



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street

HEIDELBERG

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.*

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

AUSTIN HOSPITAL MASS:

3rd Sunday of the Month at 9:30am.

WEEKDAY MASS: 9:15am

ROSARY: Monday to Saturday after Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA: Every second and fourth
Monday of the month at 7:30pm, in the
parish house.

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesday night at 7:30pm
in the parish house. Info: Sue 9459 8604

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday: 7:30pm - 9:00pm;

Thursday: 9:40am - 11:00am,

Friday: 8:00am - 9:00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday at 9:45am & 5:30pm
or by appointment

BAPTISMS: On 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 (9457 1066).

PARISH PILGRIM STATUE OF MARY: In order
to have the statue of Mary in your home
for one week please contact Marj
McBroom on 9440 8885.

6/7 May 2017 - 4th Sunday of Easter Yr A

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends.

Jesus: Shepherd and Gate

To appreciate 'shepherd' image in today's gospel, we have to understand something of pastoral practice in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

Sheep from various flocks would be penned up at night in communal sheepfolds. Though they were all mixed up together overnight, at daybreak, when the time came for them to be led out to pasture, each shepherd could rely on the fact that the sheep of his flock would recognise his voice, separate themselves from the rest, and willingly follow him through the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus contrasts a 'good shepherd' like this, whose relationship with the sheep rests on care and mutual knowledge, with others who come only to steal, harass and bring about the loss of sheep that do not belong to them.

The image acquires a fresh dimension when Jesus goes on to identify himself with the 'gate' of the sheepfold. If the sheep are to flourish, they cannot remain all day within the sheepfold; they have to go out and find pasture. Yet, if they do not return to the fold at night, they will be at risk. So daily they have to come and go through the gate. The gate is their means of access to both protection and growth.

As 'Gate' Jesus performs this function for the community. It is only through continual interaction with himself that its members find life and growth.

In this sense he 'has come that they may have life and have it to the full' (v. 10).

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Georgia D'Errico.

THE SICK: Sally Burton, Michael Saveriaves, Franca Valmorbida, David Kemp, Paul Kemp, Carmen, Ishtar Deacon, Cyril Ferriere, Alberto Idquival, Brendan Tresekitta, Jimmy Wright.

ANNIVERSARY: James Larkin.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Mc Mahon, John Fabris.

*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 May / 7 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Christian Ratnayake	Max Chester	Michelle Robertson	Peter Penson
2 nd Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Marguerite Ryan	Michael Leonard	Margaret Andrews
Communion	Leonore Giliberto	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Nigel Mant	Michelle Penson
	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Val Wallis	Marni Mant	Philip Johnson
	Christopher Ratnayake	Mary Harty	Geraldine Manuel	Leela Cherubim
	Domenica Ashworth	Elizabeth Williamson	Erin Manuel	Margaret Hansen
13 May/14 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Anita Metcalf	Bernadette Nzenza	Bob Dowling	Giuseppe Amoroso
2 nd Reader	Sharon D'Souza	Pietro Sciotto	Harsha Dilip	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Margaret Urquhart	Fiona Curry	Aileen Powell	Sally Tramontana
	Emma Chang	Pauline Griffiths	Leo Hernandez	Jenny Hollaway
	Maria Basilone	Margaret Bradley	Barbara Lonergan	Des O'Brien
	Marie-Rose Auguste	Jim Gray	Beena Dilip	Jan McQueen
Counters	7 May: Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Jim Cross, Percival Makin & 14 May: Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso.			
Collection Weekly Average for April				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		May 2017: Val 9458 2981
Stewardship	\$3110.70	Stewardship	\$632.58	June 2017: Jenny 9459 7174
Loose	\$888.63	Loose	\$458.16	Morning Tea 7th May: Tina & Sina
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: available in the parish hall after 10:30am Mass this Sunday. Please join us!

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL Heidelberg conference has been assisting families and individuals in the local area since 1927 and continues to be a valuable and rewarding way of practical participation in our faith. This year we thank God for 90 years of service in our community. The conference in our parish is among the oldest in Victoria, the first conference was established in 1907. We thank God for the generosity of all members, past and present, who have given their time and energy to this ministry. We will celebrate this important milestone in our parish together with Archbishop Denis Hart this Saturday 13th May at the 6:00pm Mass. Celebrations will continue on the weekend of 24th and 25th June. We also pray for Vinnies members who are no longer with us.

MEETING ROOMS AND PARISH HOUSE RENOVATIONS: are now ready. The Archbishop will bless the new meeting rooms on Saturday 13th May after 6:00pm Mass. Over the next few days all welcome to come and see the work that has been carried out. A light supper will be offered at the parish house after the 6:00pm Mass.

MOTHER'S DAY: Sunday 14th May we celebrate mother's day. Before the Sunday Masses we will have the opportunity of lighting a taper in memory of mothers who, for a variety of reasons, are not with us. Please pick up a taper from the church entrances.

Special Collections: NSW Flood Relief fund held on Holy Thursday raised \$674.00; the Good Friday Holy Land appeal raised \$780.00. Thank you.

JESUS YOUTH ADORATION: Wednesday 10th May from 10:00am (after morning Mass) to 9:00pm. All welcome to join.

SERVE THE SERVERS GATHERING: Saturday 3rd June after 6:00pm Mass. Let us celebrate and thank our young servers over a movie and popcorn!

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS: Today the Church invites us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations – whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion. Pope Francis, in his Letter for today, tells us 'There is no room for fear!' May each one of us be fearless in praying for, and promoting more vocations. We also pray for all those who have been called to the married life style and have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith with their children; and for single people especially those who have dedicated themselves to service in the Church and to humanity.

PARISH MASS COUNT: During the month of May we will be having our annual Mass count. This is normally carried out during the offertory. Thank you.

Parish Pilgrim statue of Mary: The statue of Mary goes around our parish from home to home, one week at a time. Please consider inviting Mary into your home for one week. This can be an opportune moment for you and your friends to come together in prayer. Having the statue of Mary in our home is another reminder of God's many gifts in our life. Please please contact Marj McBroom on 9440 8885.

ST JOHN'S FAMILY PARISH LUNCH: on Sunday 18th June at 12pm in the hall. Adults \$26, children \$10, preschoolers free. Children's entertainment provided. For bookings at trybooking.com/278207 or contact Maureen on 0423877736.

PARISH RAFFLE: 120 Litre bar fridge full of drinks. The bar fridge will be locked with a padlock and 100 keys will be sold for \$10.00 each. The holder of the key that unlocks the padlock takes the bar fridge home! A parishioner has already donated the drinks. It would be good if someone donates the bar fridge (\$260.00). People can try their luck with the padlock at the parish lunch, 18th June.