



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.

13/14 May 2017 - 5th Sunday of Easter Yr A



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Dear parishioners, visitors and friends.

At home with God

Today's gospel comes from the long instruction that Jesus, according to the fourth gospel, gives to his disciples at the Last Supper. He reflects upon his return to the Father and what his absence will mean for the disciples.

Jesus' 'departure' seems to operate on two levels. The setting of the supper on the night before he dies, makes it natural to understand his 'going away' as a reference to this imminent departure in death; his 'coming back', then, would refer to his appearance on the third day as risen Lord.

At a deeper level, however, Jesus addresses a more permanent 'going away' when he returns to the Father following his appearances to the disciples. From this perspective, his 'coming back would refer to his return as world judge at the end of time.

At this level what Jesus says does not bear upon the short period between Good Friday and Easter but upon the indefinite 'time of the Church' that will follow.

During this time—which remains our time—the disciples will feel keenly the loss of his physical presence. But Jesus insists that it will be a better time in fact. His departure to the Father through his death upon the cross will defeat the grip of sin and death upon the human race, and open up the gift of eternal life.

Jesus is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life in the sense that his death supremely reveals the 'truth' about God (that God is love) and opens up the 'way' to human sharing in God's (eternal) 'life.'

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARY: Angeline & Anthony De Cruz, Russell Byrnes, Peter Hickey, Kathleen Lanigan, Ken Moondy, Silvia Robles-Russ, James & Phyllis Clifford.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Patricia Mc Arlein RSM, John Bahen.

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 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
20 May/21 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Adrian Daly	Elizabeth Williamson	Robyn Laurie	Bernie Zwolak
2 nd Reader	John James	Mary Harty	Claire Newsome	Kamilla Zwolak
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Teresa Lincoln	Marie Hankin	Catie Nesbitt
	Donna Richardson	Alice Wong	Yannick Jonas	Johanna Nesbitt
	Christopher Ratnayake	Peter O'Donoghue	Tim Boyle	Tony Rowlands
	Domenica Ashworth	Raymund Erese	Maureen Howard	Philip Johnson
Counters	14 May: Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso & 21 May: Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis.			
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	
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: Sunday 21st May. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass at the chapel. Parishioners are also invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence.

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal: next weekend 20/21 May, for supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains with young people in youth justice facilities, patients and their families in hospitals, people living with HIV/AIDS, men and women in prisons and Seafarers. Thank you for your donation.

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.

CHURCH MONITOR 'TECHNICIANS': needed. Now that we have started using our church monitors during Sunday Masses we need people to operate the computer. The process is very simple and training will be provided. Can anyone—young and not-so-young—who are interested in this ministry please speak to Fr Mario. Thank you.

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

STELLA MARIS SEAFARER'S CENTRE: requires an experienced Centre Manager for a full-time/permanent part-time position, responsible for day-to-day activities, with strong leadership skills and ability to develop and implement successful management strategies. Contact: jobs@stellamaris.org.au.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS: Dear Lord, today we turn to you to give you thanks for all mothers in our community.

With your own gift of life, they bore us in their womb and gave us life. They tenderly and patiently cared for us and taught us to walk and talk. They read to us and made us laugh. No one delighted in our successes more; no one could comfort us better in our failures. We are so grateful for how they mothered us and mentored us, and even disciplined us.

Please bless them, Lord, and comfort them. Help their loving hearts to continue to love and give of themselves to others. Strengthen them when they are down and give them hope when they are discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give our mothers the graces they most need and desire today. We ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour forever and ever.

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! Thank you to the parishioners who donated the fridge and the drinks. People can try their luck with the padlock at the parish lunch, 18th June.

MASS BY CANDLELIGHT: Celebrated in the spirit of Taizé, at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham on Thursday, 18th May. 8:00pm Mass, prayer ministry and supper. Enquiries: Emilia (94357475) or Sandra (9434 7553).