



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

# ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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.

## 13TH / 14TH JULY—15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

**2020 PLENARY COUNCIL:** after ten months of listening and dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the national themes for discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 were announced at Pentecost. Here is some information on each of the themes:

**#1 HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS MISSIONARY AND EVANGELISING?** This theme is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

**#2 HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS INCLUSIVE, PARTICIPATORY AND SYNODAL?** Some people expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into the Church's life and mission.

**#3 HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS PRAYERFUL AND EUCHARISTIC?** This National Members of the People of God shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church.

**#4 HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS HUMBLE, HEALING AND MERCIFUL?** This Theme is inspired by people who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia.

**#5 HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS A JOYFUL, HOPE-FILLED AND SERVANT COMMUNITY?** Some expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus.

**#6 HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS OPEN TO CONVERSION, RENEWAL AND REFORM?** Others spoke of a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal.

To find out more information about the Plenary Council and these six themes please visit:  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

Let us continue to pray for the success of this Plenary Council and ask God to help us as we all together discern the way forward as People of God and Body of Christ.



**PARISH RAFFLE:** Thank you to all our generous buyers, we have sold all the keys. The fridge will be opened on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th August. Proceeds go towards the eventual church renovations.

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Mario Zammit  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:**  
Christopher Ratnayake  
**CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:**  
Michelle Robertson m:0409 533 100

**PARISH OFFICE:**  
52 Yarra Street Heidelberg 3084  
t: 9457 1066  
e: heidelberg@cam.org.au  
w: cam.org.au/heidelberg  
facebook/stjohnheidelberg  
**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  
Marj McBroom m: 0414 289 304

**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY:**  
**PRINCIPAL:** Maureen Stella  
**ADDRESS:**  
55 Cape St Heidelberg 3084  
t: 9459 2963;  
office@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

**HALL HIRE:**  
Fran Gasior: m:0417972317  
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:** 15th July walking along part of the Main Yarra Trail in the Yarra Flats followed by coffee in Heidelberg. Walk to the trail from outside the parish house, leaving at 10:00am. Information: Jan (0423478504). All are welcome to join on our relaxed, chatty walks.

**GEMS 50+ (AND FRIENDS):** resume Tuesday 16th July. Meeting for lunch at the Old England Hotel at 12:00pm. Contact: Elizabeth (0447195553).

**Upcoming 'Dementia Friends':** At Francis Xavier meeting room Tuesday 30th July at 10:00am. Presented by 'Dementia Australia.' Presentation will increase awareness and understanding of what it is like to live with dementia, and to show support of dementia in the community. This is a social awareness presentation which provides attendees with a brief view of dementia.

**SHOW, SELL AND SHARE:** On Sunday 4th August, in the parish hall after all Masses. 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.

**ST JOHN'S PRIMARY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KITCHEN GARDEN CLASSES.** with Year 3/4 students 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

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

**OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE:** is taking enrolments for Year 7 2021. College tours Wednesday 14th August 9:00am to 10:30am. Enrolments close 23rd August 2019. Enquiries: Merri O'Halloran mohalloran@olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.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 Camilleri 93793889.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED:** Clara Knowler, Parker Moore, Chloe Epplet, Ruby, Levi, Mason & Amelia Chan.

**THE SICK:** Christopher Dabal, Peggy Preston, Lina Poon, Tom Suri, Jean Webb, Shannol Sarikamis, Eleanor Bowring, Raymond Walsh.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tom Dennis, Kay Radzikowski, Vera Boardman, Christian Babet, Peter Morck, Robert Bruce, Pat Heywood.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** William Blackley, Iwan (Peter) Heller, Loreta Galante, Sr Paulina Fitzpatrick 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.*

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 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Grace Lew-Kee	TBA	Michael Leonard	Rosemary Vecchies
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
20 July/21 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Matthew Sanders
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Anita Metcalf	Michael Leonard	Michelle Robertson	Mark Aiello
Communion	Marco Di Cesare	Bobbie Bartkus	Yannick Jonas	Mark Aiello
	Adrian Daly	Ronnie Maloney	Liz Sier	Leo Cosio
	Maria Basilone	Peter O'Donoghue	Vin Sier	Charito Cosio
	TBA	Val Wallis	Tim Boyle	Jenny Hollaway
Counters	14 July: Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin, 21 July: Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso.			
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	
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

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

**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).

**PARISH COMMUNITY DINNER:** 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**MASS BY CANDLELIGHT:** in the spirit of Taizé, Thursday, 18th July at St Thomas the Apostle Church, North Greensborough. Mass starts at 8:00pm, following a time of quiet reflection. Prayer ministry and supper be available afterwards. Enquiries: Rose (0411 650 339) or Emilia (0418 120 902).

**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

**ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS:** celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year? Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your family to the Annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's cathedral on Sunday 28th July at 11:00am.

**KUMON HEIDELBERG:** offering a free trial in August for your child to undertake maths or English classes. Contact: Maureen Hegarty (0423 877 736) to register your interest or find out about Kumon programme.

**SHARING OUR STORIES:** We are dedicating an issue of the Eyrie parish magazine to celebrate our diversity. We all have lots of stories to tell from our past. Please share them with us! Please write an article (around 500 words). Email: heidelberg.eyrie@cam.org.au

**FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 68:14.17.30-31.33-34.36-37**TOGETHER:** Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**LEFT SIDE**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

**RIGHT SIDE**

As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

**LEFT SIDE**

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

**RIGHT SIDE**

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there.

**TOGETHER:** Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**SECOND READING**

Colossians 1: 15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Luke 10: 25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

**REMOVING THE LABEL**

Centuries of familiarity with the phrase 'Good Samaritan' have dulled us to the shock involved in putting together the two terms—'good' and 'Samaritan'—in the time of Jesus. For Jews at that time Samaritans were not 'good' but 'bad' (see John 4:9). Equivalents today would be 'good terrorist' or 'good people smuggler.' So we can ask, as Jesus tells the parable, what would his Jewish audience have expected when they learn that the third traveller on the road is a Samaritan? Surely in contrast to the priest and Levite, he would not just pass by. He will see if there are any more valuables to rob and perhaps finish the man off once and for all! But—surprise! surprise! when this alien approaches the wounded man, it is not to injure or exploit him but to exercise practical compassion in a most extreme degree.

The Samaritan does not see a conventional ethnic label—'Jew'—hanging round his neck but simply a fellow human being in need of help. His 'goodness' smashes through the label that we so readily put upon the stranger as a way of coping with difference. Before urging any action the parable challenges *attitude* and *vision*. How do I see another person? Do I see primarily an ethnic, cultural, social or occupational tag? Or do I penetrate through all these surface things and see a fellow human being who needs me to *be* neighbour? The Samaritan is exemplary ('good') not only in what he does, but, before that, in the way he sees other people, sees through the label.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj