



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.

*11/12 November 2017 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A*

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

*The gospel story today speaks about another wedding feast: ten maidens have the duty to wait for the bridegroom to return from the bride's family home, together with his new bride. Since they do not know at what time the bridegroom would be returning, they had to be prepared.*

*The maidens take with them oil lamps to give them light. Some of the maidens wisely also took with them extra oil, just in case the bridegroom delayed and they ran out of oil. Others were foolish and did not think ahead.*

*Like the maidens we too are invited to be prepared. We are invited to stay awake and not let the daily chores of our life to distract us. Our role is to stay focused on the coming of the bridegroom. In our Baptism we are given a burning candle to represent the flame of our faith and we are told to protect this flame and to keep it burning till the end.*

*Like the wise maidens we need to make sure that we have enough oil in our lamps so that they do not run out. What is the oil we put into our lamps? One way to strengthen our faith is to reach out to our sisters and brothers in acts of love and charity. Our faith needs to lead us into helping those around us, especially those who are less fortunate than us.*

*Pope Francis constantly reminds us that the best place to meet Jesus is in the poor around us. Jesus reminds us that we are blessed when we see him hungry or thirsty and look after him, or see him sick or in prison and we go to visit him. These acts of charity help us to stay awake and to learn how to look out for Jesus in our daily life.*

*So stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour when the Son of Man will come and we need to be prepared to go out and meet him when he arrives.*

*May God continue to bless us all.*

*Fr Mario*

We pray for departed members of our parish community, departed relatives and friends, and for priests and religious who ministered to our community.  
***Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon them!***

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**ANNIVERSARY:** Francis Murphy, Nicolo & Attilia Sturma.

*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.*

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 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Peter Penson	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
18 Nov/ 19 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Anita Metcalf	Ronnie Maloney	Michael Leonard	Mary Kotefski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	TBA	Leela Cherubim	Bob Dowling	Des O'Brien
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Val Wallis	Kate Mathai	Tony Rowlands
	Emma Chang	Elizabeth Williamson	Sue Lew-Kee	Sally Tramontana
	Noel Micallef	Alice Wong	Yannick Jonas	Leo Cosio
	TBA	Margaret Bradley	Doris Schembri	Charito Cosio
Counters	<b>12 Nov:</b> Stephen Devenish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli & <b>19 Nov:</b> Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin.			
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	
<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.				

**AUSTIN MASS:** next Sunday 19th November. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass at the chapel. Parishioners are invited to participate and minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you.

**NOVEMBER MASSES:** we remember our departed loved. 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 collection. You may also wish to write the names of your loved ones in the register next to the baptism font. Names of our departed loved ones are placed on the altar and remembered at all Masses during November.

**FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION:** We congratulate and pray for all the children who received Communion for the first time this Saturday 11th November. May this experience be an enlightening one as they continue celebrating this great sacrament of Love with our parish community. Thank you to Sr Loreto, primary school staff and the parents for helping prepare the children for this celebration. Thank you also to OLMC for allowing us to use the college as a sacred space for this parish celebration.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**BEREAVEMENT MASS:** On Friday 1st December we invite parishioners and friends who have lost loved ones in the past year to join us in prayer: Mass at 7:30pm followed by light supper in Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. Please bring a photo of your loved one for the celebration. As a community we journey with you in prayer.

**ANOINTING MASS:** we invite the sick and elderly members in our parish for Mass with the sacrament of Anointing on Thursday 7th December at 11:30am, followed by a light lunch at St Monica's Hall, hosted by St John's Primary year 6 students.

**CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL:** The annual appeal in aid of the Catholic Deaf will be held at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

**LEGION OF MARY:** is seeking assistance for children in the Philippines. Donations of used or new clothes, toys and educational items, for children 3-15 years old are accepted (no consumables). Please place your donations in the box provided in the porch. Enquiries: Sr Loreto (94571066).

**HEALING MASS:** This Thursday 16th November at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. Starting at 7:30pm with praise & worship followed by Mass. Prayer ministry and supper available. Contact Emilia (94357475) / Sandra (9434 7553).

**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 (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. Thank you.