



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

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME:
Please contact parish office to introduce yourself.

21st/22nd April— Fourth Sunday of Easter Yr B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors

GOOD SHEPHERD AND VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Last week I wrote about holiness as described in the new document published by Pope Francis. This Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Day.

Each one of us has a unique vocation; we all have been uniquely called by God. Our first and basic call is to fully develop within us the image and likeness of God; as Pope Francis reminds us, to be holy is to become the best human person possible.

Within this basic call we are also given particular gifts and calls; this is our particular contribution to the society we form part of. Each of us, in prayer, are invited to discover what this call is and how best to live it. Holiness is my effort to live out my vocation to the best of my ability; to perfection. This does not mean I do not commit any mistakes, our path is strewn with 'stones and banana peels' and we often slip. Perfection implies our faithfulness to our call and our commitment to contribute the best of our abilities.

Am I a parent, do I parent to the best of my ability? Am I called to teach, do I strive to be the best teacher possible? Am I a single person, how do I live my call to the single life?

Good Shepherd Sunday reminds us of the Shepherd who gave up his life to live the Father's call. Following his example, we too need to be ready to give our ALL to achieve what God has called us to be. God has given us unique gifts and unique roles to play; each one of us is placed in particular situations and only we can fulfil our call to perfection.

As we pray and reflect this Sunday, let us ask God's help in recognising and living our call; let us continue to strive to be perfect, as the Father is perfect!

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Lauren Black, Bob Hyland, Catherine Livera, Patricia Mulholland, Erin Nevill, Patricia Wong.

ANNIVERSARIES: Winifred & Anthony Silva, Mabin Abhay, Lyn Einhart, Mary Nicholas.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Josephine Shelvanayagam, Sr Anne Arrundell rsm.

*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.*

21 Apr / 22 Apr	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Anita Metcalf	Marguerite Ryan	Sue Lew-Kee	Bernadette Nzenza
2 nd Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Mary Harty	Grace Lew-Kee	Margaret Andrews
Communion	Michelle Penson	Fiona Curry	Maureen Howard	Johanna Nesbitt
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Pauline Griffiths	Yannick Jonas	Leo Cosio
	Noel Micallef	Val Wallis	Beena Dilip	Charito Cosio
	Leela Cherubim	Stanly Devasia	Leonore Giliberto	TBA
28 Apr / 29 Apr	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Garry Sproules	Robyn Laurie	Matthew Sanders
2 nd Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Bernadette Nzenza	Bob Dowling	Johanna Nesbitt
Communion	Bill Barnes	Margaret Bradley	Erin Manuel	Margaret Hansen
	Donna Richardson	Peter O'Donoghue	Geraldine Manuel	Jenny Hollaway
	Emma Chang	Christopher Ratnayake	Tim Boyle	Sally Tramontana
	Maria Basilone	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	TBA	TBA
Counters	22 Apr: Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso & 29 Apr: Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis.			
Collection Weekly Average for March			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish		Presbytery		April : Cath 9459 9420
Stewardship	\$3464.68	Stewardship	\$637.84	May : Val 9458 2981
Loose	\$733.83	Loose	\$370.00	
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

GOLD COIN COLLECTION: The March Collection was \$746.60. Next Gold Coin Collection: 21 & 22 April.

ANZAC DAY: Wednesday April 25th. All invited to the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house for a cuppa and ANZAC biscuits after the 9:15am Mass. Entry to meeting room from back of the parish house.

WORKSHOP FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: on Thursday 26th April at 7:00pm in the church. In order to be able to continue with our ministry of offering the cup at the time of communion we urgently need more ministers to come forward. Please do consider taking part in this ministry. Contact Fr Mario about this ministry.

HEIDELCARE ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE: Monday 30th April 7:30pm at St John's Church. Guest speaker Sue Westhorp, shares insight into the role of Pastoral Care at the Austin Hospital. Come along and hear about the activities of Heidelcare over the past year, have a cuppa over supper and a chat! All Welcome!

PHILIPPINES MISSION IMMERSION TRIP: The parish would like to travel with a group of 10, over the age of 18, to St Catalina parish in Bataan in January 2019 to create links with this parish. Cost, including travel, food and lodging, excluding spending money, around \$2,000. Contact Fr Mario: heidelberg@cam.org.au.

THANKSGIVING MASS: on Sunday 27th May as a parish we thank all those who have in any way offered ministry to our parish community. (*Readers, ministers of Communion, altar servers, music ministry, church cleaners, those who prepare flowers, sacristans, Austin volunteers, money collectors and counters, parish council and finance committee members, Vinnies, Heidelcare and many, many more who generously give of their time and talent.*) 10:30am Mass will be a Mass of thanksgiving followed by a sausage sizzle at the parish hall. For catering purposes kindly put down name and number on sheet in church porch or contact the parish office 9457 1066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES: The next instalment is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church.

PARISH RAFFLE: 120 Litre bar fridge with \$300 worth of drinks. Bar fridge is padlocked; 150 keys are sold for \$10.00 each. The holder of the key that unlocks the padlock takes the lot! Buy your keys after weekend Masses. Try your luck with the padlock at the parish lunch on 17th June. Proceeds go to pay parish debt.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL FAMILY PARISH LUNCH: 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. 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.

ST JOHN'S GEMS: Tuesday 24th April, will be meeting at 10am at Four Leaves Café, 37 Greville Road, Rosanna for Coffee/tea and cake. All are welcome. Those needing transport please meet at the entrance to the parish meeting room at 9.50am.

ST JOHN'S GEMS CINEMA OUTING: Tuesday 8th May, Palace Cinema Balwyn, 11:00am screening of 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie.' Movie and lunch \$18; transport available. Book by 1st May: Elizabeth 0447 195 553 or Jan 0423 478 504.

PARISH RETREAT DAY: 'People Come First; the Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis,' by Br Mark O'Connor fms, Pope Francis Fellow, Newman College, University of Melbourne. From 9:30am to 4:00pm on Saturday 19th May, at Mother of God Church, Wilfred Rd., Ivanhoe. Cost, payable on the day, \$10; includes lunch. Book using registration form on brochure available from church foyer, or contact Fr Bill Edebohls: bill.edebohls@cam.org.au