



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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## 25<sup>TH</sup> / 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### 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.*

### POPE FRANCIS' FOCUS

When Pope Francis instituted the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2015 he said the following: 'Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.'

'With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze,' the Pope went on to say, 'we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness.'

The Pope reminds us that Jesus showed us what mercy looks like. 'The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.'

Which shows us what kind of community our Merciful God calls us to be. 'Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life,' declared Pope Francis, reminding us that 'nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy.'

'All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers,' he stresses.

'From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God,' the Pope concludes, 'the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.'

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**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RENOVATIONS APPEAL:** Financial contributions to the cost of the current renovations to St John's are welcome. These include the completed upgrade to the foyer and steps. A new confessional and the dedication of the side chapel to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop are still to be completed, including the installation of a statue of St Mary. (See photo). A contribution form is available in the church foyer. Your contributions are appreciated.



**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, HOLY, HOLY!**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song of praise shall be:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All your works shall praise your name in earth  
and sky and sea:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

**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**

*Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22*

*Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

*R./*

With his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke; and they came to be.  
He commanded; they sprang into being.

*R./*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

*R./*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

*R./*

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 8:14-17*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

*All reply: Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

## COMMUNION: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

## Refrain

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in  
his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me **Ref.**

## RECESSIONAL: PRAISE GOD

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost..

All hail, adored Trinity;  
All praise eternal unity:  
O God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, ever One.



25 / 26 MAY	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	John McGrath	Kate Mathai	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Christine Soosairaj	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Laurette Kairouz
Communion	TBA	Marni Mant	Olivia Musitano	TBA
	-	-	Liz Sier	-
1 / 2 JUNE	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Claire Newsome	Jacqueline Lewis	Emily Andrews
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Pietro Sciotto	Paul Sapiano	TBA
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Christopher Ratnayake	Margaret Bradley	Sally Tramontana

**MORNING TEA:** 2nd June - Marguerite & Tina

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 19TH MAY 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)*

**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 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
\$343.00	\$849.60	\$952.00	\$753.15	\$459.65	\$1,428.00

**MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Next Sunday 2nd June, following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**THANK YOU, CANCER COUNCIL BIGGEST MORNING TEA:** On Tuesday May 21st St John's hosted a Biggest Morning Tea raising \$1,200 for cancer research. Thank you to the parishioners who supported this function by donating raffle items or money, attending, or supplying food. Thank you also to the helpers Beba, Marnie, Sally, Claire, Rosemary,, Michelina, Ida, Bobbie, Vernon and Stan, who were wonderful workers behind the scenes.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** On Sundays during the 10.30am. Mass we would like to offer young members of our parish an opportunity to hear the Word of God in a way they can better understand. To offer this ministry we need leaders. It is not necessary to commit each week, if we had sufficient volunteers your commitment might be once a month. Volunteers would need a Working with Children Check. Resources and training would be provided. If you can help or would like to find out more, please see Father Vinh or Father John following Mass or contact the Parish Office.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2024:** Next Saturday afternoon about 60 of our young parishioners will receive Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

*Loving God, may these children grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them. Amen.*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2024:** Next weekend we will have our annual winter appeal for the Heidelberg Conference of St Vincent De Paul. Those experiencing hardship this winter will be needing help more than ever. This year so far, the Heidelberg Conference has provided assistance to over 160 individuals and families in Heidelberg West and Heidelberg Heights, helping with food vouchers, furniture including beds and mattresses and with your help hope to assist with petrol vouchers and paying some utility bills. The conference receives no government funding and relies on the generosity of the community. There will be a leaving collection at all masses next weekend. We are also asking for donations of winter clothing - coats, jumpers, scarves and beanies to sell at our West Heidelberg shop. These can be left in the foyer of the church. Thank you.



**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:** Stanislaw Dudzinski.

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