



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.*

1st April—Easter Sunday Yr B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors

Happy Easter!

For us who believe in Jesus as Son of God, Easter is the greatest event in humanity and the most important celebration in the whole year.

On Christmas day we celebrated God's great love for us women and men when God chose to be born as one of us so that we could enter into relationship with him. Jesus is the visible face of the invisible God!

Jesus continuously spoke about the Father's great love and mercy. We have beautiful parables and teachings that remind us of this love. Jesus also said that he was The Way, The Truth and The Life. Since Jesus spoke in the name of the Father, the Jewish leaders thought he was blaspheming. A number of times they tried to get rid of him by throwing him off a cliff or by stoning him, but Jesus always managed to get away from them as his hour had not yet come.

After he gave up himself to his disciples as spiritual food and drink at the Last Supper, he gave himself up on the cross. Jesus could have easily avoided dying on the cross, but by giving up his life for us he showed us how great is God's love for us.

The Easter celebration tells us that Jesus' story does not end on the cross. Jesus died as a human, but as a God he can never die; he rose again to show us that God is powerful even over death.

We grieve and cry when we have to let go of our loved ones in death, but the passion, death and resurrection story invites us to believe that our physical death is not the end. Jesus is risen! He is alive! And like him we too will rise and live in God.

When things hit rock bottom around us, we need to look up at the cross and remind ourselves of this great victory:

Christ is Risen! He is Lord! Alleluia!

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED AND CONFIRMED: Georgia Heffernan and Elizabeth Nicholson.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Vincent Zammit.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Bob Coghlan, Anthony Wilson.

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.

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Mario Zammit
PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Maureen Hegarty
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OFFICE: Mo, Tu, Th, Fr, 9:30am-2:30pm

MASS TIMES:
WEEKEND : Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
AUSTIN HOSPITAL:
3rd Sunday of the Month at 9:30am.
WEEKDAYS: 9:15am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):
Saturdays at 9:45am & 5:30pm
or by appointment

BAPTISMS: 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

ROSARY: Monday to Saturday after Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Wednesday: 7:30pm - 9:00pm;
Thursday: 9:40am - 11:00am,
Friday: 8:00am - 9:00am

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

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.

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL:

PRINCIPAL: Maureen Stella
ADDRESS: 55 Cape St Heidelberg 3084
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10:00am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri only)

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME:

Please contact parish office to introduce yourself.

31 Mar/1 Apr	Easter Vigil	Sun 7:00am	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am
1st Reader	Various Readers	Jack Naden	Garry Sproules	Robyn Laurie
2 nd Reader	Various Readers	Margaret Andrews	Marguerite Ryan	Ronnie Maloney
Communion	Michelle Penson	Pauline Griffiths	Val Wallis	Yannick Jonas
	Vincent Chung	-	Peter O'Donoghue	Tim Boyle
	Leo Cosio	-	-	-
	Charito Cosio	-	-	-
7 Apr /8 Apr	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Guisepppe Amoroso	Elizabeth Williamson	Michael Leonard	Leela Cherubim
2 nd Reader	Sharon D'Souza	Pietro Sciotto	Robyn Laurie	Des O'Brien
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Pauline Griffiths	Kate Mathai	Leo Cosio
	Bill Barnes	Val Wallis	Leonore Giliberto	Charito Cosio
	Barbara Barnes	Stanly Devasia	Tim Boyle	Margaret Hansen
	Donna Richardson	Margaret Bradley	Geraldine Manuel	TBA
Counters	1 April: Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue & 8 Apr: Stephen Devanish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli.			
Collection Weekly Average for February				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		April : Cath 9459 9420
Stewardship	\$3005.88	Stewardship	\$633.87	May : Val 9458 2981
Loose	\$776.34	Loose	\$402.50	
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

FR BOB COGLAN: parish priest at St John's from 1979 to 1984, died on 24th March. His funeral will be held on Wednesday 4th April at 11:00am, in St Mary of the Angels church, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong.

Easter Monday: 2nd April, no morning Mass, a Communion Service will be held at 9:15am.

HOLY WATER: newly blessed during our Easter celebrations, can be collected from the Baptism font after all Masses. Holy water bottles (\$5 each) are available from the sacristy. A prayer of blessing is also available in the porch.

THANK YOU: As we conclude our period of Lent and Holy Week, I thank the members of the Liturgy Committee, sacristans, the Altar Society ladies, parish choirs and musicians, readers, extraordinary ministers of Communion, altar servers and ushers for their help in planning and making sure our celebrations go according to plan. I also thank Elizabeth Williamson for looking after the Way of the Cross, and Fletchers Real Estate for once again providing our community board advertising our Easter programme. Thank you all for your generosity. Your participation and contribution helps ensure that we can gather, worship and celebrate these great events as a community.

ST JOHN'S GEMS: We invite you to join us in the Francis Xavier meeting room at 10:00am on Tuesday 3rd April for a cuppa and chat and to have fun playing the card game, 500. Have fun, make new friends, extend yourself. It will be great to see you. Elizabeth 0447 195 553, Jan 0423 478 504.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please place your boxes and envelopes with your contributions for Caritas Australia in the basket at the church organ in the front of the church.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL FAMILY PARISH LUNCH: on Sunday 17th June at 12noon in the parish hall. All St John's families & friends are welcome. BYO drinks and, in our time-honoured tradition, a small dessert to share. Parish raffle and a door prize to be won on the day. Children's activities include movie & ice cream. Supervision is not provided for children on the day and we ask that you are mindful of where your children are at all times during the luncheon. Children's entertainment provided. Bookings on www.trybooking.com/366075 / Maureen Hegarty 0423877736 / leave your name on the sheet in porch. Adults \$26, children \$10, preschoolers free. We look forward to celebrating this event with you.

PARISH RAFFLE: 120 Litre bar fridge full of drinks to the value of \$300. Bar fridge is padlocked and 150 keys are sold for \$10.00 each. The holder of the key that unlocks the padlock wins the bar fridge! Please buy your keys after weekend Masses. Try your luck with the padlock at the parish lunch on 17th June. A parishioner has already donated the drinks. It would be appreciated if someone donates the bar fridge (\$275.00). Proceeds go to pay parish debt.

ANNUAL MISSION CONCERT: held by the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on Sunday 15th April at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew from 2:00pm. Admission free. Proceeds from a collection taken during the concert will go to assist Sisters of St John the Baptist, in Dibrugarh, Assam India, endeavouring to give an education for poor children.

ANNUAL ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE MASS: The Catholic War Veterans Association District 9 invites veterans to remember their fallen comrades from World War II, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, East Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan and Peace keeping missions for the mass at St Kevin's Catholic Church, 26-44 Herlihy's Road, Lower Templestowe on Sunday 22nd April, 10:00am.