



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street

HEIDELBERG

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Wurundjeri-Balluk clan of the Woi wurrung people in the Kulin Nation. We respectfully recognise elders, both past and present, and join in a silent prayer for healing of the pains caused by our ancestors.

Central to the mission of St John's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

## 20TH / 21ST OCTOBER - 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

### MISSION IMMERSION TRIP

#### MANILA AND BATAAN, PHILIPPINES

4TH TO 19TH JANUARY, 2019

Dear Parishioners, Visitors to our parish, Friends

Some months ago we spoke about the possibility of spending some time in the Philippines. This was not planned to be a sightseeing holiday, but a time to reach out and touch people less fortunate than us.

A number of parishioners showed interest in this mission experience; some had to pull out because of work or family commitments. Seven parishioners have been accepted to form part of this mission immersion experience. They will be joined by a parishioner from St James the Apostle, in Hoppers Crossing North, and accompanied by Fr Jude and myself.

As the experience gets closer, we have now started to prepare ourselves for this event. An itinerary is being prepared which can be seen on the parish web site. As part of our experience we will be spending time among squatters who live on 13th street, on the river bank. We will also spend some time working with the sisters of Mother Teresa in their Home of Joy for the Sick Children in Tayuman, Manila, an orphanage catering for disabled and underprivileged children.

A large part of the time will be spent in Santa Catalina Parish in the village of Pagalanggang, province of Bataan, north of Manila. This is a poor area and the work of the parish is to give the people 'a hand up.' One very practical way this is being done is by teaching youth and children an instrument. It is hoped that this can give them something to work with as they get older.

Three of the parishioners in the group are teachers at St John's Primary school; this will help us involve the students at St John's in this mission immersion. We hope that somehow we will manage to create some links between our students and the youth and children in Santa Catalina Parish.

In coming issues I will share with you about how we all can get behind this Mission Immersion experience.

Fr Mario



**Plenary Council 2020**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**PRAYER:** Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.  
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Mario Zammit  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:**  
 Christopher Ratnayake  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
 Mo, Tu, Th, Fr; 9:30am to 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  
 morning 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:** Every Tuesday  
 night at 7:00pm in the parish house;  
 contact Sue 9459 8604  
**PARISH PILGRIM STATUE OF MARY:**  
 To have the statue of Mary in your  
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**NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME:**  
 Please contact parish office to  
 introduce yourself

## **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.*

**SPARC WORSHIP NIGHT:** Saturday, 27th October, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at St Clare's Church, 3 Harbard Str, Thomastown. Warmly invited to give thanks and glorify God through song and prayer, adoration and fellowship. All welcome; admission free.

**ALL SAINTS ART & MUSIC EXHIBITION:** at St Dominic's Parish, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell. Entry by donation; includes afternoon tea. RSVP by 28th October: sebastian.condon@op.org.au.

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE:** Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students and asylum seekers in primary and secondary schools across the Melbourne archdiocese. The commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis rsm for applications and further information at 9326 1895 / (preferred) somml@bigpond.com / www.mercyworks.org.au

**TAKING PART IN THE 2020 PLENARY COUNCIL:** parishioners are welcome to share their ideas about our Church in Australia today. Contact Fr Mario.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND HEALING RETREAT:** at Pallotti College, Millgrove, from Thursday 1st November 6:00pm to Sunday 4th November 3:00pm. Guest speaker: Frank Daniels, experienced in spiritual direction and Christian meditation. Cost: single \$345.00, couple \$600.00. Enquiries and registration forms: Chiara Pardini (0404 758 665) Registration Jan Thwaites (0407 507 313 / janthwaites@hotmail.com).

**THE EYRIE MAGAZINE:** letters, articles, opinions, commentary, photos, stories, welcome!

## **PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD:**

*About young people, the faith and vocational discernment.*

*Loving Father, as we journey through the Synod, help us to support and care for young people.*

*May the Holy Spirit guide, renew and inspire Church leaders to accompany young people in faith and discernment, reflecting your mercy and love.*

*May we be open and actively seek new ways to collaborate in the joy of young people and in sharing the Gospel message. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Adelina Mantello, Charlotte Mayo, Aston Zaccaria.

**THE SICK:** Annelise Peyton, Marie Hankin, Joyce Quinn, Keith Ashworth, Jenny Ferriere, Francis Micallef, Noeline Zerna.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jason Gleen Marsi.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bronwyn Stewart, Nola Arch, Aurette Ferriere.

