



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.

27th /28th January - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

Happy New Year!

I believe it is appropriate to wish our students, parents and staff a Happy New Year as they start a new scholastic year this week!

Together as a parish community family we start on another stage of our journey. Firstly I would like to sincerely thank you parents in our community for trusting us with you children. As a parish and a school we are all committed to look after our children and help them grow into mature human beings, Christians and citizens.

I also thank our principal, deputy, members of our school leadership team and all our school staff for their dedication and commitment towards our children. The children are the focus of our school and all decisions are taken with their good in mind.

I have the privilege to regularly journey with you parents and your children. I endeavour to spend some time in the school yard every Monday morning before school starts, spend time with Mrs Stella discussing the school programme, and spend time with our school staff over morning tea. I also have various opportunities to visit the classrooms with the class teachers. At times I am invited to discuss some religion topics or to lead prayer.

Last year we introduced a new element in our school programme: twice a year I celebrate Mass with the children in their own classroom. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend this celebration. The advantage of this way of celebrating Mass it to create a more intimate atmosphere for the children to participate in this most important celebration in our faith.

For me family visits are also an important way of getting to know each other, and I look forward to being invited to share some time with your families over a simple cup of tea.

May this year be another moment for us all to grow together in our journey of faith.

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Pierrot Auguste.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresa Moro, Patricia Wood.

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.

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
3 Feb / 4 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Barbara Barnes	Max Chester	Michelle Robertson	Matthew Sanders
2 nd Reader	John James	Bernadette Nzenza	Claire Newsome	Guisepppe Amoroso
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Teresa Lincoln	Maureen Howard	Jack Naden
	Maria Basilone	Pauline Griffiths	Yannick Jonas	Johanna Nesbitt
	Noel Micallef	Val Wallis	Geraldine Manuel	Leo Cosio
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Stanly Devasia	Doris Schembri	Charito Cosio
Counters	28 Jan: Graeme Foote, Michael Tilley, James Watson & 4 Feb: Shane Byrnes, Tim Booth, Nigel Mant.			
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	Morning Tea 4 Feb: Barbara & Liz
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 4th February. Please join us!

GOLD COIN COLLECTION: this weekend at all masses.

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.

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.

SERVE THE SERVERS EVENING: on Saturday 24th February, after 6:00pm Mass, young servers and their friends are invited for a movie night, a nice way for us as a parish to thank and encourage our young servers who give of their time and talent to be altar servers and readers in our parish liturgy. We meet near the main door of the church.

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 Nalleijerring 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.

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

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)

IN PREPARATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: (14th February), parishioners are invited to return any of last year's blessed palms / greenery and place it in the box at the church entrance.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During the Fridays of Lent we will meet at 7:30pm to pray the traditional prayer of the Way of the Cross, in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's passion and death. Our first Way of the Cross will be on Friday 16th February.

ST PIUS X CARBOOT SALE: Sunday, 25 February from 10am to 2pm. Enquiries, contact Margaret Edwards 9497 5319/email- edwmargaret@yahoo.com.au

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 Renahan on 0413845952.

SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION FOR MATURE AGE WOMEN ONLY: Single room in a house near Eglemont station, includes comfy bed, bring own linen (for hygiene reasons), \$200/week (max 2 weeks). Email Heidi at skybeanz@gmail.com

WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: As a welcoming community of faith it is important to keep an eye out for new members in our community. Please introduce yourself to new parishioners and make them welcome. New parishioners please contact the parish office (94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au) to give us your details. Thank you!