



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 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,  
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## 5TH/6TH AUGUST, THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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.*

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

On Tuesday 1 August 2023, the 16th international World Youth Day officially began in Lisbon, Portugal, with nearly 400,000 young Catholics from around the world gathering to celebrate their faith to encounter Jesus and experience their faith anew. There will be opportunities for workshops, faith-formation sessions, festivals and further exploration of the city. Pilgrims will also hear from Pope Francis, who will be there from Wednesday 2 August to the final Mass on Saturday 6.

Tuesday afternoon also featured a special 'Australian gathering' for pilgrims from across the Great South Land. During this gathering, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli officially invited them to Melbourne in 2025 for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), the largest gathering of young Catholics in Australia.

He also reflected on what a momentous occasion World Youth Day is, calling it 'an opportunity to go deeper with Christ, to be empowered to be disciples in the world today, ready to go back and follow him in all the circumstances of our daily lives.'

'What a joy to be together as the holy people of God, here and now, in this place. Jesus never tires of welcoming us and of desiring a relationship with us,' Archbishop Comensoli said. 'He has called each of us here, individually and together in our groups and dioceses. Never forget that: Jesus has called you here.'

On Monday 31 July, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrived in Lisbon, a 'special pilgrim' carried by scouts from around the world. The final stage of Our Lady's journey was taken by boat, and she disembarked at the Cais das Colunas, greeted by applause, songs, and music.



*Excerpts and photos from Melbourne Catholic*

**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: HOLY IS GOD**

**Refrain**

Holy is God, holy and strong!  
God everliving, alleluia.

Sing the Lord's praise, ev'ry nation,  
Give him all honor and glory.  
Strong is his love for his people,  
His faithfulness is eternal.

**Ref.**

Praise to the Father almighty,  
Praise to his son, Christ the Lord;  
Praise to the life giving Spirit;  
Both now and forever, Amen

**Ref.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.  
The Father's voice was heard:  
This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**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**

*Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14*

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His

throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9.*

**Response:** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.

**R./**

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.

**R./**

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits .

**R./**

**SECOND READING**

*2 Peter 1:16-19*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:  
listen to him.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain

where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

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

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

#### COMMUNION: WHERE THERE IS CHARITY AND LOVE

Where there is charity and love,  
there the love of God abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,  
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;  
Let us revere and love the living God  
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

Where there is charity and love,  
there the God of love abides.

And so when we are gathered here as one,  
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;  
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun  
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

Where there is charity and love,  
there the God of love abides.

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,  
To where the blessed glory in your sight;  
There let us see and love you face to face,  
Gathered once more in everlasting light. .

#### RECESSIONAL : CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber!  
Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

#### Refrain

Let us build a city of God. May our tears be turned into  
dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the  
night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free. **Ref.**

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK :** Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.





5 / 6 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Sheila Serrao	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Marni Mant	Mary Furlan	Elizabeth Williamson
12 / 13 August	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Peter Penson	Pietro Sciotto	Claire Newsome	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Michelle Penson	Margaret Bradley	Brian McIntosh	Elizabeth Williamson

**MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S HALL : 6th August - Barbara & Liz**

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 30TH JULY 2023**

<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 <i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i> 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. <i>(It is taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</i> 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>
\$142.40	\$831.95	\$155.00	\$1,108.80	\$481.65	\$790.00

**COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES:** The Parish will be conducting a number of important activities over the next three months.

August – Parish Census

September – Survey of parishioners

October – Parish Stewardship program

More information about these activities will be conveyed at each Mass this weekend.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Masses for the Feast of the Assumption (August 15th) are 9.15a.m. 12.00 (school) and 7.00p.m. This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**THE GEMS:** will not meet on Tuesday August 8th. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday August 15th in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room.

**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) PROGRAMME AT ST JOHN'S:** 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 94571066 / 70643906 Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 to 2.30 or email at heidelberg@cam.org.au

**MORNING TEA:** This Sunday 6th August following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL:** Next weekend 12th / 13th



August. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. Please donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP 2024 DISCOVERY TOURS:**

Monday 14 August 9:15am

Friday 18 August 9:15am

Wednesday 23 August 9:15am

Private Tours available

Please call 9459 2963



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Terry Green, Hilda Duff, Teresa Dickson, Cosimo & Clara Petrilli, Peter Petrilli.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Desmond (Des) Anthony Panton PE.

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