*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.*

20 Oct/ 21 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Michael Leonard	Garry Sproules	Bob Dowling	Rosemarie Vecchies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Pamela Smith	Ronnie Maloney	Grace Lew-Kee	Jan McCaffery
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Leo Hernandez	Geraldine Manuel	Sally Tramontana
	Leela Cherubim	Alice Wong	Erin Manuel	Catie Nesbitt
	Maria Basilone	Val Wallis	Sue Lew-Kee	Jenny Hollaway
	TBA	Stanly Devasia	Doris Schembri	TBA
27 Oct/ 28 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Catie Nesbitt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Karen Frost	TBA	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Pauline Griffiths	Tim Boyle	Tony Rowlands
	Emma Chang	Chris Ratnayake	Yannick Jonas	Charito Cosio
	Donna Richardson	Teresa Lincoln	Jan McCaffrey	Margaret Hansen
	TBA	Margaret Bradley	Leonore Giliberto	Johanna Nesbitt
Counters	<b>21 Oct:</b> Stephen Devanish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli & <b>28 Oct:</b> Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin.			
Collection Weekly Average for September				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		October: Marilyn 9459 1950
Stewardship	\$4206.18	Stewardship	\$681.83	November: Joan 9459 3889
Loose	\$571.47	Loose	\$320.00	
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:** At the meeting of the parish pastoral council last Wednesday, Christopher Ratnayake was chosen as the new chairperson, taking over from Maureen Hegarty. The role of chairperson is for one year and can be renewed any number of times. In the name of the parish, the council thanks Maureen for the work she carried out in this role over the past three years, and congratulate and pray for Christopher as he starts his new role.

**TWO TALKS ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:** by Fr Brendan Byrne, a Jesuit priest and biblical scholar. This Thursday 25th October and next Thursday 1st November, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, at the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. Entrance free. Fr Brendan will talk about the narratives about Jesus' childhood in the first two chapters in the gospel according to Luke. All welcome!

**THANK YOU:** to the parishioner who kindly donated \$4,000 to cover the cost of the new benches outside the church, and for other works around the place.

**AUSTIN MASS:** this Sunday 21st October. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass. Parishioners are invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you.

**GEMS: TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER** 10.00 - 12.00 Meet at the 'Four Leaves' Cafe, 37 Greville Road Rosanna. Enjoy coffee, cake and a chat. If you require transport please contact Elizabeth 0447195553 by Monday morning.

**SHARING OUR STORIES:** Parishioners who wish to share their stories in a safe and non judgmental space, are welcome to contact Fr Mario and ask for an appointment. This is not a counselling session or reconciliation but an opportunity to be heard.

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY GATHERING: Tuesday 6th November.** Parishioners are invited to a Melbourne Cup Day gathering in the Francis Xavier meeting room from 2:00pm on Tuesday 6th November. Finger food and bubbly provided. Watch the Melbourne Cup. Enter a Melbourne Cup Sweep. Dress: hats / fascinators / ties. RSVP: Essential for catering purposes by Tuesday 30th October. Please add your name to the list in the church porch.

**GOLD COIN COLLECTION:** The September collection was \$545.00. Next collection will be on 27th and 28th October. Thank you for your generosity.

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** our Year 12 students who will be sitting for their VCE exams. As a community we journey with you in prayer.

**NOVEMBER MASSES:** As the month of November approaches, we remember our loved ones who have died. November Mass envelopes are available in the porch of the church. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. During the month of November you may also wish to write the names of your loved ones in the register next to the baptism font. During the month of November the names of our departed loved ones will be placed on the altar and remembered at all Masses.

**3RD AND 4TH NOVEMBER:** on the first weekend of November we will remember our departed loved ones. Before all Masses that weekend, we will have the opportunity of lighting a taper in their memory.

**The Eyrie: Our Parish Our Stories.** We would love to have some stories shared about how Christmas is celebrated in your families in our next issue of the St John's EYRIE magazine. If you have something to share please email us: heidelberg.eyrie@cam.org.au

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 52:10-11.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 32: 4-5,18-20, 22.

**R./** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

**R./**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love.  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

**R./**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

**R./****SECOND READING**

Hebrews 4:14-16.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mark 10:35-45.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to

them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

**TRUE AMBITION**

**R./** The request of James and John shows that they still cling to the hope that Jesus will be the Messiah of conventional Jewish understanding: a righteous, triumphant ruler, set to restore to Israel the glories of the kingdom of David.

**R./** Jesus does not dismiss their request out of hand. Instead, employing biblical language, he makes clear what lies ahead of him en route to that glory. 'Baptism' does not refer to the Christian sacrament but reflects a biblical idiom where immersion in water out of control is an image for passage through severe trials. Likewise, 'cup' expresses the fate that lies ahead of a person (cf. Mark 14:36).

Arrangements for the final kingdom lie in the hands of the Father. It is not for Jesus to dispose of such matters but rather to complete his mission, trustfully consigning his future to the Father from whom he received that role. Those who wish to be his associates must accompany him in this trusting surrender, sharing his 'baptism' and his 'cup.'

The resentment of the remaining disciples at the request of James and John prompts Jesus to explain how leadership should run in the community of the kingdom. Earthly rulers use their authority for their own advantage and demand to be served in all things. In the community of the kingdom the reverse must prevail. The hallmark must be service of others, on the model of the Son of Man (Jesus), who came, not to *be* served but to serve—and to do in the supreme degree of giving up his life to set others free.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj