

**PUT DATE IN YOUR 2015 DIARY –**

**ALL WELCOME**



## **SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY – PARISH PICNIC**

Australia Day (well weekend after the day itself). after 10.30am Mass there will be a Parish Picnic – Sausage sizzle & some fun Cricket for those who wish to play or watch.

2-12 yr old Bring along your best Australian drawing. Over 12 bring along a piece of memorabilia or Australiana. (Prizes) Fun for all



## **WEDDING**

It's not every day the bride walks across the road to church, or is a member of the parish pastoral council but this was the case when Catherine Andrews married Gabriel on 16th November.

We congratulate them and wish them well in their future life together.

## **WELCOME TO FR LONGINUS**

We warmly welcome Fr Longinus to St John's. Longinus comes from Nigeria and will be working part time in our parish while he is studying at Melbourne University. He is one of six siblings who apart from him all live in Nigeria.

He sings very well and I am sure he will be a great asset to our parish. Introduce yourself to him and ensure he is made to feel part of our parish community.

## **AUSTIN HOSPITAL MASS**

We take this opportunity to thank all those who signed the petition to continue to celebrate mass monthly at the Austin Hospital. After some months of correspondence and some writing personally to the management we now have confirmation that the mass will continue.

St John's parishioners have been assisting patients who want to and are able to come to Mass in the chapel once a month for well over 60 years. For many years Phil Ryan led the program and then Sister Jean and Jim Kann. Maria Bechelli now sets up and leads us and Patricia Seymon plays the organ and volunteer parishioners assists in the brining down of patients.

This Mass is very special and each one is different. The Mass has usually been on the fourth Sunday of the month. Next year from January it will be held on the third Sunday of the month at 9.30am. Volunteers meet at 8.45am to visit the wards and see who we can wheel or assist to the chapel for the Mass. The chapel is on Level 2.

***Parishioners and Volunteers are most welcome to join and minister to the patients by their presence at the Mass.***



## **NEW PARISH COUNCIL**

Members (L–R)

Front row – Lesa Meese, Kate Matthai;

2<sup>nd</sup> row – Catherine Andrews, Ronnie Maloney, Liz Turner, Leila Cherubim, Sr Loretto;

Back row – Maureen Hegarty, Brendan Harty, Fr Mario, Michelle Penson & Bill Barnes.

## WE REMEMBER

November is the month where we especially think about those who have died. A special Mass is held each year as a time to reflect on the lives of those now resting in God's hands.

This year we thought we would list the names of those whose funerals were held at St. John's.

We may know the names and remember some who gave so much of themselves to our parish and the wider community. Their contribution is recognised and we thank them.

### FUNERALS HELD AT ST JOHN'S IN 2014.

Ivan Sheehan, Anne Rumball, Francis Hayes, Jim Lanigan, Maria Florianski, Felice Schiavone, Philip Barbeta, Maria Wesoley, Pat Heywood, Francis O'Neill, Maureen Raywood, Enid Delaney, Sylvia Cross, Valma McCoy, Giovanni Moro, Deana Walker, Eileen Cook, Kathleen Moloney, Charles Considine, Maureen Cummane, Miles Blackford, Bernadette Gilmartin, Frank Mizzi, Noel Manton and Martina Vartuli.

*Below we make special mention of Ivan Sheehan as he was a special part of our parish for a long time.*

#### **Ivan Sheehan – 18.8.1926 – 8.11.2014**

Parishioner of St John's Heidelberg for all of his 88 years and 82 days. Ivan was regarded by many as "an elder statesman of the Parish". There was no denying his honesty and directness.

A sentence in the gospel reading from Ivan's Funeral Mass could easily have been his motto for life, "trust in God still and trust in me". Such was Ivan's faithfulness, his dedication to family, to the parish and whatever else he took on. We recall particularly in later life Ivan was there when something was to be fixed or work done, especially around St John's.

Ivan was born in Templestowe when it was part of St John's parish, baptised at St John's, attended St Monica's school (later St John's) received all the Sacraments at St John's including those of his wedding to Josie and finally the Rite of Burial. He certainly was a

Ivan's family ran a Templestowe hotel. The family moved to Heidelberg when Ivan was five living first in Brown Street, then Hawdon Street. After finishing secondary school at Parade College East Melbourne (probably having gained what was known in those times as the Merit Certificate, grade 8) Ivan commenced an apprenticeship as a wood turner/cabinet maker at Rouch's timber and hardware in Burgundy Street on the site which is now Leo's Supermarket. Ivan was at Rouch's for 27 years, until it closed in 1970. The following 17 years were spent working with Sidney Cooke Fasteners.

Ivan and Josie Hogan married in 1952, living in the Hogan family home at 57 Cape Street, the double storey home next to St Monica's Hall (formerly the school), until Ivan finished building the family home at 5 Weyburn Court. Ivan and Josie raised 8 children.

The envy of many was Ivan's workshop where he spent time putting his trade skills to use, particularly in retirement. He was so generous in assisting many, including at St John's, mending, improving or repairing whatever needed to be done. His legacy remains in many handrails on doors of the church to assist the elderly, wheels he placed on the baptismal font, a font in which Ivan and Josie's own children and grandchildren were baptised.

Other than his family and parish, Ivan's other great interest was Heidelberg Football Club which he served for many years both as a player and administrator. He was awarded Life Memberships of both the Football Club and the Diamond Valley Football League. Ivan was known to look after some of the young players by putting them up for the night. Boys who were best described as "tired" after a rugged match, but more honestly were "legless" and best not seen by parents... another example of his kindness.

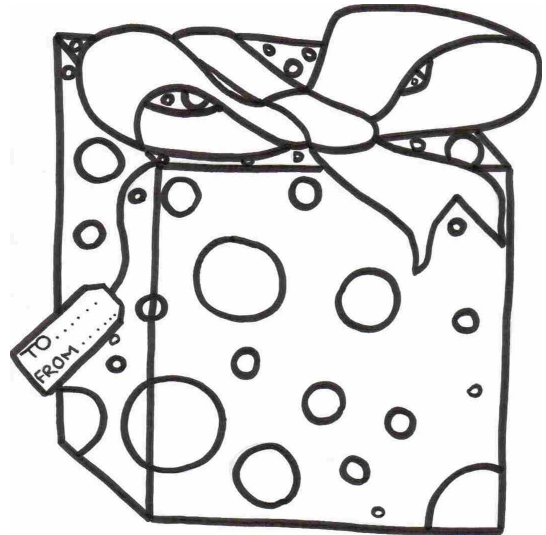
Ivan was farewelled in a packed church at St John's with those unable to be inside the church seated in front of a big screen in the parish hall.

We will miss Ivan Sheehan. Rest in Peace.

CHRISTMAS FUN!

**Christmas Quiz for Kids Questions**

1. How is Rudolf's nose described in the song?
2. What date in December is Christmas Day ?
3. How many Wise Men were there?
4. What three gifts did the Wise Men bring for the baby Jesus?
5. What did Frosty the Snowman have for a nose?
6. What's the name of the evergreen plant that it's traditional to kiss under ?
7. What guided the wise men to the infant Jesus?
8. How many sides does a snowflake have?
9. What did Mary wrap the baby Jesus in?
10. According to the carol, how many ships came sailing in on Christmas Day?
11. What were the shepherds doing in the fields?
12. Who helps Santa Claus to make toys for Christmas?
13. In which town was the baby Jesus born?
14. How would you say 'Merry Christmas' in France?



Colour the present above

**Word search**

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Comet</i>      | <i>Prancer</i>        |
| <i>Cupid</i>      | <i>Reindeer</i>       |
| <i>Dancer</i>     | <i>Rudolph</i>        |
| <i>Dasher</i>     | <i>Saint Nicholas</i> |
| <i>Elves</i>      | <i>Santa</i>          |
| <i>Grotto</i>     | <i>Sleigh</i>         |
| <i>Lapland</i>    | <i>Snow</i>           |
| <i>Mrs Claus</i>  | <i>Toys</i>           |
| <i>North Pole</i> | <i>Vixen</i>          |

*Christmas Jokes!*

**What did the big candle say to the little candle ?**

**I'm going out tonight! Ho! Ho! Ho!**

**What do sheep say to shepherds at Christmastime?**

**Season's Bleatings! Ho! Ho! Ho!**

- Answers**
1. Red and Shiny
  2. December 25
  3. Three
  4. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
  5. A Button
  6. Mistletoe
  7. Star
  8. Six
  9. Swaddling clothes
  10. Three
  11. Watching their flocks
  12. The Christmas Elves
  13. Bethlehem
  14. Joyeux Noel

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## ST JOHN'S PARISH DIRECTORY

### 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*

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Assistant Priest: - Fr Longinus Onyechesi

Sacrament Coordinator: - Sr Loreto Lynch RSM

Parish Secretary

*(Parish Office is open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri from 9am to 2.00pm)*

Parish Primary School

55 Cape St, Heidelberg 3084

School Principal: - Mr Nick Marinelli

Ph: 9459 2963 Fax: 9459 0133

School Secretaries:

Teresa Mattei / Melanie Sharples

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat: 6.00 pm,

Sun: 8.30 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm

Mass at the Austin Hospital at 9.30 am on the third Sunday of the month as of January 2015.

*(On Christmas Day in December.)*

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon to Sat: 9.15 am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 9.45 am & 5.30 pm.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Wednesday: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Thursday: 9.45 am – 11.00 am

Friday: 8.00 am – 9.00 am

BAPTISMS: On Sundays at 11:45am, by appointment.

Baptism Information Evening:

Last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the parish house, except the months of December and January.

### WEDDINGS

By appointment

*Articles for the next Echo most welcome. Please email to the parish secretary or hand in at the parish office.*

*ECHO - Magazine of St John's Catholic Parish Heidelberg - December 2014*

After Care – Stacey – 9457 6573

Altar Servers – Fr Mario

Altar Society – Pauline Griffiths – 94597093

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sr Loreto 9457 1066

Choir & Music – Sr Loreto – 9457 1066

Cycling Group – Peter Symes – 9458 2332

Echo Magazine – Michelle Penson – 9457 2351

Finance Committee – Des O'Brien (Chair) – 9457 1066

Hall Hire – Fran Gasior 0417 972 317

Heidelcare (Ecumenical) –

Rosemary Vecchies – 9459 0729

Legion of Mary – Tues 7.30 pm. New members welcome.

Liturgy Committee – Ronnie Maloney – 9459 1798

Parish After School Religion classes –

Sr Loreto 9457 1066

Parish Council – Michelle Penson (Chair) 9457 2351

Playgroup – Vanessa Javier – 0418 382 915

Readers' Roster – Parish Secretary – 9457 1066

St Vincent de Paul – John Griffiths – 94597093

School Education Board –

Michelle Robertson – 9457 3214

School Maintenance Committee –

Nick Marinelli – 9459 2963

Sunday Counters – John Griffiths – 9459 7093

Sunday Morning Coffee – Barbara Dabal – 9459 3990

Tennis Club – Des O'Brien – 9499 9056

Thanksgiving Committee – Xavier Csar – 9455 1706