



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:

PRINCIPAL: Maureen Stella
ADDRESS: 55 Cape St Heidelberg 3084
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e: office@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

HALL HIRE: Fran mob: 0417972317
10:00am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri only)

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME:

Please contact parish office to introduce yourself.

28th/29th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors

January 2019—Philippines Mission Immersion Trip

Outreach in our parish is a very important part of our ministry. We do it through our welcome of people who regularly visit our parish, our welcome to new arrivals, and our outreach to the hospital, the sick, the elderly, and the disadvantaged. We also regularly help out financially through the monthly gold coin collection and the various other collections during the year.

This year the parish council decided to send the proceeds of our 2017 gold coin collections to Santa Catalina parish in Bataan Province, Philippines. Our parish council would like the connection with this parish to go beyond financial aid, as beneficial as that is. The aim is to create a type of partnership between the two parishes.

In order to start this relationship it would help to understand the environment these people live in; the best way of doing this is by spending some time in their midst. The parish of St James, in Hoppers Crossing North, have already started this type of immersion trips and next year they will be doing this experience for the fourth time.

Over the coming weeks we will have the opportunity to talk more about this. Some people who have already shared in this experience will visit our parish and talk to us about what to expect, and then we will have a meeting for anyone who is interested in participating. Anyone from 18 years of age upwards is invited to participate. The cost, covering travel, food and lodging, is around \$2,000.

I myself have had the privilege of participating in this parish in the Philippines a number of times, and would love to share this experience with St John's parish community.

Thank you.

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen & Allan Sproules, Concetta & Gaetano Melilli, Gaetano & Tony Siciliano, Roy Mckenna, Eva Tomic.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sean Wiley, Domenica Nuccio, Margaret Teague, Tullio Piazzon.

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.

| 28 Apr / 29 Apr | Sat 6:00pm | Sun 8:30am | Sun 10:30am | Sun 5:00pm |
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| 1st Reader | Sue Lew-Kee | Garry Sproules | Elizabeth Williamson | 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 |
| 5 May / 6 May | Sat 6:00pm | Sun 8:30am | Sun 10:30am | Sun 5:00pm |
| 1st Reader | John James | Peter Penson | Harsha Dilip | Rosemarie Vecchies |
| 2 nd Reader | Michael Leonard | Jan McCaffery | Karen Frost | Margaret Andrews |
| Communion | Barbara Barnes | Margaret Bradley | Beena Dilip | Charito Cosio |
| | Bill Barnes | Stanly Devasia | Erin Manuel | Leo Cosio |
| | Jeanette O'Sullivan | Pauline Griffiths | Geraldine Manuel | Grace Nesbitt |
| | Donna Richardson | Michelle Penson | Kate Mathai | Joanna Nesbitt |
| Counters | 29 Apr: Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis & 6 May: Graeme Foote, Michael Tilly. | | | |
| Collection Weekly Average for March | | Heidelcare Co-Ordinator | | |
| Parish | Presbytery | May : Val 9458 2981 | | |
| Stewardship | \$3464.68 | Stewardship | \$637.84 | June : Jenny 9459 7174 |
| Loose | \$733.83 | Loose | \$370.00 | 6th May: Morning Tea: Francoise & Margaret |
| 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 6th May. Please join us!

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!

PARISH MASS COUNT: During the month of May we will be having our annual Mass count. This is normally carried out during the offertory. Thank you.

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

SERVE THE SERVERS GATHERING: Saturday 26th May after 6:00pm Mass. Let us celebrate and thank our young servers over a movie and popcorn!

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

PARISH RAFFLE: 120 Litre bar fridge with \$300 worth of drinks. Bar fridge is padlocked; 110 keys left to be sold (\$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 towards the planned restoration of our parish church .

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: We invite you to join us in the Francis Xavier meeting room at 10:00am on Tuesday 1st May for a cuppa and chat. It will be great to see you. Elizabeth 0447 195 553, Jan 0423 478 504

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.

Special Collections: St Vincent De Paul Conference collection held on Holy Thursday raised \$470.30; the Good Friday Holy Land appeal raised \$588.70 and for the parish \$941.55. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2018: classes for children in Year 6 or above start on 22nd May and finish on 7th August. Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 12th August at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.