



# ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Maureen Hegarty

### PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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10:00am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri only)

### 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 7:00pm 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.

*10th /11th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B*

*Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,*

*Lent 2018*

*This Wednesday we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the start of the season of Lent, in preparation for the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.*

*In the early Church, public sinners were invited to perform public penance with prayer, fasting and acts of charity so that on Holy Thursday they were welcomed back into the community. The community journeyed with these sinners supporting them with fasting and prayer.*

*Over the past number of years, especially these last five years as the Royal Commission did its work, as a Church community in Australia we have been exposed to the most devastating stories of a large number of people who have suffered sexual abuse at the hand of priests, religious and lay people; those who had the duty to respect and protect our vulnerable children.*

*Lent is another opportunity for us as a Catholic community to pray in support of all victims of sex abuse, and their families. As we meditate the sufferings of Jesus, we associate with the pain endured by these brothers and sisters. We pray in hope that God may help these victims of sex abuse find within themselves a space of healing.*

*Some laws have already been passed and both as Church and as parish community we are becoming more aware of the need to protect those who are vulnerable in our community. Perhaps one the 'acts of charity' that we can perform this Lent is to offer both support to victims of abuse, and also to continue discovering how better to offer protection to children and vulnerable adults in our midst.*

*Thank you.*

Fr Mario

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED:** Mason Bagala, Rayna Brindley, Zara Sugumar, Audrey Hitch.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Timothy White. John Byrnes, Mary Byrnes, William Sullivan, Marta Barcryak, Dennis Kenna, Alice English, Wal Dicker, Alex Stewart, John Hogg, Joseph Rochford, James Byrnes, Leigh Hewatt, Catherine Cummins, Maureen Packer.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret (Peg) Power.

*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.*

<b>10 Feb / 11 Feb</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Pietro Sciotto	Adrian Daly	Jack Naden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Elizabeth Williamson	Harsha Dilip	Johanna Nesbitt
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Karen Frost	Kate Mathai	Tony Rowlands
	Bill Barnes	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Sally Tramontana
	Emma Chang	Peter O'Donoghue	Beena Dilip	Jenny Hollaway
	Michelle Penson	Christopher Ratnayake	Leonore Giliberto	TBA
<b>17 Feb / 18 Feb</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Anita Metcalf	Ronnie Maloney	Michelle Robertson	Margaret Andrews
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Garry Sproules	Bob Dowling	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Maria Basilone	Fiona Curry	Yannick Jonas	Johanna Nesbitt
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Teresa Lincoln	Erin Manuel	Leo Cosio
	Noel Micallef	Pauline Griffiths	Geraldine Manuel	Charito Cosio
	Leela Cherubim	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Sue Lew-Kee	Margaret Hansen
Counters	<b>11 Feb:</b> Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue. & <b>18 Feb:</b> Stephen Devenish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli.			
<b>Collection Weekly Average for January</b>			<b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b>	
Parish		Presbytery		February : Joan 9459 3889
Stewardship	\$3595.29	Stewardship	\$713.77	March : Rosemary 9459 0729
Loose	\$722.59	Loose	\$370.00	
<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.				

**BURNING OF THE PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** will be held at St John's primary school on Monday 12th February at 8:45am.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:** (Fasting and Abstinence) with the ceremony of the ashes at 9:15am, 2:30pm (St John's Primary School students) and 7:30pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** during the Fridays of Lent. We pray the Way of the Cross at 7:30pm, in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's passion and death.

**AUSTIN MASS:** will be celebrated next Sunday 18th February. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass at the chapel. Parishioners are invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you.

**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 OF FIRST RECONCILIATION:** for children in other schools. Reconciliation classes for children in Yr 3 or above start on Tuesday 27th February. Please contact Sr Loreto on 9457 1066 to book.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** will be held at the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house on Thursday 1st March at 7:30pm. During this meeting the 2017 financial report will be shared and future programmes for the parish discussed. All welcome.

**HEIDELCARE:** was the recipient of a Jagajaga Community Australia Day Award 2018 for 35 years of assisting vulnerable elderly people in the city of Banyule with transport, visits, meals, emergency jobs and a caring shoulder to lean on. Congratulations!

**SCHOOL FETE, 3RD MARCH:** Calling all cake and/or preserve makers! We need you (or someone you know who likes to cook) to make your favourite homemade cakes, cookies, scones etc. Wrapping kits will be available one week before the big day. Inquiries: Jessica McCann (0428086375). Also a big thanks to those preparing plants. Instructions will be posted in the following weeks with details on when & where to leave donations, so keep an eye out! Inquiries Nicole Pellizzaro (0407047878).

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please take home a box or a set of envelopes and support Caritas this Lenten season themed "A Just Future;" empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and communities. A Just Future needs your support! Donate through boxes / envelopes /1800 024 413 / [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

**EXPERIENCE TAIZE:** on Friday 23rd February, 6:00pm to 7:00pm at St Pius X Church Heidelberg West. Come and experience this calming, quieting, welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of life.... All welcome! Light supper provided after prayer.

**ST PIUS X CARBOOT SALE:** Sunday, 25th February from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Enquiries: Margaret Edwards (9497 5319 / [edwmargaret@yahoo.com.au](mailto:edwmargaret@yahoo.com.au)).

**HEALING MASS:** on Thursday 15th February at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. Evening starts at 7:30pm with praise and worship followed with Mass, with the sacrament of the sick. Prayer ministry and supper available. Information: Emilia (9435 7475) or Rose (9434 3962).

**DO YOU NEED HEALING?** The Fringe of His Garment is a two-day journey of inner healing; on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March from 9:00am to 5:00pm, at St Thomas the Apostle parish hall, Greensborough North. Donation of \$50.00 is appreciated, students \$30.00. Book by 19th March <https://www.trybooking.com/TKLD> or Rose (0411 650 339).