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.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Vinh Nguyen

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday
9:30am to 2:30pm

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:
Elizabeth Williamson

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE CHAIR:
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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.
And 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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7TH / 8TH NOVEMBER, 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

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.*



Please note new reduced pricing for our 175th Anniversary High Tea on Saturday the 21st of November

REUNION & MEMORABILIA – WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE.....

We would love some old school reports, uniform, photos of special days at St. John's both parish and school photos – sharing our rich heritage of past years or even the more recent past – we need to have these by next weekend the 14th/15th November so we can set up for the following weekend.

Also to help us with our Reunion weekend and Memorabilia display we are after the loan of a glass display case to show some precious items effectively. If you have one you can loan to us for the Reunion weekend 21/22nd November we would love to hear from you.

Please ring Michelle 0499891101 or the parish office 0394571066 if you can help us with any of the above.

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: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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 *Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8.

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R./**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R./**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R./**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R./**

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet

him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

Save us, Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Communion: Bread broken, wine shared

Refrain

Bread broken, wine shared; Jesus, here,
Taking our lives, opening our hearts,
making us whole, setting our loving free.

Take all our dreams, all that we are, all we could ever be. Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
we take bread and eat. **Ref.**

Open our minds, open our hearts, let love set us free within. Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
we pour wine and drink. **Ref.**

Make us alive, filled with Your hope, living what's really true. Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
we know this is You. **Ref.**

Recessional: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Ref.**



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7 / 8 Nov	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Margherita Bechelli	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Mary Kotefski
Reader 2	Amelia Bechelli	Elizabeth Williamson	Michelle Burns	Annaliza
Communion	Leo Hernandez	Bobbie Bartkus	Leo Cosio	Olivia Musitano
			Charito Cosio	
14 / 15 Nov	**Sat 6.00pm**	**Sun 8:30am**	**Sun 10:30am**	**Sun 5pm**
Reader 1	Paul Zebrowski	Cheryl Jayaweera	Kate Mathai	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Domenica Ashworth	Elizabeth Williamson	Peter Greenham	Emily Andrews
Communion	Donna Richardson	Chris Ratnayake	Vin Sier	Sally Tramontana
			Liz Sier	

Morning Tea: 15th November - Margaret & Kate

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Envelopes	**Loose Collection**	**Bank Direct**	**Envelopes**	**Loose Collection**	**Bank Direct**
$508.59	$817.61	$804.65	$528.25	$408.33	$883.55

Episcopal Visitation – 20–22 November 2026

We warmly welcome Bishop Thinh Nguyen, who will be making an Episcopal Visitation to our parish from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd November 2026.

This visitation is an opportunity for the Bishop to get to know our parish more deeply, listen to our community, affirm our pastoral life and mission, and reflect with us on our hopes and priorities for the future. During his visit, Bishop Thinh will meet with our clergy, parish and school leadership, staff, key ministries and parishioners, and celebrate the sacraments with our community, especially the Eucharist.

A Parish Forum will be held on Saturday 21 November, from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon, in the Francis Xavier Room. This is an opportunity for parishioners to share their thoughts, hopes and concerns directly with the Bishop.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend and participate.

St John's Youth Group gathering: This Sunday 8th November after the 5pm Mass in St John's Hall. All youth from Secondary school Year 9 to 30 years of age are warmly welcome.

Parish Memorial Mass: On Tuesday 17th November at 7.00pm. We gather to celebrate a Remembrance Mass for our family members and friends who have passed away. Please come early before Mass and write down your name and the name of the person/s you have come to remember. We invite you to bring a photograph of your loved ones.

Morning Tea and Games: Next weekend the 15th of November in the Parish Hall following 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026. Copies available to be taken in the church foyer.

Happy 96th Birthday Nancy Kennedy

Please Remember in your prayers

The Sick: James Annal, Fr Michael Anghel, Gianna Yee, Anne, Maureen McKeown, Allan Panaligan, Brad Selkrig, Eva Suante, Gabriel Aloise, Gloria Torres, Sergio Furlan, Margaret Sinclair, Wendy Wales, Ross Pace.
Anniversary: Teresa Dickson.

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

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