



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  
Enquires, Contact Sue 0449260206

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*4TH /5TH MAY, SIXTH 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.*

*The Month of May-dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Dear Friends,

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Many great popes, saints, and Christian leaders have exhorted us to pray the Rosary. It's a powerful prayer, they say, one that can change your life, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls.

As Pope St John Paul II explained, the repeated prayers in the rosary help us get more in touch with the deepest desires in our souls for God.

In his letter to all the faithful in 2020, Pope Francis encourages us to pray the Rosary, especially during the month of May, as he says it is a time, "When the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary".

Pope Francis encourages everyone to, "Rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May", whether individually or as a group, "making the most both opportunities".

I remember that I was taught by my parents how to pray including how to say the Rosary. In the family, we usually prayed and recited the Rosary together in the morning. My parents often encouraged each of us to lead the Rosary for the family when we pray. In the evening, we joined the whole community in church for Mass and prayers, especially reciting the Rosary together. During this month, we often went to church at noon to recite the Rosary together as the whole community. In the evening, we gathered again in church to say prayers and brought flowers to put in the front of the shrine or chapel of Our Lady. We paid our respect to the Blessed Virgin Mary by singing and dancing or sometime in a solemn procession carrying the statue of Our Lady around the church and in the streets around the village. This is still a practice of the people in my home parish and in many places in Vietnam nowadays.

In our parish here at St John's Heidelberg, the Rosary is recited after every weekday Mass by our parishioners. It is a wonderful way to honour Our Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially during this month of May so that we can learn from her to ponder the words of God to us, to imitate, and follow God's will for us in our daily living and ask her to intercede for us before God.

Pope Benedict XVI reflected in *Deus Caritas Est* (Dec. 2005), "Outstanding among the saints is Mary, Mother of the Lord and mirror of all holiness. Mary's greatness consists of the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself. She is lowly: her only desire is to be the handmaid of the Lord."

Mary, more than anyone, can show us Jesus, lead us to Him and teach us to know and love Him, "so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world."

Holy Mary, Mother of God. Pray for us.

Fr Vinh-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: LOVE IS HIS WORD**

Love is His word, love is His way  
feasting with men fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is His way.

**Refrain:**

Richer than gold is the  
love of my Lord  
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark.

**Ref.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, 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 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalms 21:26-28. 30-32*

**Response:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord

for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm

have brought salvation.

**R./**

The Lord has made known his salvation;

has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love

for the house of Israel.

**R./**

All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth,

ring out your joy.

**R./**

**SECOND READING**

*1 John 4:7-10*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to  
them.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*John 15:9-17*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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

If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another  
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## COMMUNION: I FOUND THE TREASURE

Lord, to whom can I go?  
You alone speak the words of life.  
You alone on the earth  
or in heaven above  
are my Saviour and my Lord. Ref.

### Refrain.

I found the treasure in a field,  
that neither time nor death can steal.  
I will sell what I have,  
give all that I am,  
to hold this treasure as my own.

Jesus, Lord of my life,  
I can ask for nothing more  
than to see and believe  
that my life lies in you,  
in the kingdom of my Lord. Ref.

## RECESSIONAL : ALLELUIA NO 1

### Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
He is the king of creation. Ref.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. Ref.



4 / 5 MAY	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Pamela Smith	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Vernon Curtis	John McGrath	Claire Newsome	Emily Andrews
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Olivia Musitano
	-	-	Liz Sier	-
11 / 12 MAY	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Paul Zebrowski	Pietro Sciotto	Paul Sapiano	Annaliza
Reader 2	Cassie Abeynaike	Laurette Kairouz	Peter Greenham	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Bobbie Bartkus	Margaret Bradley	Leela Cherubim
	-	-	Mary Furlan	-

MORNING TEA: 5th May - Barbara & Liz

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 21ST 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
\$273.30	\$917.70	\$412.00	\$839.00	\$539.85	\$683.00



**CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL:** This weekend 4th / 5th

May. 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 or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT:** The four weekends of 4-5 May, 11-12 May, 18-19 May and 25-26 May have been selected for the count. The count should include ALL those in attendance at the Mass, including babies.

**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.



**FIFTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S - MAY 21ST 10.30A.M. – 12.00:**

Thank you for your generous donations towards door and raffle prizes, we now have sufficient. For catering purposes, if you can attend the morning tea please add your name to the list in the church foyer. Also, if you can donate a plate of food on the day please indicate this.

**MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** This Sunday 5th May following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**CHURCH FLOWER MINISTRY:** Behind the scenes, we have a wonderful team that arrange our beautiful church with flowers each week led by Michelle Penson. We are looking to build up this team and really need another person to lighten the load. Training will be provided. If flower arranging is something that interests you or would like to assist with, please contact the Parish office on 94571066.

**MAY ROSARY PRAYER:** Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary. Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) in May, Melbourne time 2pm. reflecting on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer intentions for peace, healing and blessings for parishes around the world. This online gathering is open to everyone in the parish community. See flyer in the foyer for more details.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Bert Chapman, Sue Chapman, 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.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Maria Teresa Umali, Daniela & Con Di Clemente, Maria, Gino & Sr Concetta Zannoni.

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