



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.

23/24 September 2017 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

GOD'S JUSTICE AND GENEROSITY

Today's gospel is introduced as is a parable "about the kingdom of heaven." That is, it illustrates the way in which Jesus is reclaiming the word for God's rule and for values that allow people to live lives that are human in the fullest sense of the word.

In the Palestine of Jesus' time, employment was for many a day to day business. Whether labourers got work—and the wage they needed to support themselves and their families—depended on whether they were hired for that day in the marketplace.

The story presupposes a long working day with successive hirings during the day. The "just wage" agreed upon at the start of the day would have been a denarius, the standard wage for a day's labour. This is in fact what everyone receives, but when those who have laboured since early morning see even the latecomers paid this wage, they expect that in their case "a just wage" will mean considerably more. Hence their grievance.

Jesus' message is that we cannot simply take the conventional idea of justice and apply it without qualification to God. God is just, but, beyond justice, reserves the right to be overwhelmingly generous as well. If the landowner, out of wider social concern, chooses to be generous and to pay everyone, deserving or not, what social justice today would call a "living wage," this truly reflects the will and action of God. Aligning ourselves with this view of God has much to do with allowing the values of the kingdom to transform our lives and our world.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

HOLY COMMUNION: *The more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful ... receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice, is strongly endorsed.*

Second Vatican Council, Sacrosantum Concilium (1963), para 55.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Edmund Bourke, Brendan Sullivan, Silvia Robles Russ.

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.

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
30 Sept/1 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Guiseppe Amoroso	Garry Sproules	Elizabeth Williamson	Des O'Brien
2 nd Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Mary Harty	TBA	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Pauline Griffiths	Leonore Giliberto	Philip Johnson
	Maria Basilone	Peter O'Donoghue	Leo Hernandez	Jan McQueen
	Margaret Urquhart	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Geraldine Manuel	Sally Tramontana
	Donna Richardson	Val Wallis	Doris Schembri	TBA
Counters	24 Sept: Stephen Devenish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli. & 1 Oct: Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Jim Cross, Percival Makin.			
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.				

MORNING TEA: available in the parish hall after 10:30am Mass next Sunday 1st October. Please join us!

GOLD COIN COLLECTION: this weekend at all Masses.

This Sunday the Church celebrates **SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**. You can download and read the bishops' social justice statement at: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/files/SJSandresources/2017-SJS-Statement.pdf>

ORGAN HISTORICAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA: as part of their 40th Anniversary celebration will be at St John's next Wednesday 27th September at 2:30pm for an hour. Expert performers will demonstrate and talk briefly about the history and construction of the Fuller pipe organ in our church. Everyone welcome to attend.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE, WORLD COMMUNITY DAY: It is our turn to host it on Friday 6th October 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.

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.

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

ANNUAL MISSION FAIR: by the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on Saturday 14th October from 9:00am to 3:00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds 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: 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 many events are planned during 2018 for former students. Contact Maria 57835343 / maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au