



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street
HEIDELBERG

We acknowledge the traditional 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.

St John's parish is a child-friendly community and we gratefully welcome young children and their families; we are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults in our midst.

6TH / 7TH JULY—14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

PEACE TO THIS HOUSE AND ALL WHO DWELL WITHIN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

'If the Church learns to listen and appreciate the action of God in ancient stories and ceremonies, the faith life, the liturgies, the Mission of the Church might be impacted.'

'You are Australians, but we are Australia' was the refrain of activists for many years as they stood for Aboriginal rights in many a protest. Some, now Elders, were following in the footsteps of their parents and Elders. At this time, as we consider the Mission of the Church in Australia in very challenging times, we ought to recall the many inspiring Aboriginal Christians who knew how to keep the faith amidst oppression, ejection and indifference.

St John Paul II's address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at Alice Springs is often quoted, 'the Church in Australia will not be the Church Jesus intended her to be until the Aboriginal people have made their contribution and that is joyfully accepted'. This was a watershed moment for the identity and shape of the Church and Mission in Australia. However, the statement does presume that we, as Church, know our identity and what our mission now is in this land.

The Church in Australia is still being shaped by the land and the ancient culture she has encountered. She not only needs Aboriginal people to contribute—she needs to ask Aboriginal people what it means to live the gospel of Jesus in this ancient land. Aboriginal people are crucial to helping the Church understand who we are in this land. The First Nation people have an indisputable and irreplaceable role in shaping the story and identity of the Australian Church. We will never become the Church we are meant to be apart from the wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This will require a new depth of listening, a genuine appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and their story of encounter with new cultures.

Recently, an Elder reflected after years of fighting for equality and recognition that she had moved in her understanding of our identity as a Nation, 'We are all Australia.'



PARISH RAFFLE: A 120 Litre bar fridge full of drinks, total value: \$550. The bar fridge is padlocked; The holder of the key that unlocks the padlock gets the lot! **ONLY 9 KEYS LEFT AT \$10.00 EACH.** Please buy your keys after weekend Masses. The fridge will be opened on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th August. Proceeds go towards the eventual church renovations.

(Taken from resources designed by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council to inspire and assist parishes and schools to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.)

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Mario Zammit
PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:
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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
**FIRST RECONCILIATION,
FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:**
Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

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 home for one week contact
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10:00am-5:00pm; Mon-Fri only

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.*

ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP: On Monday 8th July walking part 2 of the Anniversary Rail Trail followed by coffee at Town and Country. Car pool outside the parish house, leaving Heidelberg at 10:00am. Information: Jan (0423478504). All welcome to join us on our relaxed, chatty walks.

GEMS 50+ (AND FRIENDS): resumes next Tuesday 16th July. We meet for lunch at the Old England Hotel. Booking essential by 12th July. Contact Elizabeth (0447195553).

SHOW, SELL AND SHARE: On weekend 3rd and 4th August, in the parish hall. Bringing together people who would like to show, maybe sell their handmade goods and share their skill to any who would like to have a go. So far we have volunteers who knit, crochet, scrapbook, make cards and paint. All goods must be made by you. Proceeds donated to the Jose De Piro Kabataan (youth) Orkestra. Contact Jan on 0423478504.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE: is taking enrolments for Year 7 2021. Students need to be enrolled in year 5. Book a tour of the college Wednesday 14th August 9:00am to 10:30am. Enrolments close 23rd August 2019. Enquiries: Merri O'Halloran 9459 2511 / mohalloran@olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS: St Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday 28th July, 11:00am

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KITCHEN GARDEN CLASSES. Food education relies on the support of volunteers. Nothing more satisfying than sharing delicious meals created with fresh produce grown from seed to harvest. Every week our Year 3/4 students share in this experience. No need to be a green thumb or a chef, you just love growing food, eating and being with children. Classes on Thursday from 11.45am to 1.45pm. If you are able to assist and have your Working with Children Check, contact: Marisa: mveronese@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE LECTURE: Thursday 11th July, 7:30pm. St Joan of Arc church hall, 120 New Street, Brighton (enter beside the church on New Street). Geologist Jim Bowler will be discussing the big questions including the formation of the earth and the landscape; the arrival of reflective human consciousness as shown through the Mungo story; Aboriginal people's connection to country; and the challenges we urban people face in connecting to country and cosmos. Ample time for discussion and questions. Enquiries: Helen on 0418 999 800 or Sheila and 0418 329 589

HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, 'Retreat in Everyday Life' from 5th August to 2nd September. Contact 9890 1101 / holsc@bigpond.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Christopher Dabal, Peggy Preston, Lina Poon, Tom Suri, Jean Webb, Shannol Sarikamis.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Ryan, Laurie De Amicis, Brigitte Leguen, Adrian Forster, Fr Michael Sheehy, Fr Denis O'Callaghan, Francis Sharkey, Mavis Rochford, Dorothy Collier, Keith Comerford, John English, Betty Firth.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Francis Micallef, Joe Santamaria.

