



# 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.

## 12TH / 13TH OCTOBER—28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends,

### ***Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World***

*On the 20th October, we celebrate a day of prayer for missions and the month of October becomes the month when we remind ourselves of the commitment towards our own faith and towards the spreading the good news of the gospel. In his message for World Mission Day, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all baptised which also means that we are sent out into the world to spread the good news.*

*God calls us to share in his life—we are created in the image and likeness of God, who breathes his Spirit into us. He gives us the gift of faith so that we can recognise him and love him above all else. Through our baptism and through our faith in God, we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and to each other. Through our faith together we form the family of God, the Body of Christ. Our faith is therefore not a private event, but a faith that unites us.*

*When I am called I am also sent out; no one is called for himself or herself, but called to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. We are called, baptised and sent. Each one of us has a mission to perform. Our mission is different, tailored on our role in life, but each one is invited to participate. 'As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant,' writes Pope Francis. My mission could be to speak Christ to my grandchildren, that is mission! It is teaching the good news to our younger ones.*

*The best way to teach about Christ is by giving witness. The invitation for each one of us is to take our faith seriously and fully believe in God. The Word of God needs to influence our whole life and every decision we make. In order to be able to hand on the faith, I need to be in relationship with the God who has called me and invited me to live his life.*

*One very simple way of talking about God in our families and with our young ones, is through prayer. It is very important to find time as a family to come together and thank God for life itself and for his many gifts, while petitioning him for what we need. Before meals and before going to bed at night, are good moments to pray and to make God present. We can always thank God for providing us with health, food on the table, a good day's work. We can also ask God for what we need, for health, for protection.*

*Prayers do not need to be formal nor do they need to be established formulas. In the morning children are encouraged to say 'good morning' and perhaps even kiss their parents; before going to bed they say 'good night' and perhaps 'thank you' for all that the parents have provided during the day. The same way we can turn to our heavenly father and greet him 'good morning,' 'good night,' and 'thank you!' That is good and healthy prayer that leads to a healthy relationship with God who calls us.*

*As we pray for those who work to spread the good news among peoples who have not heard it yet, let us remember that we too have our own mission to perform, to witness to the God who has created us, saved us and keeps us alive!*

Thank you!

.... Mario

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Mario Zammit  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**CHAIR:** Christopher Ratnayake  
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Domenica Ashworth  
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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  
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#### **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.*

**VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT:** at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 15th October at 7:00pm. Featuring Baroque Ensemble SONARE and Vocal Ensemble CANTUS NOVESIA under the direction of Joachim Neugart, Director of Music at the cathedral in Neuss, Germany. Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFXGN> or at the door.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (AUSTRALIA):** October is the month of the Rosary. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on Friday 18th October: 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary.' The prayer initiative invites teachers, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. To participate and for information and resources go to: [millionkidspraying.org](http://millionkidspraying.org)

**SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT:** 14th to 21st November, directors: Marlene Marburg and Bernadette Miles at Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe. Cost: \$1,390 for full retreat / \$199 per day, (accommodation, meals and daily spiritual direction). Privileged time to focus on your relationship with God. Beautiful environment, silence and daily spiritual direction; rest and reconnect to the source of life. Also possible to make a shorter retreat during this time. Info and bookings: Kardia, Holy Cross Centre, 208 Serpells Rd, Templestowe. [enquiries@kardia.com.au](mailto:enquiries@kardia.com.au)

**BOTTLE CAPS:** Can we stop collecting plastic tops for time being. Seems Envision has now stopped collecting. Thanks for the beautiful effort.

**MINISTRIES AT OUR SUNDAY MASSES:** We **URGENTLY** need more readers and ministers of Communion especially at the Sunday evening Mass (5:00pm). We also need people who welcome parishioners as they come to Mass.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Christmas Market 24th November from 9am at the parish hall. Contact Jan (0423478504).

**STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS:** organised by Catholic Theological College. 14th November to 7th December 2020. Visiting Jordan, Israel & Palestinian Territories and Greece and option for 3 days in Crete and Delphi. Tour Leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM. Information Session: Saturday 19th October 2019: 2:00pm to 4:00pm. RSVP & information: Jenny Delahunt 94123314 / [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

**DISCOVER PALMS:** Sunday 27th October at 10:30am, Jenny Florence Room, Ross House, 247-251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Information: 02 9560 5333 / [palms.org.au/assignments-abroad](http://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad). Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required.

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

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED:** Harvey Fealy, Chloe O'Meara, Mila Briglia, Jack Prince.  
**THE SICK:** Cynthia & Giuseppe Amoroso, Christopher Dabal, Gordon Eng, Sheila Mc Grath, Keiran Mc Grath, Mary Wright.  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Attilia Sturma, Terry Minahan, Frank Pignataro, Joe Gigiglio.  
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Grazia Sciotto.

