



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.

## 3RD / 4TH AUGUST—18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends,

We often try to tell ourselves not to let us be led by money or financial issues, but both at home and in our parish community, money is necessary. There are bills to be paid, maintenance to be looked after and new projects to be launched and carried out. From time to time we need to remind ourselves of the need to contribute towards the running of the parish.

Thank you to all of you who regularly give of your time and energy; these are a very important contribution to the running of our various programmes. We encourage more members of the parish to get involved so that many more can benefit from the outreach we, as Christians, can offer to those around us. Thank you.

Thank you also to all of you who regularly contribute towards the financial needs of the parish community. Our main source of income is the money contributed in our parish collections. Once again a big thank you for your contributions. I do understand it is not always easy to contribute financially towards parish needs as resources are very limited. In the gospel Jesus tells us that the little put into the collection by the poor widow, has greater worth in front of God, as she put in everything she had to live on; her very life! Like her we are encouraged to give to support our parish activities and ministries. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Often people stop contributing towards our parish finances because they are sick and can no longer afford to contribute; others come to the end of their journey on earth and return to the Father; while others move away from the parish to go and live in another suburb. There are also many people who move into our parish from other suburbs; we gratefully welcome these new comers as they join us in our community and in our worship. We pride ourselves to be a welcoming community!

I kindly ask new members to our parish community to consider taking on an active role in the life of the parish. There are many different activities you can participate in, they all need the assistance of new members. Please consider asking how you can take part. We also invite you to participate in our Stewardship / Thanksgiving programme, pledging to donate a certain sum of money on a weekly, monthly or annual basis. This can be done either at the time of the collection, or by giving us your credit card or bank details so we can withdraw the money ourselves.

Over the next couple of weeks I will continue to develop this theme.

Thank you

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**PARISH RAFFLE:** The fridge is available to be unlocked in the parish hall after all Masses. Please choose your keys and try to unlock the padlock. If you succeed, you take the lot! Good luck! Thanks to the donors!

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Mario Zammit  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**CHAIR:** Christopher Ratnayake  
**CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:**  
Michelle Robertson (0409 533 100)  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**  
Domenica Ashworth  
Adrian Daly  
Moira Di Cesare  
Bob Dowling  
Mary Harty  
Maureen Hegarty  
**PARISH PROGRAMME COORDINATORS:**  
Jan McCaffery (0423 478 504)  
Elizabeth Williamson (0447195553)  
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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 Marj  
McBroom m: 0414 289 304  
**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY:**  
**PRINCIPAL:** Maureen Stella  
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10:00am-5:00pm; Mon-Fri only

### 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.*

**PARISH COMMUNITY DINNER:** Saturday 17th 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. **Note change of date!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN PARISH AGED CARE FACILITY:** Catholics living at 'The Views,' (corner of Waiora Road and Lower Plenty Road) are visited weekly by members of the parish offering them friendship, prayerful support, and the Sacrament of Communion. Parishioners who would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Fr Mario or the parish office. You would be rostered on once a month. Training provided.

**COLLECT PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS:** Kindly place clean plastic bottle tops in the container in the church foyer. To read more visit: <https://envision.org.au/>

**2019 KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE:** at Catholic Theological College on Wednesday 21st August at 7:30pm. Dr Trudy Dantis speaking about The Voices of Plenary Council. Bookings and Information: [sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au](mailto:sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au) or 9412 3366. RSVP Tuesday 13th August. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne.

**HEIDELCARE MEETING:** 7:30pm Monday 5th August in the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. All welcome.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY:** Thursday 15th August is a holy day of obligation; we are encouraged to participate at Mass on this special day. Masses at 9:15am, 12:00pm (school Mass) and 7:00pm.

**ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP:** Monday 5th August will be walking along the Merri Creek Trail. Join us outside the parish house at 10:00am to explore this beautiful walk. Enjoy our relaxing, chatty walks. Jan (0423 478 504).

**GEMS 50+ (AND FRIENDS): MOVIE AND LUNCH: 'LATE NIGHT'** Palace Cinema Balwyn 231 Whitehorse Rd Balwyn Fully booked.

**Upcoming GEM activity:** Tuesday 13th August at 10:00am in the Francis Xavier meeting room. Join us for a Quiz morning. Topics: Television shows from the 50's and 60's, famous couples and more! All welcome; transport available; Elizabeth (0447195553).

**BOOK SWAP:** Donations of reflective and spiritual books accepted, to help grow our new book swap shelf set up in the church foyer. To assist please contact Jan (0423478504).

**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.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE:** Year 7 enrolments for 2021 close 23rd August 2019.

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

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Jeffrey Hendry with Renee Galati.

**THE SICK:** Mary McBrearty, Sheila McGrath, Keiran McGrath, Peter Crowley, Mary Palmer, Christopher Dabal, Peggy Preston, Lina Poon, Tom Suri, Jean Webb, Shannol Sarikamis, Eleanor Bowring.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Bortolin, John Lanagan, Saverio & Nancy Valente, Nicoletta Mascia, Terry Green, Lena Murphy, Salvatrice Tramontana.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Olive Toirmey rsm, Helen Yob.

*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.*

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| <b>3 Aug/4 Aug</b>  | <b>Sat 6:00pm</b>   | <b>Sun 8:30am</b> | <b>Sun 10:30am</b>             | <b>Sun 5:00pm</b>                      |
| 1st Reader  | TBA   | Jack Naden        | Claire Newsome                 | Catie Nesbitt                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader  | Michael Leonard   | Pietro Sciotto    | Joanne Martinez                | Peter Penson                           |
| Communion   | Leela Cherubim  | Oliver Kmita      | Yannick Jonas                  | Michelle Penson                        |
|   | Domenica Ashworth   | Karen Frost       | Doris Schembri                 | Leo Cosio                              |
|   | Jan Mc Caffrey  | Leo Hernandez     | Liz Sier                       | Charito Cosio                          |
|   | Donna Richardson  | Jerzy Kmita       | Vin Sier                       | Jeny Holloway                          |
| <b>10 Aug/11 Aug</b>  | <b>Sat 6:00pm</b>   | <b>Sun 8:30am</b> | <b>Sun 10:30am</b>             | <b>Sun 5:00pm</b>                      |
| 1st Reader  | Leela Cherubim  | Barbara Barnes    | Robyn Laurie                   | Margaret Andrews                       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader  | Peter Penson  | Karen Frost       | Adele Boyle                    | Mark Aiello                            |
| Communion   | Maria Basilone  | Chris Ratnayake   | Nigel Mant                     | Sally Tramontana                       |
|   | Michelle Penson   | Val Wallis        | Marni Mant                     | Des O'Brien                            |
|   | Emma Chang  | Bill Barnes       | Ann Domaingue                  | Matthew Sanders                        |
|   | Lorraine Mascarenhas  | Bobbie Bartkus    | Tim Boyle                      | Olivia Sanders                         |
| Counters  | <b>4 August:</b> Tim Booth, Nigel Mant, Shane Byrnes & <b>11 Aug:</b> Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue. |                   |                                |  |
| <b>Collection Weekly Average for July</b>   |   |                   | <b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b> |  |
| Parish  |   | Presbytery        |                                | August: Cath 0490 254 928              |
| Stewardship   | \$2,977.00  | Stewardship       | \$573.93                       | September: Marilyn 0490 254 928        |
| Loose   | \$744.30  | Loose             | \$357.50                       | Morning Tea, 4th Aug: Carmel & Heather |
| <b>Thank you</b> 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 4th August after 10:30am Mass. Come and join us as we continue to share community over a small meal and a cup of tea. Gold coin donation to cover expenses of sausage sizzle, appreciated. All welcome.

