



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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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.

16/17 September 2017 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

FORGIVENESS BEYOND CALCULATION

In the parable of the Unforgiving Debtor that Jesus tells in response to Peter's question about forgiveness, the debt of "ten thousand talents" is an utterly fantastic sum: "billions of dollars" in today's terms—something that the servant, despite his plea for time, could never hope to repay. He stands to lose absolutely everything—freedom, family, possessions—for his whole life long. The master's generosity in cancelling the debt in effect restores his life.

In contrast, the debt that the servant himself is owed by a fellow servant and is violently unwilling to remit is paltry. The equivalent of a few hundred days' wages, given time it could easily be paid off. Hence the wickedness of the servant in not passing on to his fellow even a tiny portion of the immense generosity he had himself received.

The Lord would have Peter and all members of the community understand that they live as people who, through Christ's costly love, have received remission of a debt (the debt of sin) that they could never repay. How inappropriate then an unwillingness to forgive fellow members of the community the "debts" set up by injury on a much smaller scale.

That said, we know that forgiveness is not something to speak of lightly. For people who have been deeply wronged finding the capacity to forgive may be the task of a lifetime. It cannot simply be willed—still less prescribed, urged or imposed by others who have not shared the loss. It is a grace, an entrance into the mystery of God's own generosity.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

Only in silence can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence.

Verbum Domini (2010)66

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Patricia Mulholland, Marie Hankin, Ruth Mc Guire, Aileen Powell, Franca Valmorbida.

ANNIVERSARY: Wal Kennedy, Luigi Pace, Joseph Esposito.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ann Cusack (nee Gregor).

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.

16 Sept/17 Sept	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Bernadette Nzenza	Anita Metcalf	Giuseppe Amoroso
2 nd Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Ronnie Maloney	Michael Leonard	Margaret Andrews
Communion	Donna Richardson	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Geraldine Manuel	Joanna Nesbitt
	Adrian Daly	Mary Harty	Erin Manuel	Catie Nesbitt
	Maria Basilone	Elizabeth Williamson	Kate Mathai	Des O'Brien
	Emma Chang	Alice Wong	Doris Schembri	Margaret Hansen
23 Sept/24 Sept	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Michael Leonard	Elizabeth Williamson	Bob Dowling	Peter Penson
2 nd Reader	Anita Metcalf	TBA	Robyn Laurie	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Noel Micallef	Christopher Ratnayake	Nigel Mant	Michelle Penson
	Margaret Urquhart	Margaret Bradley	Marni Mant	Leo Cosio
	Donna Richardson	Mary Harty	Tim Boyle	Charito Cosio
	Emma Chang	Stanly Devasia	Leonore Giliberto	Tony Rowlands
Counters	17 Sept: Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue & 24 Sept: Stephen Devenish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli.			
Collection Weekly Average for August				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		September 2017: Cath 9459 9420
Stewardship	\$3515.13	Stewardship	\$737.82	October 2017: Marilyn 9459 1950
Loose	\$743.87	Loose	\$397.50	
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

AUSTIN MASS: will be celebrated this Sunday 17th September. 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. Thank you.

GOLD COIN COLLECTION: The August Gold Coin collection amounted to \$571.70. Thank you for your generosity. Our next Gold Coin collection is on the 23 & 24 September.

THANKSGIVING MASS: on Thursday 5th October. We gather with all those who have in any way offered ministry to our parish community. (*Readers, Ministers of Communion, Music ministry, church cleaners, those who prepare flowers, sacristans, Austin Visitors, money collectors and counters, Parish Council and Finance Committee members, Vinnies, Heidelcare and many, many more who generously give of their time and talent.*) Mass at St Monica's at 7:30pm, followed by a light supper. For catering purposes please put down name and number on sheet in church porch or contact the parish office 9457 1066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au

ECUMENICAL SERVICE, WORLD COMMUNITY DAY: It is our turn to host it on October 6th at 10:30am followed by Morning Tea at St Monica's. Representatives from our local churches will be present to pray with us. Bro Harry Prout from the Exodus community will be the Guest Speaker. An offering will be taken up to support the work of the Asian Church Women's Conference and the special project for 2017 "the Asylum Seekers Centre" which operates from 'Jesus House' Dandenong. All are Welcome.

LAST MASS BY CANDLELIGHT FOR 2017: Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham, Thursday, 21st September. Celebrated in the spirit of Taize, Mass will commence at 8pm, following a time of quiet reflection. Prayer ministry and supper available after Mass. Enquiries contact Emilia on 9435 7475.

THE PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL: The Appeal totaled \$1846.65. Thank you.

2017 PARISH SEMINAR: Thursdays 19th and 26th October and 2nd November. Rev Dr Elio Capra, a Salesian priest, speaks about Pope Francis' letter *Amoris Laetitia*—the Joy of Love. Topics: The structure and the content of *Amoris Laetitia*. Why has *Amoris Laetitia* caused so much controversy? What are the implications for the individual, the family, the parish and the church? 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the Francis Xavier meeting rooms (St John's parish house). Entrance through the meeting room doors at the back of the parish house. All Welcome. RSVP heidelberg@cam.org.au / 94571066.

ANNUAL MISSION FAIR: by the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on Saturday 14 October 9.00am-3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. The proceeds will go to assist Sr Almaz Leza working in Taza Catholic Health Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for financial aid to purchase emergency nutritional food for drought and famine affected people. Enquiries Phone 9817 3715.

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE: Volunteer workers needed. Broome Diocese, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. Placements preferred for a period of 6 months. Currently seeking volunteers for the Balgo, Bidyadanga and Warmun for the wet season. Accommodation and food provided. Contact: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060 / volunteers@broome-diocese.org Web: www.broomediocese.org

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE KILMORE 125TH ANNIVERSARY: Are you a former student of Assumption College Kilmore? If so, Alumni Development Officer Maria Cleve would love to hear from you. ACK will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2018 and there are many events are planned during 2018 for former students. Please phone Maria Cleve in our Alumni office on (03) 57835 343 or email maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au