



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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## 1ST / 2ND JUNE, BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, 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.*

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST). The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as followers of Jesus. The Eucharist calls and binds us together as disciples of Jesus. The Eucharist feeds, nurtures and nourishes us. As Jesus, tells us, *'the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world'*.

In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus takes up residence within each one of us. We become the very presence of Christ in our world. We carry Him into the real world every time we receive communion. We proclaim that the Lord continues to come into the world, through us. We are the Body of Christ.

Every time there is a Eucharistic celebration, the Body of Christ is made accessible and available to us. We celebrate the Eucharist as a community of faith, hope, and love. Corpus Christi is not just a memorial celebration but an experience of God's love.

Jesus' presence does make a difference in our lives when Christ becomes the center and focus of our every longing. Jesus offers us the gift of Himself to lead, guide, and protect us in our journey of faith. What an awesome gift we have in Jesus. His farewell gift to the Church is that He will be with us always until the end of time.

With great joy on this special Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, this weekend we welcomed 54 young people from our parish of St John's Heidelberg (St John's Catholic Primary School and other schools) together with their families and friends joining us to celebrate Mass and receive the Eucharist for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in their lives. Jesus gives them all His strength and joy and enables them to love as He loves. By receiving Holy Communion, they become united to all Catholics. Together, we form the Body of Jesus Christ. Let us congratulate them and keep them in our prayers. May our children and each of us be always nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ so that we may grow in our love for God and one another.

Happy Feast Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

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: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**

I am the bread of life.  
You who comes to me shall not hunger;  
You who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father beckons.

**Refrain**

And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and you who eats of this bread,  
You shall live for ever,  
you shall live for ever.

**Ref.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**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**

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book

of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 115:12-13. 15-18*

**Response:** I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

**R./**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

**R./**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people.

**R./**

**SECOND READING**

*Hebrews 9:11-15*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***Mark 14:12-16, 22-26*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

**COMMUNION : GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT****Refrain**

You satisfy the hungry heart  
With gift of finest wheat  
Come give to us, O Saving Lord  
The Bread of Life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep  
They know and heed his voice  
So when you call your family Lord  
We follow and rejoice.

**Ref**

With joyful lips, we sing to you  
Our praise and gratitude  
That you should count us worthy Lord  
To share this Heavenly food.

**Ref.**

Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf declare  
Our Oneness in the Lord?

**Ref.**

The mystery of your presence, Lord,  
No mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain  
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

**Ref.**

You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name  
In truth and charity.

**Ref.****RECESSIONAL: ON EAGLE'S WING**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in His shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain**

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

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
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8 / 9 JUNE	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	Sheila Serrao	Margaret Andrews	Christine Soosairaj
Reader 2	Pamela Smith	John McGrath	Kevin Andrews	Annaliza
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo & Charito Cosio	Olivia Musitano

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

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 26TH 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)*

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
\$251.20	\$836.50	\$429.00	\$524.05	\$512.90	\$781.00

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

**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.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RENOVATIONS APPEAL:** Financial contributions to the cost of the current renovations to St John's are welcome. A contribution form is available in the church foyer. Your contributions are much appreciated.

**COLLECTORS NEEDED:** We are most grateful for the faithful collectors at Mass however we would love to have other parishioners to commit to being on a Collectors' Roster. Having enough volunteers would mean a once-a-month commitment. If you are a regular attendee at either the 10.30a.m. or 5.00p.m. Mass you are invited to consider taking on this ministry. Please see Father Vinh or Father John following Mass to express your interest in this ministry or contact the parish office.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2024:** This 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 this 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, 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:** Pat Chenoweth, Mary Coulson, Mary Camilleri.

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