



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 0414 289 304.

*1st / 2nd July 2017 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A*

## *Reflection on my 25 years of priestly ministry*

*Dear parishioners, visitors and friends.*

*This Monday, 3rd July, I give thanks to God for 25 years of priestly ministry. I also thank you parishioners who have insisted with me that we need to celebrate this occasion as a parish family. Thank you all for your support and generosity.*

*This occasion gives me yet another opportunity to reflect on what it means to be priest. A common image in our Christian tradition is to compare the relationship between priest and people to that of sheep and shepherd. Taking his inspiration from this image, Pope Francis encouraged priests to 'smell like the sheep;' inviting priests not to be afraid to working with and among the 'sheep.'*

*The One True Good Shepherd is indeed Jesus Christ, who gives up his life for us all; as priest my role is more like that of deputy to the shepherd. Moreover, the duty of the Christian is to listen to the voice of the True Shepherd and follow him as a faithful disciple.*

*As priest I am, first of all, a disciple. My duty to listen to the voice of the Shepherd and to continue my own faith journey in his footsteps. As I do this I have also been given the role of deputy shepherd with the duty to speak the words of the True Shepherd in a way that can be understood by the rest of the flock today. This is a very humbling experience.*

*It is a great privilege to have been asked, four years ago, to continue my journey with and within the parish community of St John's. Thank you for your generous welcome, sincere friendship and continued support. This trusting relationship makes it easier for us to be able to journey together.*

*Please continue praying for me daily so that I may continue to live faithfully my discipleship with you and among you.*

*Thank you.*

*Fr Mario*

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Francesco Paonessa, Mavis Rochford, Adrian Forster, Dorothy Collier, Keith Comerford, Fr Michael Sheehy, Fr Dennis O'Callaghan, Manvel Sanchez, Brigitte Le Guen, Sr Ellen Woods.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Phyllis Maggs, Ivka Ozvacic, Tom Whelan.

*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>1 July/2 July</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	TBA	Max Chester	Peter Penson	Mary Kotefski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	TBA	Elizabeth Williamson	Harsha Dilip	Des O'Brien
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Pauline Griffiths	Tim Boyle	Leo Cosio
	Maria Basilone	Fiona Curry	Beena Dilip	Charito Cosio
	Emma Chang	Stanly Devasia	Leo Hernandez	Sally Tramontana
	TBA	TBA	Yannick Jonas	Leela Cherubim
<b>8 July/9 July</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Claire Newsome	Peter Penson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Anita Metcalf	Marguerite Ryan	Bob Dowling	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Margaret Bradley	Sue Lew-Kee	Sally Tramontana
	Margaret Urquhart	Mary Harty	Doris Schembri	Jenny Hollaway
	Christopher Ratnayake	Peter O'Donoghue	Geraldine Manuel	Michelle Penson
	TBA	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Erin Manuel	Tony Rowlands
Counters	<b>2 July:</b> Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso & <b>9 July:</b> Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis.			
<b>Collection Weekly Average for May</b>			<b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b>	
Parish	Presbytery		July 2017: Jenny 9459 7174	
Stewardship	\$3170.50	Stewardship	August 2017: Marilyn 9459 1950	
Loose	\$737.44	Loose	Morning Tea, 2nd July: Rosa & Maureen	
<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.				

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourself known. Call, email and say hello. We look forward to meeting new people living amongst us. (heidelberg@cam.org.au / 9457 1066) Welcome packs are also available in the church porch.

**CATHOLIC VISITORS AT THE AUSTIN HOSPITAL:** One important ministry in our parish is visiting Catholic patients at the Austin Hospital to offer them support and prayers and share with them the sacrament of Communion. The aim is to visit the whole hospital twice weekly. In order to be able to achieve this we need more volunteers who could offer two hours, one day a week, between Monday and Friday. If you think this is a ministry you could share in, please contact Fr Mario. More volunteers are very urgently needed for this ministry.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE:** will be coming to St Martin of Tours Parish Rosanna from Saturday 8th to Saturday 14th July as part of the centenary celebrations of the apparitions of Our Lady. The statue will be at St John's on Wednesday 12th July. Celebrations include Mass at 9:15am followed by prayers and Rosary. Please see flyer in church porch. For information contact Sue on 94598604.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Every Friday morning a group of parishioners spend time cleaning and preparing our church for the Sunday celebrations. More volunteers for this ministry are needed. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Emails are a very important means of communications in our world. The parish newsletter and various other communications are regularly sent out by email to all parishioners. Please contact the parish office to update your email address if you are not presently receiving communication from the parish.

On 22nd July Fr Ted celebrates 50 years of priesthood. As a parish we join Fr Ted in this celebration on Sunday 6th August at 10:30am Mass, followed by morning tea. Details to follow. Please keep this date free and join us for this celebration.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL:** Last week. Thank you for your generosity. A nice amount of groceries have been donated and \$1,558.55 was collected. Thank you.

**LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** members have been helping local families and individuals in the Heidelberg area for many years. This assistance continues to be as important as ever. To ensure that we can continue to assist those who battle to survive in our local community, some of your time is needed. Please come and hear more about the work done by the St Vincent de Paul society members in our area. 7:30pm on Tuesday 4th of July in the Francis Xavier meeting room at the parish house.

**OLMC HEIDELBERG:** Enrolments for Year 7 – 2019 now open. Applications close on Friday 25 August 2017. School Tours on Wednesday 19th July 4:30 – 6:00pm and Monday 24th July 9:00 – 10:30am. Bookings: <http://www3.olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au/new/enrolments/college-tours> Info: 94592511 / mohalloran@olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au *Please note: from this year applications for all Catholic secondary schools need to be received by the end of August in the applicant's Grade 5 year.*

**OLMC TRIVIA NIGHT:** All welcome to the OLMC annual trivia night on Saturday 29th July at 7:00pm. Major raffle and silent auction table with fabulous items. Tickets \$20 through trybooking or contact Maureen on 0423 877 736. Book as an individual or make up a table. BYO food & drinks. [www.trybooking.com/283058](http://www.trybooking.com/283058)

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** 17th August 7:30pm.