

Faith

St John's Parish—Heidelberg

Welcome to week two of our Parish Stewardship Program.

This week is all about FAITH!

We ask you to reflect on the importance of faith in your life. Is your faith the foundation of who you are? Does it drive the way you choose to live your life?

We also ask you to re-affirm the importance of Sunday Mass – how we come together as a community to celebrate our faith. The Eucharist is something much bigger than ourselves – it is not a private or anonymous experience. The communal celebration of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass gives us the spiritual nourishment to live our lives as true disciples of Jesus.

Finally, we ask you to commit to growing in faith – to take the opportunity to learn and develop a mature understanding of our faith.

Note that Father Mario will have a special Homily on this weeks' theme of FAITH at all Masses this weekend.

Thoughts from our Leadership Team

What does celebrating your faith as a parish community mean to you?

"Working together as a team. Helping each other. Self-expansion"

"Sense of commitment and belonging in working towards becoming a better person. Contributing to an organisation that can help improve our community"

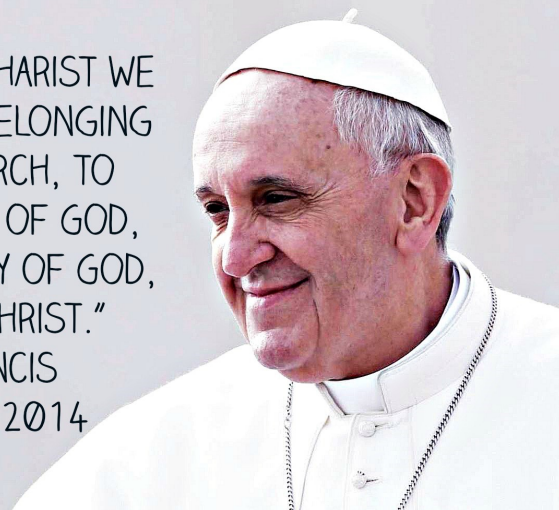
"it's meaning for me is a sense of belonging and connection to the larger world community"

"To celebrate my faith in my parish community I need to receive the Sacraments, come together as a group to support others and to be supported, and to come closer to God in personal prayer and in celebrating the Sacraments"

"IN THE EUCHARIST WE FEEL THIS BELONGING TO THE CHURCH, TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD, TO THE BODY OF GOD, TO JESUS CHRIST."

- POPE FRANCIS

5 FEBRUARY 2014



Ministry Focus

Ministers of Communion

We are always in need of more Ministers of Communion at all our parish Masses. A training workshop for NEW Ministers of Communion will be held on Sunday 29th July from 11:45am to 1:00pm. All Welcome!

Bereavement Group

Parishioners are needed who can visit grieving families after the loss of a loved one. Contact Fr Mario.

Sacristans

Parishioners are needed during some of our masses to help set up before Mass and to make sure the different aspects of Mass are looked after. This is an important ministry to help us in the way we worship as a community. Anyone interested please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

Welcomers

As we pray in our parish prayer, our parish community is a welcoming community. This can become more obvious when we can afford to have parishioners ready to welcome their parishioner friends as they gather for Mass. We invite parishioners to volunteer for this ministry.

Key Dates

28th & 29th July	Faith Weekend
4th & 5th August	Community Weekend
8th August 7:30pm	Our Future Forum
10th August 10:00am	
11th & 12th August	Our Future Weekend