**SHOW, SELL AND SHARE:** TODAY, Sunday 4th in the parish hall after both morning Masses. Stalls include knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking demonstration, card making, painting, jewellery and printed cards. Children can make their own jewellery or name banners. Come along and buy and/or have a try. Proceeds donated to the Jose De Piro Kabataan (youth) Orkestra. Contact Jan (0423478504).

**PARISH RAFFLE:** We will be attempting to unlock the fridge with the drinks this weekend 3rd/4th August in the parish hall, after all Masses.

**YAMAHA CLARINOVA CLP-645 PIANO FOR OUR CHURCH:** The small old organ in the front of the church decided it was time for retirement after 30 years of hard and holy labour. This was replaced by a new piano at the cost of \$2,835 (ex-GST). Thank you to one parishioner who has already donated \$1,000 towards the cost.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** On Sunday 11th August members of our parish community will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral; another important parish event. We are encouraged to pray for these members of our community. We thank the teachers and catechists who have prepared these children and pray for their families as they continue together on their journey of faith.

**CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL:** 10th/11th August. CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community.

**COMMUNION MINISTERS AND READERS ARE NEEDED:** training workshop for New Communion Ministers this Monday 5th August at 7:00pm.

**THANK YOU:** to the parishioner who donated \$1,000 towards the planned church renovations mentioned in last week's newsletter.

**PILGRIMAGE TO AMBON:** Together with another 23 people Des O'Brien is again going to the Indonesian island of Ambon in early September to visit sites and memorials dedicated to family members who died there as prisoners of war. Although not an underdeveloped island there are many needs in schools hospitals and orphanages. We take with us some items for boys (aged 11 to 18) at an orphanage. We can take second-hand shorts, shirts, underwear or footwear. We are also seeking donations of tooth brushes and tooth paste. Donations will be appreciated and put towards those in needy circumstances. Items may be left at the parish house or I will collect from you. Thank you. Des O'Brien (0438 796 986)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Invest in your marriage! Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! Weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 23-25 August and 15-17 November. Starts Friday 7:00pm, ends Sunday 5:00pm. Accommodation and meals provided. Information/Bookings: Mercy & James (0409 183 676) or vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Web: wwme.org.au

**CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST:** Friday the 20th September; speaker Fr Leo Patalinhug. A high profile chef, TV host and martial arts exponent; his tools of evangelising. Cost: \$50, group discounts available. From 7:00am to 9:00am. At Athenaeum Club, 87 Collins St Melbourne. Topic: 'be a man and feed your family.' Enquiries: michael.bohan@menalive.org.au

**FIRST READING**

Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 89:3-6.12-14.17

**TOGETHER:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**LEFT SIDE**

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

**RIGHT SIDE**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

**LEFT SIDE**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

**RIGHT SIDE**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

**TOGETHER:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**TRUE AND FALSE SECURITY**

We human beings are very insecure creatures. We are afraid for the future and, in that fear, desperately clutch at what would seem to offer protection and security against all manner of threats.

Wealth seems to offer the most obvious source of security: with wealth we shall not go hungry, we shall have a roof over our heads; we shall gain influence and power, the likelihood of good health, and the enjoyment of life's better things.

But the deep fear that feeds our insecurity also feeds the desire for wealth, so that the desire itself can become insatiable and eventually take over our lives, making us increasingly insensitive and to other, deeper values.

The parable in today's Gospel addresses this issue. The rich landowner, whose chief problem was finding space for his harvest, thought he could look forward to many years of the good life because of all the 'security' he thought he had stored up. But, 'this very night' the demand is made for his 'soul'—that is, for his worth as a human being, a prerequisite for eternal life. It is exactly this deeper question that the man's preoccupation with his wealth has caused him to neglect.

The only security that is really lasting consists in being 'rich' in one's relationship with God, because this is the only relationship that transcends death. But a preoccupation with wealth also poisons human relationships, and erodes the concern for others that is the basis of community. Attachment to wealth in this sense is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating the hospitality of God.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj