



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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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.

3rd / 4th March - 3rd Sunday in Lent, Yr B

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

The Church—The Body of Christ

Following the article that appeared on The Age a few weeks ago, one question that seems to arise is: 'What do we really understand when we say Church?'

At its last major council, held at the Vatican between 1962 and 1965, the Church defined itself as being 'The People of God,' and the 'Body of Christ.' The major document that speaks about the Church is 'Lumen Gentium: Light of the Nations,' promulgated by Pope Paul VI on 21st November 1964.

In this document the Church defines itself as being the body of all those who believe in Christ; it is our faith in Christ that makes us members of his Body and part of God's People. Through our Baptism we are all equally members of the Church.

This Church is made up of two very important elements: it is a divine institution, a Body of believers with Christ at its head, and a human institution, a People of God. These two elements are joined together and can never be separated. Like the divine and human natures in Jesus, there are times when we can experience the human element more than the divine element, while at other times we are given an unusual opportunity to see the divine shine through. (Last Sunday we read the gospel of the Transfiguration where the apostles were able to see Jesus' divine being within the human person they experienced. We also need to see the transfiguration of the Church!)

God is perfect, and like God, in its divine aspect the Church is also perfect, especially in its official teachings. Similarly we know that humanity is drawn to sin, and as humans we often make bad choices. As we look at the history of the Church we also recognise that very often, far too often perhaps, mistaken and sinful decisions have been made.

What is important in all this is our faith in Jesus, the Son of God!

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: David Kemp, Maxwell Cole.

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.

3 Mar / 4 Mar	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	John James	Jack Naden	Bob Dowling	Des O'Brien
2 nd Reader	Peter Penson	Elizabeth Williamson	Harsha Dilip	Rosemary Vecchies
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Pauline Griffiths	Doris Schembri	Johanna Nesbitt
	Emma Chang	Val Wallis	Kate Mathai	Leo Cosio
	Michelle Penson	Stanly Devasia	Beena Dilip	Charito Cosio
	Maria Basilone	Mary Harty	Leonore Giliberto	Margaret Hansen
10 Mar/11 Mar	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Pietro Sciotto	Joanne Martinez	Margaret Andrews
2 nd Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Garry Sproules	Michelle Robertson	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Sally Tramontana
	Noel Micallef	Peter O'Donoghue	Erin Manuel	Des O'Brien
	Leela Cherubim	Christopher Ratnayake	Geraldine Manuel	Jenny Hollaway
	Marco Di Cesare	Jack Naden	TBA	TBA
Counters	4 March: Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso & 11 March: Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis.			
Collection Weekly Average for January			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish		Presbytery		March : Rosemary 9459 0729
Stewardship	\$3595.29	Stewardship	\$713.77	April : Cath 9459 9420
Loose	\$722.59	Loose	\$370.00	Morning Tea, 4th March: Kate & Marguerite
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 4th March. Please join us!

LECTIO DIVINA DURING LENT: Mondays 7:30pm in the parish house.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Fridays 7:30pm.

CHILD SAFETY TRAINING SESSIONS AT ST JOHN'S

PARISH: In order to continue to foster a child-safe environment in our parish, we require all parish volunteers and groups to attend important training sessions. Parish Group Sessions (two sessions) dates to be advised. These training nights are essential to meet the Child Safety requirements for groups/organisations within our parish. General Parish Volunteers: Sunday 18th March **from 2:00 to 4:00pm** at the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. All parish volunteers: readers, special ministers, collectors etc not part of any parish group are required to attend this meeting. To register email Michelle: mrobertson@siena.vic.edu.au

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL GROUP: relax, chat, create. Extend yourself, make new friends, be creative. You are invited to join us in the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house at 10:00am on Tuesday 6th March for a cuppa, chat and time to create. No artistic skills necessary. Watch noticeboard/newsletter for further activities. RSVP Jan McCaffrey 0423 478 504.

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THE SICK: Thursday 22nd March we invite parishioners, especially the sick and the elderly, for Mass with the sacrament of the Sick at 11:30am, followed by a light lunch at Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house, hosted by the Year 6 students. Parishioners in need of transport please contact the office as soon as possible. The anointing of the sick will also be celebrated at the 9:15am Mass.

PROJECT COMPASSION: This week we hear the story of Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With your aid through Project Compassion, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

SINGLE MOTHER AND 6 YEAR OLD SON: looking for accommodation. Please contact 0406093706 or isabellajoan72@icloud.com. Thank you.

House For Free! Later this year, the parish office at St Simon's Parish, Rowville will be replaced. Currently the office is housed in a large, portable building which could be a substantial family home of five bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen etc. The building is available at no cost to anyone willing to remove it and transport it (probably in May) to a new location. For information, contact Fr Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360) or Brian Dalton (0419 349 382).

VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA: Get out there and be the Church, 'bruised, hurting and dirty.' Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers do not do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family! Contact Christine (02 9560 5333) or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

COUNSELLING SESSIONS: If you have a lot on your mind, it can be helpful to talk with a counsellor. Julie Jensen provides this free service to parishioners. She specialises in the loss and grief associated with experiencing life events. Julie holds post graduate qualifications in counselling and is a certified bereavement practitioner recognised by the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement. Contact Julie on julie@changesinbetween.com / 0411241005