



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.

20th /21st January - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

The gospel according to Mark

The Sunday gospel readings this year will be taken from the gospel according to Mark.

After Paul, who wrote his letters before the year 66 AD, Mark is the second earliest author in the New Testament. He is the first one to write a gospel and in a way to invent this new literary genre.

The second gospel in our New Testament canon has always been attributed to Mark, but we are not sure who this person is. Some suggest he is the person referred as John Mark, a traveling companion with Paul and Barnabas.

This gospel seems to depend on the testimony of someone who was an eyewitness of Jesus' life, passion, death and resurrection; it is commonly suggested that this person was Peter himself.

Looking at the details given in the gospel, it is thought that this first gospel was written some time between 70 and 73 AD. It was not written within a Jewish environment. Traditionally it has been believed to have been written in Rome; but others suggest non-Jewish cities even closer to Israel.

The audience of this gospel was not Jewish. Mark regularly feels the need to explain Jewish customs to an audience who is not used to this way of living. The gospel also betrays a lack of knowledge of the Galilean geography.

As we read this earliest gospel we need to keep in mind that the gospel writers did not set out to write a biography of Jesus, as we would understand it today. Rather their purpose was more to write a catechism, setting out the teachings and the theological implications of Jesus' life and death.

Mark invites us to join the early Church in its journey of discipleship. When we hear Jesus call his disciples, we recognise that he is also calling us to follow him and to build our life on his teachings.

(Information based on Brendan Byrne, A costly freedom, 2008. Introduction.)



*With Christ our head and cornerstone,
We'll build our Nation's might.*

*Whose way and truth and light alone
Can guide our path aright.*

Our lives, a sacrifice of love, reflect our Master's care.

*With faces turned to heaven above, Advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia fair.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Lauren Black, Patricia Mulholland, Brendan O'Kane, Patricia Wong.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ronald Victor Toohey, Glen Raymond Toohey, Eileen Snow, Frances Booth.

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.

20 Jan/ 21 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Elizabeth Williamson	Bob Dowling	Mary Kotefski
2 nd Reader	Anita Metcalf	Ronnie Maloney	Michael Leonard	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Noel Micallef	Fiona Curry	Leonore Giliberto	Tony Rowlands
	Bill Barnes	Alice Wong	Tim Boyle	Sally Tramontana
	Barbara Barnes	Pauline Griffiths	Beena Dilip	Des O'Brien
	Leela Cherubim	Stanly Devasia	Doris Schembri	TBA
27 Jan/ 28 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Garry Sproules	Joanne Marinez	Rosemary Vecchies
2 nd Reader	Giuseppe Amoroso	Marguerite Ryan	Robyn Laurie	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Emma Chang	Margaret Bradley	Adrian Daly	Sally Tramontana
	Moira Di Cesare	Peter O'Donoghue	Sue Lew-Kee	Jenny Hollaway
	Domenica Ashworth	Christopher Ratnayake	Nigel Mant	Tony Rowlands
	Michelle Penson	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Marni Mant	TBA
Counters	21 Jan: Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis & 28 Jan: Graeme Foote, Michael Tilley, James Watson.			
Collection Weekly Average for December				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		January 2018: Elaine 9459 6721
Stewardship	\$3285.15	Stewardship	\$721.51	February 2018: Joan 9459 3889
Loose	\$737.29	Loose	\$349.42	
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 21st January. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass at the chapel. Parishioners are invited to participate in this Mass and minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you.

MONDAY 22ND JANUARY: A Communion Service will replace the 9:15am Mass. Thank you.

GOLD COIN COLLECTION: The November Gold Coin collection amounted to \$844.65. Thank you for your generosity. Our next Gold Coin collection is on the 27 & 28 January.

BLESSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, UNIFORM AND SCHOOL BAGS: As we praise God at the start of a new school year, we invite school children to come forward for a special blessing at all Masses of the weekend of the 27th and 28th January. Children are invited to come to Mass wearing their uniform and with their school bag carrying a few books in it.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE is celebrated by the Church on the 2nd of February. This is an opportunity for us to acknowledge, bless and thank God for the presence of children in our parish community. We celebrate this feast with a prayer of blessing for our children and their families during all the weekend Masses of the 10th and 11th of February.

SACRAMENT PROGRAMME 2018: for children in other schools. Reconciliation classes for children in Yr 3 or above from 27th February to 15th May, sacrament celebrated on 17th May at 4:30pm; first Communion classes for children in Yr 4 or above from 21st August to 6th November, first Communion celebrated on 10th November at 11:00am at the OLMC Nallejerring Centre; Confirmation classes for children in Yr 6 or above from 22nd May to 7th August, Confirmation celebrated on 12th August at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. For information please contact Sr Loreto on 9457 1066.

ST JOHNS PRIMARY PREP CLASS 1970 - GRADE 6 CLASS 1976 REUNION. A reunion is being organised for this class on 15th April. If you were in this class or were a teacher of this group we would love for you to attend. We currently have about 20 interested classmates and are looking for the rest. For further details contact Simon Renehan on 0413845952.

EASTER 2018: A short note about Lent and Easter this year. Ash Wednesday this year is on 14th February. Palm Sunday is on 25th March and Easter Sunday is on 1st April. On Easter Sunday this year we will be having three morning Masses: 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PLAYGROUP: a very casually run playgroup that has an inclusive approach, with the aim of having fun and is available to the St John's Catholic Parish and Primary School Community. Playgroup will recommence Term 1, every Monday from 9:15am. For information contact Christie (sjcplaygroup@gmail.com)

BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING OF OUR PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF: on Sunday 4th February at the 10:30am Mass, followed by morning tea in the parish hall. Please join us to thank and encourage our staff at the beginning of this new scholastic year.

SAVE THE DATE: Primary School Fete on Saturday 3rd March. Please support our school by attending and participating in the activities. All welcome!

PALMS ENCOUNTERS: are ethically run group tours that provide participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences. The tours have been carefully designed to give you an insight into the daily life of people of another culture, an understanding of sustainable approaches to reducing poverty, and an insight into the life and work of Palms development volunteers. We still have limited places available for our next trip to Timor-Leste 11-23 March if you book by 5:00pm Thursday 25th January. Contact Palms on 02 9560 5333 or see www.palms.org.au/encounters