



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.

7/8 Oct 2017 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

The month of October is the month of the rosary and the month of missionary evangelisation—we celebrate Mission Sunday on the fourth Sunday of this month. For our schools October sees the beginning of the last school term and for me I start my fifth year here at St John's.

Anniversaries are important as we look backwards at what has been achieved and look forward to more exciting things. Over the past four years we have got to know each other and we have supported each other in our journey of faith. I thank God for his many blessings in our parish and pray that with his help we continue to grow in our knowledge of Jesus Christ. The aim of our faith journey is that Christ grows in us, as St Paul says, so that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us.

Last week I returned from my annual holiday leave. This year I had the opportunity to visit the city of Darwin. I enjoyed the slow pace of the city, the beauty of the national parks of Kakadu and Litchfield and appreciated the history of the people living there. (I also came in close contact with some crocodiles and snakes, and I have photos to prove it!) I thank Fr Ted and Fr Wayne who have supported the parish and the hospital ministry during my absence.

Last Thursday we also thanked and celebrated the many volunteers in our parish. A parish community is like a body and can only function fully and grow when each one of us contributes towards the good of the whole. Many generously give of their time and talents to make sure that our various programmes in the parish continue successfully. Thank you to all for your generosity.

As we all know there is always room for more volunteers in our community. If you can offer your time in some way, please contact our parish office. I also acknowledge and thank you all for your financial support which helps our parish meet its financial commitment.

Thank you and let us continue praying God's blessings on our parish.

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Leon Noronha, Jack Doyle, Fletcher Miller.

RECENTLY MARRIED: Joshua Longwood with Bridgette Kennedy.

THE SICK: Peter Peyton, Patricia Mulholland, Ruth Mc Guire, Aileen Powell, Franca Valmorbida.

ANNIVERSARY: Frank Pignataro, Joe Digiglio, Teresa Minihan, Bernard Kairouz, Gerald (Jim) Lanigan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Victor John Wall.

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.

7 Oct/8 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Leela Cherubim	Michael Leonard	Rosemary Vecchies
2 nd Reader	Anita Metcalf	Marguerite Ryan	Bob Dowling	Peter Penson
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Alice Wong	Maureen Howard	Michelle Penson
	Donna Richardson	Margaret Bradley	Erin Manuel	Jenny Hollaway
	Noel Micallef	Stanly Devasia	Geraldine Manuel	Leo Cosio
	TBA	Mary Harty	Kate Mathai	Charito Cosio
14 Oct/15 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sharon D'Souza	Pietro Sciotto	Sue Lew-Kee	Margaret Andrews
2 nd Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Claire Newsome	Peter Penson	TBA
Communion	Adrian Daly	Teresa Lincoln	Nigel Mant	Margaret Hansen
	Marco Di Cesare	Fiona Curry	Marni Mant	Philip Johnson
	Maria Basilone	Peter O'Donoghue	Yannick Jonas	Jan McQueen
	Domenica Ashworth	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	TBA	TBA
Counters	8 Oct: Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso & 15 Oct: Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis.			
Collection Weekly Average for September				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		October 2017: Marilyn 9459 1950
Stewardship	\$4257.00	Stewardship	\$877.19	November 2017: Joan 9459 3889
Loose	\$636.44	Loose	\$323.15	
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 next Sunday 15th October. 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.

CENTENARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS: Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday 13th October from 9:45am to 3:00pm. All 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Northern Central Council festival Mass. At St John's on Thursday 9th November, 7:30pm. Please join as we thank God for the good work carried out by our local Vinnies Conferences and celebrate our St John's Conference 90th anniversary. Des Madden, the new Northern Central Council president, will be commissioned on this occasion. RSVP by 2nd November on support.services@svdp-vic.org.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: To offer transport to a parishioner from Yallambie to Sunday Mass at St John's. Please contact the parish office for further details.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL RECITAL: on Wednesday 11th October from 6:45pm to 7:45pm by Frederica Cunningham (Soprano), Lyndon Green (Tenor) and Anthony Halliday (Organ). Entrance fee: \$20.

FAMILY SUNDAY: This Sunday we celebrate Family Sunday. We thank God for all families who make up our parish community. We also join couples celebrating important milestones in their marriage. Let us also remember widows and widowers who have lost their life partners; we thank God for their gifts. This year we are reminded that family time together, especially at common meals, help build families. Please pick up a booklet from the porch in the church. We pray for our families:

Heavenly Father, grant healing to all families in distress, especially those burdened with strained relationships. Draw close to all families who have experienced violence, upheaval, illness or division. May all who have been wounded find ready comfort and healing. Amen.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER, IN SUPPORT OF CURE BRAIN CANCER FOUNDATION: on Saturday 14th October at the St John's Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm, Trivia at 7:10pm. Entrance \$25 (tax deductible.) Information: Carla 0418 381 293 / c.montalto@bigpond.com

FR MARIO: is available to visit your family on 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. Please ring the parish office (94571066) for an appointment.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MASS: at St Pius Church, 419 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West, this Saturday 14th October at 11:00am followed by tea. Enquiries 94575794. All welcome.

ANNUAL MISSION FAIR: by the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver this 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.