*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.*

<b>12/13 Oct</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Peter Penson	Joanne Martinez	Leela Cherubim
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Jan Mc Caffrey	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Rosemary Vecchies
Communion	Marco Di Cesare	Michelle Penson	Ann Domaingue	Sally Tramontana
	Sue Lew-Kee	Fiona Curry	Geraldine Manuel	Des O'Brien
	Maria Basilone	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Philip Johnson
	Domenica Ashworth	Margaret Bradley	TBA	TBA
<b>19/20 Oct</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Barbara Barnes	Robyn Laurie	Catie Nesbitt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Grace Lew-Kee	Garry Sproules	Michael Leonard	TBA
Communion	Leela Cherubim	Bill Barnes	Nigel Mant	Matthew Sanders
	Noel Micallef	Oliver Kmita	Marni Mant	Olivia Sanders
	Jan Mc Caffrey	Jerzy Kmita	Tim Boyle	TBA
	Donna Richardson	Peter O'Donoghue	Mary Furlan	TBA
Counters	<b>13 Oct:</b> Stephen Devenish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli & <b>20 Oct:</b> Leo Cosio, Leo Hernandez, Yannick Jonas.			
<b>Collection Weekly Average for September</b>			<b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b>	
Parish		Presbytery		October: Marilyn 0490 254 928
Stewardship	\$3,116.38	Stewardship	\$310.70	November: Joan 0490 254 928
Loose	\$688.79	Loose	\$345.00	
<b>Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.</b>				

**AUSTIN MASS:** next Sunday 20th October. 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.

**PLENARY COUNCIL:** 'Let's Listen and Discern' is the next phase leading up to the 2020 Plenary Council. Please join together to give input into this very important opportunity for us to contribute to future directions of the Church in Australia. Date: 23rd October At: 7:00pm in the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. To register contact [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) / 9457 1066.

**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.

**WOMEN AND SPIRITUALITY:** Women are encouraged to participate in this engaging and informative session. Thursday 7th November: Celtic Spirituality and Music presented by Cath Connelly with her harp. At Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. To register contact 9457 1066 / [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) or Jan (0423478504).

**HOME VISITS / FAMILY BLESSINGS / HOME MASSES:** Fr Mario is available to visit, pray with you in your family and share faith. To invite Fr Mario and book a date please contact the parish office 9457 1066 / [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)

**COMMUNITY DINNER:** time to build friendships, community ties, and celebrate together on Saturday 9th November at 7:00pm, after evening Mass. Venue TBA. An informal evening, everyone orders their own meal from the restaurant menu and everyone pays his / her own way. To book please contact the parish office: 94571066 / [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)

**ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP:** On Monday 14th October. We will explore the Beauview Estate, one of A.V. Jennings' original estates established in the 1930s. We meet outside the parish house at 10:00am.

**GEMS 50+ (AND FRIENDS):** 15th October, games morning. All invited to join us for fun and games in the Francis Xavier meeting room, followed by morning tea. Scrabble, Rummikub, UNO, cards or join in the conversation; 10:00am—12:00noon.

**UPCOMING EVENT:** 'Morning Melodies' Abbasession Duo' Abba Tribute Show. Tuesday 29th October at the Lower Plenty Hotel, 4 Main Road Lower Plenty. \$20 Devonshire tea, entertainment, hot lunch, drink. Doors open at 9:30am. Bookings essential. See booking form at the back of the church.

**CHARISMATIC MASS:** on Thursday 17th October at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. Starting at 7:30pm with praise & worship followed by Mass, with the Sacrament of Anointing. Prayer ministry and supper available afterwards. For further details, please contact Rose (0411 650 339) or Emilia (0418 120 902).

**CELEBRATING THE 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 at least a week prior to the celebration.

**FIRST READING**

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 97:1-4.

**TOGETHER:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**LEFT SIDE**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

**RIGHT SIDE**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

**LEFT SIDE**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

**TOGETHER:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

**WHAT SALVATION REALLY MEANS**

Jesus is on his long journey to Jerusalem. At the border between Samaria and Galilee, ten people afflicted with skin diseases cry out to him for help, keeping their distance as the Law of Moses required.

All ten are made clean when they follow his instructions to go and show themselves to the priest.

For nine of them, that is where the matter ends. But the tenth, who also happens to be a Samaritan, returns to Jesus, loudly praising God. When he prostrates himself in gratitude, Jesus remarks on the absence of the other nine.

Here we have one of several instances in Luke's gospel where Jesus confronts his audience with a 'good Samaritan.' The appropriate behaviour of a 'foreigner,' one on the margins of Jewish society, has shown up the shortcomings of those in the mainstream.

The Samaritan is the only one of the ten who receives from Jesus the assurance: 'Stand up and go on your way: your faith has brought you salvation.' The other nine may have received physical healing. They did not really experience 'salvation.' Beyond physical healing, the 'salvation' brought by Jesus means coming to know God in a new way: knowing God as Saviour, and allowing that knowledge to overflow in gratitude, love, and joy. This is the 'knowledge of salvation' of which Zechariah spoke in his canticle (the *Benedictus*) at the naming of John (1:77).

So today's gospel is not just about the healing of an afflicted person. Another 'good Samaritan' has shown what salvation really means for all.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj