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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9:30am to 2:30pm

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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:
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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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14TH / 15TH NOVEMBER, 33RD 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.*

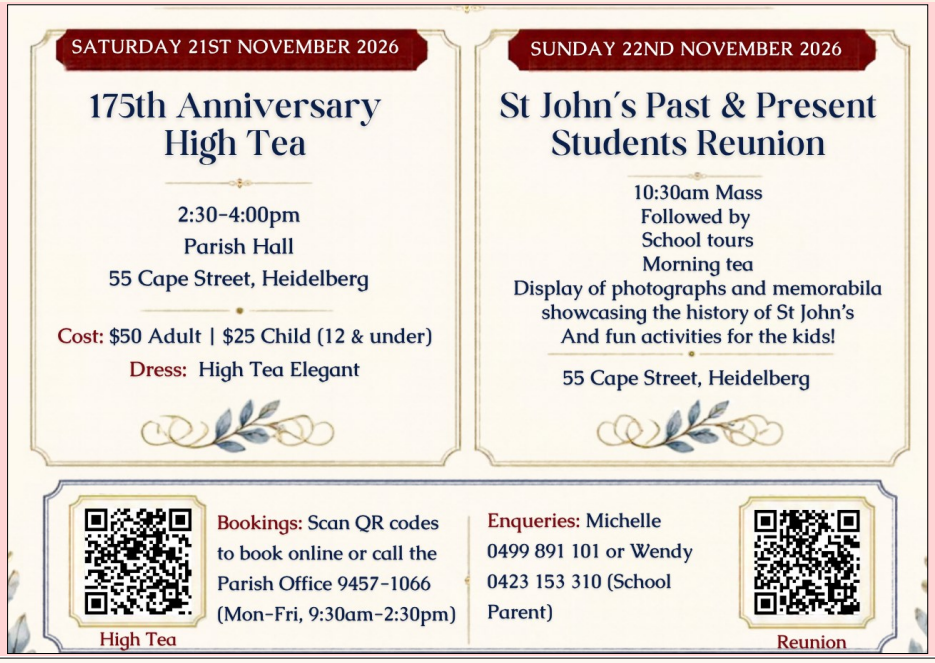
EPISCOPAL VISITATION – 20–22 NOVEMBER 2026

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.



Please note new reduced pricing for our 175th Anniversary High Tea on Saturday the 21st of November 2026

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: For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies;
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies;
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on Earth and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled,
Christ, our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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 *Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31*

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5.

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. R./

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. R./

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. R./

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five

talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

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

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Communion: 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.**

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. **Ref.**

I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life,
You who believes in Me
Even if you die,
You shall live for ever. **Ref.**

Recessional: Though the Mountains May Fall

Refrain

Though the mountains may fall and
the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God!

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you. **Ref.**

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14 / 15 Nov	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Margaret Andrews	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	
21 / 22 Nov	**Sat 6.00pm**	**Sun 8:30am**	**Sun 10:30am**	**Sun 5pm**
Reader 1	Adrian Daly	Ophelia Le	Peter Penson	*Children Led*
Reader 2	Vernon Curtis	Peter Le	Jacqueline Lewis	
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Bobbie Bartkus	Brian McIntosh	Marni Mant
			Mary Furlan	

Morning Tea: 15th November - Margaret & Kate

Average Collections - October 2026

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Envelopes	**Loose Collection**	**Bank Direct**	**Envelopes**	**Loose Collection**	**Bank Direct**
$508.59	$817.61	$710.43	$528.25	$408.33	$1,492.81

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: This weekend the 15th of November in the Parish Hall following 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

WORKING BEE: Saturday November 28th 10.30am – 12.30pm. If you have an hour or two to help prepare the church and grounds for Christmas, we would be most grateful. Equipment needed - brooms, buckets, dusters, and anything else that you think may be useful. **Please add your name to sheet in the porch.**

St John's Youth Group gathering: On Sunday 22nd 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.

'To everyone who has will be given more.'

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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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: Bobby Dunne.

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

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