



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 7:00pm, 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.

4/5 November 2017 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

We are people of the Resurrection!

As we approach the end of the calendar year, and more importantly, as we reach the end of our Church year, during the month of November through its liturgy the Church leads us to reflect on our mortality and to remember sisters and brothers who have gone before us.

We do miss our relatives and friends who have died; as human beings we grieve when we look around and can no longer enjoy the presence of those we have loved and who have loved us. We often also feel saddened at the thought that we too one day have to depart this place.

Although we grieve, we remind ourselves that for us who believe, death is not the end but the beginning of life; at the moment of death 'life is changed not ended!' We know that in Jesus Christ, God became human so that he could talk to us about the Father and invite us to live the life of God. When we love we already participate in God who is love, and when we die, we share more fully in the divine love that is God.

When we remember our departed sisters and brothers we pray for them knowing that they live forever in God. We pray that they may be purified so that they can enjoy the fullness of God's love and peace. St Paul reminds us that we are here on a pilgrimage, walking towards our home in God; 'our true homeland is in heaven!' Although the pain of death stays with us and we feel the pain of being separated from those whom we have loved, we grieve certain in our hope that one day we too will be with God.

The prophet Isaiah compares the presence of God to a rich banquet with an abundance of foods and fine wines, a celebration of love in and with God. For us who are still on the journey, the Eucharistic meal of the Body and Blood of Christ unites us with this great celebration.

Let us continue celebrating our sisters and brothers especially each time we gather for our Sunday Mass as a parish community!

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY MARRIED: James Bakis with Alexandra Sanelli.

THE SICK: Patricia Mulholland, Ruth Mc Guire, Aileen Powell.

ANNIVERSARY: Paul Sullivan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kevin Patrick White, John Griffiths.

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.

4 Nov/ 5 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sharon D'Souza	Claire Newsome	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews
2 nd Reader	John James	Marguerite Ryan	Michelle Robertson	Guiseppe Amoroso
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Leo Cosio
	Emma Chang	Stanly Devasia	Leonore Giliberto	Charito Cosio
	Noel Micallef	Karen Frost	Leo Hernandez	Leela Cherubim
	TBA	Pauline Griffiths	Maureen Howard	Margaret Hansen
11 Nov/ 12 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Pietro Sciotto	Claire Newsome	Matthew Sanders
2 nd Reader	TBA	Bernadette Nzenza	Joanne Martinez	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Fiona Curry	Nigel Mant	Jenny Hollaway
	Maria Basilone	Teresa Lincoln	Marni Mant	Philip Johnson
	Marco Di Cesare	Peter O'Donoghue	Geraldine Manuel	Jack Naden
	TBA	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Erin Manuel	Des O'Brien
Counters	5 Nov: Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue & 12 Nov: Stephen Devenish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli.			
Collection Weekly Average for October			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish		Presbytery		November 2017: Joan 9459 3889
Stewardship	\$3348.55	Stewardship	\$659.95	December 2017: Elaine 9459 6721
Loose	\$737.41	Loose	\$376.00	5th November Morning Tea: Tina & Sina
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 this Sunday 5th November. Please join us!

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES: This weekend, before each of our Masses, we will have the opportunity to light a taper in memory of our deceased loved ones. By lighting the taper we make present those who have gone before us. Masses this weekend will be offered for our departed and for all deceased members of our parish. Let us also remember priests who ministered in our parish.

NOVEMBER MASSES: this month we remember our loved ones who have died. November Mass envelopes are available in the porch of the church and can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. You may also wish to write the names of your loved ones in the register next to the baptism font. The names of our departed loved ones will be placed on the altar and remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Northern Central Council festival Mass. At St John's this 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.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: a seminar to prepare new Ministers of Communion will be held at Our Lady of Mercy College this Thursday 9th November at 3:30pm. Anyone who would like to become a Minister of Communion is welcome to attend. Please contact the parish office on 94571066.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: collection was \$1440.35. Thank you for your generosity.

THE EYRIE ISSUE 3: this issue of our parish magazine shares thoughts and stories from our community. We hope you enjoy reading it. Pick up a copy from one of the church entrances this weekend. Parishioners are invited to write articles or suggest items for future issues of our parish magazine. Thank you to the editorial board!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Children in our parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion on the 11th November. Let us pray for them and their families.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: our Year 12 students who are presently sitting their VCE exams. As a community we journey with you in prayer.

MARCELLIN COLLEGE: Annual Memorial Mass for deceased students, celebrated by Fr Pat Harvey, on Wednesday 22nd November at 7:30pm at Marcellin College chapel, followed by supper. Enquiries: Mary Norden on 9842 3080.

ST MARTIN OF TOURS COMMUNITY TWILIGHT FETE: Friday 24th November, 3:30pm to 8:30pm, Silk Street, Rosanna. Rides, Food, Crafts, Raffles, Games and Stalls. Bring your family and enjoy the fun!

MEET MARK, HIS GOSPEL & HIS JESUS: Advent begins Year B and the Gospel of Mark, so come to prepare at St Mary's Church Gathering Space, Grimshaw St., Greensborough on 27th November, 4th & 11th December 7:30 to 9:30pm. Contact: Sandra Bishop on 9434 7553. This course is being offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

CAR BOOT SALE: at St Pius X Parish on Sunday 3rd December, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Enquiries: 94975319 / edwmargaret@yahoo.com.au

2018 SCHOOL FETE GARDEN STORE: A call out to any parishioners with a green thumb who might like to start some plantings to donate to the garden store for next year's school fete on 3rd March.