*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.*

6 July/7 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Pietro Sciotto	Robyn Laurie	Matthew Sanders
2 nd Reader	Peter Penson	Karen Frost	Adele Boyle	Rosemary Vecchies
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Jerzy Kmita	Tim Boyle	Leo Cosio
	Domenica Ashworth	Fiona Curry	Mary Furlan	Charito Cosio
	Maria Basilone	Pauline Griffiths	Elizabeth Williamson	Jenny Hollaway
	Michelle Penson	Leo Hernandez	Geraldine Manuel	Sally Tramontana
13 July/14 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Claire Newsome	Joanne Martinez	Peter Penson
2 nd Reader	Grace Lew-Kee	Jack Naden	Michael Leonard	Margaret Andrews
Communion	Emma Chang	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Des O'Brien
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Margaret Bradley	Doris Schembri	Matthew Sanders
	Jan Mc Caffrey	Bill Barnes	Nigel Mant	Olivia Sanders
	Donna Richardson	Barbara Barnes	Marni Mant	Michelle Penson
Counters	7 July: Jack Naden & A Team & 14 July: Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin.			
Collection Weekly Average for June			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish		Presbytery		July : Val 0490 254 928
Stewardship	\$2,977.00	Stewardship	\$573.93	August: Cath 0490 254 928
Loose	\$744.30	Loose	\$357.50	Morning Tea, 7th July: Francoise & Maria
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 & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: this Sunday 7th July after 10:30am Mass. Gold coin donation to cover expenses of sausage sizzle, appreciated. All welcome.

NO MORNING MASS: There will be a Communion Service on this Monday 8th July at 9:15am.

ST JOHN'S ANOINTING MASS: 1st August at 9:15am. This is a beautiful opportunity for those seeking some healing in their lives, physical, emotional or spiritual. A chance to support each other and then come for morning tea in the Francis Xavier meeting room. All are welcome. If you require transport contact Elizabeth (0447195553).

COMMUNION MINISTERS AND READERS ARE NEEDED: To participate in our weekend Masses; an important way to help our community in its time of prayer. A training workshop for New Communion Ministers will be held on Monday 5th August at 7:00pm. Thank you to all current Communion Ministers and Readers.

JOURNEY IN HOPE SUPPORT GROUP: sharing our grief and loss experiences and learning from each other; meeting in a relaxed and informal setting on Thursday mornings at 10:30am in the Francis Xavier meeting room. To join contact Jan (0423 478 504) or Elizabeth (0447 195 553). All welcome.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: Amount collected was \$834.35. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH COMMUNITY DINNER: on Saturday 24th August from 7:00pm, meeting at Four Leaves Café in Rosanna. A relaxed evening of community and friendship. Order from the menu and pay your own way. All welcome. Please book through the parish office: 9457 1066.

COLLECT PLASTIC LIDS: please place in the container in the church foyer. (Kindly rinse all lids before dropping them off. Thank you.)

COMMUNION IN THE HOME: Do you know of someone who is no longer able to attend mass and would like to be visited and to receive communion at home. Please contact Elizabeth (0447195553) with details.

CELEBRATING IN OUR COMMUNITY: We often get to challenge great events in our families. Our family is the first Church where faith is lived and handed down; it is therefore a good place where we can meet and celebrate God's many gifts to us and to our family. The invitation to join your family in these special celebrations is always open, please contact the office to make a time. You can organise a meeting for your family and / or invite a group of friends to celebrate together. We can offer Mass together as a family or we can offer a moment of blessing and thanksgiving. I had the opportunity of celebrating one such 'home Mass' last week with a group of friends. These occasions also give us time to get to know each other and support each other in our faith. Contact the parish office: 9457 1066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au

BIRTH OF A CHILD, MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: As a parish family we are invited to thank God, acknowledge and pray for parishioners celebrating milestone birthdays, anniversaries or the birth of a child. Kindly inform the parish office of these occasions: 94571066.

WHY ARE WE VIOLENT?: Pax Christi National Conference, Friday 16th August to Sunday 18th August: Keynote Speaker: Dr Susan Connelly, a Josephite Sister, who worked with the people of Timor Leste for over 20 years. Facilitates discussion around: What is it that makes us violent? What is scapegoating? What role for nonviolence and forgiveness? Larry Marshall, worked on the conflict in Sri Lanka, speaks on the situation in Sri Lanka. Venue: Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern. Contact: Rita Cammilleri 93793889.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65:1-7.16.20

TOGETHER: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**LEFT SIDE**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!'

RIGHT SIDE

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

LEFT SIDE

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

RIGHT SIDE

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

TOGETHER: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**SECOND READING**

Galatians 6: 14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10: 1-12,17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich

but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

SPIRITUAL COMBAT

Today's gospel describes the second of two occasions on which Jesus sends out his disciples to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom. The sending sets a pattern for the missionary nature of Church.

The instructions they receive suggest that, for the most part, they should not expect to receive a friendly response. The presupposition behind this is that the world has largely fallen out of the hand of God into the grip of spiritual forces hostile to God and to the true interests of human beings. The missionaries, therefore, will not be operating on benign or even neutral ground; they have to retake enemy terrain.

Jesus' specific instructions about going out lightly clad, taking no provisions, and so forth, reflect the conditions of the early Church. They do not translate literally into our situation today.

What remains totally relevant is both the nature of the combat faced and the richness of the gift that is brought. For combat with spiritual forces no amount of earthly protection will be of use. Like the armour of Saul that David first tried on before going out to face the Philistine giant, Goliath (1 Sam 17:38-51), it will only get in the way and detract from being armed with the power of God.

Likewise, the missionaries can take the risk of hospitality, because any expenses their hosts might incur in putting them up will be negligible in comparison to the gift they bring: the invitation to the Kingdom and the messianic assurance of God's 'peace' (Luke 2:14).

Fr Brendan Byrne sj