



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street

HEIDELBERG

## 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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10:00am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri only)

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

### AUSTIN HOSPITAL MASS:

3rd Sunday of the Month at 9:30am.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** 9:15am

**ROSARY:** Monday to Saturday after Mass.

### LECTIO DIVINA:

Every second and fourth

Monday of the month at 7:30pm, in the

parish house.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Tuesday night at 7:30pm

in the parish house. Info: Sue 9459 8604

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday: 7:30pm - 9:00pm;

Thursday: 9:40am - 11:00am,

Friday: 8:00am - 9:00am

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday at 9:45am & 5:30pm

or by appointment

**BAPTISMS:** On Sundays at 11:45am, by

appointment.

### BAPTISM INFORMATION EVENING:

Last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm

in the parish house, except Dec and Jan.

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment (9457 1066).

**PARISH PILGRIM STATUE OF MARY:** In order

to have the statue of Mary in your home

for one week please contact Marj

McBroom on 9440 8885.

20/21 May 2017 - 6th Sunday of Easter Yr A

*Dear parishioners, visitors and friends.*

### *Jesus' abiding presence*

*In the gospel for last week Jesus reflected on two understandings of his 'going away' and 'return': first, his going away in death and his re-appearance three days later as risen Lord; second, his more final departure to the Father, to return only at the end of time. The section from Jesus' instruction that we hear today focuses upon the much longer period of absence involved in his 'going away' in this second sense.*

*As far as the non-believing world is concerned, Jesus will simply seem to have ceased to exist. We who believe, however, will continue 'see' him with the eyes of faith and 'will live' in the experience of his presence. In loving the Lord and keeping his commandments, we participate in the mutual love that unites Father and Son. This means that, while deprived of the comfort of Jesus' physical presence, we should not feel 'orphaned.'*

*In this connection Jesus speaks of 'another Paraclete' whom he will ask the Father to give. A 'paraclete' is someone who stands beside a person in time of difficulty, a supportive and encouraging presence. We might think, for example, of a highly respected person who might accompany us to court and act as a character witness on our behalf. Though Jesus will no longer be physically present to carry out this role, the community will have 'another paraclete' in the shape of the Holy Spirit.*

*In the face of the world's hostility and doubt, the 'Spirit of truth' will offer reassurance that what we believe and seek to live by is the most profound truth.*

*Fr Brendan Byrne sj*

*The new meeting rooms have been named: Mary Mackillop counselling room and Francis Xavier meeting room. The Mackillop family lived within the boundaries of the parish, which at that stage was much bigger than it is today. The first church built in our parish was dedicated to St Francis Xavier a Jesuit missionary to India, Sri Lanka, Japan and China.*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Zoe Rakis, Chloe Chapple, Audrey Failla, Harriet & Archer Mundy.

**THE SICK:** Sally Burton, Sally Hodgson, David Kemp, Paul Kemp, Michael Saveriaves, Franca Valmorbida, Teresita Idquival.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Adam O'Toole, Carolina Righetto.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maria Fabris, Bepi Perin.

*Names on the sick list remain for six weeks, unless otherwise advised.*

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

<b>20 May/21 May</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Adrian Daly	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie	Bernie Zwolak
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	John James	Mary Harty	Claire Newsome	Kamilla Zwolak
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Teresa Lincoln	Marie Hankin	Catie Nesbitt
	Donna Richardson	Alice Wong	Yannick Jonas	Johanna Nesbitt
	Christopher Ratnayake	Peter O'Donoghue	Tim Boyle	Tony Rowlands
	Domenica Ashworth	Raymund Erese	Maureen Howard	Philip Johnson
<b>27 May/28 May</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Michael Leonard	Ronnie Maloney	Michelle Robertson	Rosemary Vecchies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Garry Sproules	Anita Metcalf	Des O'Brien
Communion	Noel Micallef	Stanly Devasia	Sue Lew Kee	Leela Cherubim
	Margaret Urquhart	Val Wallis	Kate Mathai	Margaret Hansen
	Maria Basilone	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Doris Schembri	Jenny Hollaway
	Marie-Rose Auguste	Margaret Bradley	Barbara Lonergan	Jan McQueen
Counters	<b>21 May:</b> Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis & <b>28 May:</b> Graeme Foote, Michael Tilley, James Watson.			
<b>Collection Weekly Average for April</b>			<b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b>	
Parish		Presbytery		May 2017: Val 9458 2981
Stewardship	\$3110.70	Stewardship	\$632.58	June 2017: Jenny 9459 7174
Loose	\$888.63	Loose	\$458.16	
<b>Thank you</b> for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

**AUSTIN MASS:** this Sunday. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass at the chapel. Parishioners are also invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence.

**Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal:** this weekend supporting the work of Catholic chaplains in youth justice facilities, in hospitals, in prisons, seafarers and people living with HIV/AIDS. Donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your donation.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped celebrate the 90th Anniversary of our St Vincent de Paul Conference last week. Anniversary celebrations continue on the weekend of the 24th and 25th June.

**PARISH MASS COUNT:** During the month of May we are having the annual Mass count. This is normally carried out during the offertory. Thank you.

**Parish Pilgrim statue of Mary:** The statue of Mary goes around our parish from home to home, one week at a time. Please consider inviting Mary into your home for one week. This can be an opportune moment for you and your friends to come together in prayer. Having the statue of Mary in our home is another reminder of God's many gifts in our life. Please please contact Marj McBroom on 9440 8885.

**CHURCH TV MONITOR 'TECHNICIANS' NEEDED.** Now that we have started using our church monitors during Sunday Masses we need people—young and older—to operate the computer. The process is very simple and training is provided. Anyone interested in this ministry please speak to Fr Mario. Thank you.

**SERVE THE SERVERS GATHERING:** Saturday 3rd June after 6:00pm Mass. Let us celebrate and thank our young servers over a movie and popcorn!

**EXPERIENCE TAIZE:** Friday, 26th May, 6:00pm to 7:00pm at St Pius X Church. All welcome! Light supper after prayer provided.

#### **COMING PARISH EVENTS:**

⇒ **SUNDAY 2ND JULY** - Fr Mario's 25th anniversary of priesthood at 10:30am, followed by morning tea.

⇒ **SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST** - Fr Ted's 50th anniversary of priesthood at 10:30am, followed by morning tea.

**ST JOHN'S FAMILY PARISH LUNCH:** on Sunday 18th June at 12noon in the parish hall. Adults \$26, children \$10, preschoolers free. Children's entertainment provided. Bookings: on [trybooking.com/278207](http://trybooking.com/278207) / Maureen 0423877736 / leave name on the sheet in porch.

**PARISH RAFFLE:** 120 Litre bar fridge full of drinks. Bar fridge is padlocked and 100 keys are being sold for \$10.00 each. The holder of the key that unlocks the padlock wins the bar fridge! Thank you to parishioners who donated fridge and drinks. Please buy your keys after weekend Masses. Try your luck with the padlock at the parish lunch on 18th June.

**FURNITURE FOR NEW PARISH MEETING ROOMS:** after the refurbishments we now need to buy some new furniture. Please find a catalogue chairs and tables in the porch of the church. We invite you to see if you can help by paying for some of this furniture. A list of donors will be kept. Thank you to the donors who have already paid for two tables.

**UNDERSTANDING CHANGE, LOSS AND GRIEF SEMINAR:** significant part of life, yet often we do not recognise their impact. Seminar dates: Thursdays 8th June, 6th July and 3rd August, 6.00 to 9.00pm, at St John's parish house (Francis Xavier meeting room). Cost: \$20 for Seasons for Growth workbook RSVP: Nominate your preferred session to Julie Jensen on 0411 241005 or [julie@changesinbetween.com](mailto:julie@changesinbetween.com) places are limited.

**GARDENING DESIGN, RESTORATION & MAINTENANCE:** St James Landscapes. Contact Greg Koen on 0498 630 412 or email [stjameslandscapes@gmail.com](mailto:stjameslandscapes@gmail.com)