

"A PARISH IS A COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES, A SANCTUARY WHERE THE THIRSTY COMES TO DRINK IN THE MIDST OF THEIR JOURNEY, AND A CENTRE OF CONSTANT MISSIONARY OUTREACH"

POPE FRANCIS,  
EVANGELII GAUDIUM 28



### Key Dates

4th & 5th August	Community Weekend
11th & 12th August	Our Future Weekend
4th September	Program Social

### Our Future Forum—8th & 10th August

*Forum to discuss parish achievements, plans & values*

<b>8th August</b> 7:30 pm	<b>10th August</b> 10:00 am
<i>Francis Xavier Meeting Room</i>	<i>Francis Xavier Meeting Room</i>

### Thoughts from our Leadership Team

*Why is it important to be involved in Parish Groups and Ministries?*

"The Parish groups cater for the gifts of parishioners who want to share their gifts and services with others in need e.g. St Vinnies, or help with 'jobs' in the church e.g. Altar Society or in connection with the Liturgy e.g. parish choirs"

"Provides stimulus to others. Personal and faith growth"

"It is a way of giving back to the community and share the blessings we have received"

"I truly believe that its through giving that we receive. By sharing our gifts and talents that God has given us within the parish groups and ministries we are sewing the seeds and nourishing God's kingdom"

## St John's—Heidelberg

Welcome to week three of our Parish Stewardship Program.

This week celebrates the role of our parish as a community of faith – as an authentic community where people are welcomed, known and loved.

It is a place of care, support and outreach – with a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel.

This means that we all have a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others – making our time available to be involved in one of our many groups and ministries. We all have a contribution to make – so have a look at the "Groups & Ministries" list to see what best suits you.

At Masses this weekend we will hear from members of the Parish Leadership team who will talk about the impact our faith and our parish has made in their lives and how important it is for us all to make our contributions to parish life.

## Ministry Focus

**Welcomers at Mass:** Our parish is a welcoming community. It is nice to be welcomed by a friendly face as we come together for our Sunday Mass. Parishioners are welcome to join this special ministry.

**GEMS:** A growing group of parishioners over 55 years of age come together every Tuesday morning to enjoy friendship and support over a cup of tea. Crafts, card games, scrabble, movies, lunches, discussions and more. Contact: Elizabeth 0447 195 553, Jan 0423 478 504.

**Playgroup:** For all children, parent and grandparents. Meets every Monday morning during school term from 9:30am to 11:00am. All welcome. Contact Rachele Hitch (0431 810 771 or [rachele.hitch@hotmail.com](mailto:rachele.hitch@hotmail.com))