives you worship,  
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Blessed apostles sing praise;  
Prophets and martyrs give glory;  
"For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!"

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
alleluia.

**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**

*Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PS** *Psalm 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29*

**Response:** *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

*R./*

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes .

*R./*

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

*R./*

**SECOND READING**

*1 John 3:1-2*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children; and that is what  
we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge  
him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear  
people, we are already the children of God but what  
we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be  
like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*John 10:11-18*

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## COMMUNION: LIKE A SHEPHERD

### Refrain

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully close to his heart,  
leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;  
Jerusalem, here is your God.

Ref.

I myself will shepherd them,  
for others have led them astray.

The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
and pasture them, giving them rest.

Ref.

I Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,  
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,  
I will give you rest.

Ref.

## RECESSIONAL : CHRIST THE LORD IS RIS'N TOAY

Christ the Lord is ris'n today: Alleluia!  
Let all earth and heaven say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done; Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell,, Alleluia!



20 / 21 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
<b>Reader</b>	Margherita Bechelli	Pietro Sciotto	Peter Greenham	Mary Kotefski
<b>Communion</b>	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Bobbie Bartkus	Liz Sier	Sally Tramontana
	-	-	Olivia Musitano	-
27/ 28 APRIL	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
<b>Reader</b>	Peter Penson	Michelle LeMaster	Christine Soosairaj	Annaliza
<b>Communion</b>	Michelle Penson	Marni Mant	Leo Cosio	TBA
	-	-	Charito Cosio	-

**MORNING TEA: 21st April - Beba & Margaret**

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 14TH APRIL 2024**

**First Collection** is for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick & retired priests, priests in less fortunate areas around Archdiocese of Melbourne

*(It is taken up after Homily)*

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267

**Second Collection** is for the support of our Church, its operating expenses, staff wages, church & ground maintenance etc.

*(It is 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
\$563.15	\$1,009.40	\$382.00	\$579.00	\$550.05	\$598.00

**MORNING TEA:** This Sunday 21st April following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall.

**FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES:** are present at the various parish masses this weekend to make their commitment towards the Eucharist Programme. Please keep them in your prayers.

**EYRIE:** The Parish Magazine has a vacancy for an advertisement if you wish to advertise your business and help support the magazine. The magazine is circulated quarterly on line to all parishioners and school families. Hard copy is available in the church porch. You can take an advertisement for just one or two issues or for a full year. For further details please ring or email the Parish Office. 0394571066 or heidelberg@cam.org.au

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Sally Tramontana who this weekend will receive a JAGAJAGA Community Volunteer Award. Sally served as President of the Heidelberg Conference of St Vincent De Paul for eight years up to November 2023 and remains an active member of the Heidelberg Conference. Sally also volunteers at the Vinnies Shop in the West Heidelberg Mall two days a week. Great work!



**FIFTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S - MAY 21ST:** Here

at St John's, we are hosting a BIGGEST MORNING TEA in St John's Hall on Tuesday May 21st at 10.30a.m. Entrance \$10. Enjoy a delicious morning tea, raffle, games, door and lucky seat prizes. At this stage we are looking for donations of goods towards door and raffle prizes. If you could help in this way, please leave items in the basket in the church foyer by Sunday May 5th.



**ANNUAL SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY:** will be held

at Corpus Christi College on Saturday May 19th. Please send details to Fr Vinh of any young man whom you consider should be invited or who would be interested to know more about vocation to the priesthood to attend this enquiry day.

**COME & SEE!** An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on 4 May 2024 Saturday, 10:00 -11.45am. For more information:

<https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Marie Hankin, Pat Chenoweth, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Jacques Coomans, Frank Viola, Bill Barnes, Kevin Andrews, Margaret Sinclair, Joan O'Donoghue, Samantha Byran, Frank Dempsey, Davis Morck, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Val Wallis.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Daniela Di Clemente.

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