



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.

27/28 May 2017 - The Ascension Of The Lord, Yr A

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends.

Unfinished business, ... but hope

Having escaped the clutches of his enemies by rising from the dead, the Lord ascends, like the prophet Elijah, to heaven.

In biblical language and imagery this manner of describing the close of Jesus' earthly ministry signals that the One who had been crucified on the trumped-up charge of being a political Messiah has now entered into his true messianic glory at God's right hand.

Entrance into heavenly glory does not mean that Jesus abandons either his disciples or his saving mission in the world. Rather, he will continue to exercise that mission through the ministry of the Church, empowered (at Pentecost) by the same Spirit that rested upon him.

Just before he departs, the disciples voice an understandable concern: 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' The question betrays a strong sense of 'unfinished business.' Despite the Easter victory, forces hostile to God and to true humanity continue to hold sway in the world—as, not only the disciples, but we ourselves remain acutely aware.

Jesus does not give a direct answer. The time of the Kingdom's full arrival remains shrouded in the mystery of God. The disciples' task is to take up the messianic mission of Jesus, bringing the hope of the resurrection to an often despairing world.

The Ascension is not, then, simply something that happened to Jesus. As the Preface of the Mass says, 'he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where He, ... has gone before'.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

"This is the mystery of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit illuminates the human spirit and, by revealing Christ Crucified and Risen, indicates the way to become more like him, that is, to be 'the image and instrument of the love which flows from Christ.'" (Pope Benedict XVI, June 4, 2006)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Sally Burton, Sally Hodgson, David Kemp, Paul Kemp, Michael Saveriaves, Franca Valmorbida, Teresita Idquival.

ANNIVERSARY: William Cook, Giuseppe Basilone, Jack Geoghegan, Ken Mullens.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Nardella.

*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.*

27 May/28 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Michael Leonard	Ronnie Maloney	Michelle Robertson	Rosemary Vecchies
2 nd Reader	Peter Penson	Garry Sproules	Anita Metcalf	Des O'Brien
Communion	Noel Micallef	TBA	Sue Lew Kee	Leela Cherubim
	Margaret Urquhart	Val Wallis	Kate Mathai	Margaret Hansen
	Maria Basilone	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Doris Schembri	Jenny Hollaway
	Marie-Rose Auguste	Raymund Erese	Barbara Lonergan	Jan McQueen
3 June/4 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Guiseppe Amoroso	Leela Cherubim	Sue Lew-Kee	Margaret Andrews
2 nd Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Ronnie Maloney	Elizabeth Williamson	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Karen Frost	Nigel Mant	Sally Tramontana
	Michelle Penson	Pauline Griffiths	Marni Mant	Tony Rowlands
	Emma Chang	Teresa Lincoln	Geraldine Manuel	Philip Johnson
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Alice Wong	Erin Manuel	Des O'Brien
Counters	28 May: Graeme Foote, Michael Tilley, James Watson & 4 June: Shane Byrnes, Tim Booth, Nigel Mant.			
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 4th June: Carmel & Heather
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

GOLD COIN COLLECTION: The April Collection was \$717.25. Next Gold Coin Collection this weekend.

MORNING TEA: available in the parish hall after 10:30am Mass next Sunday 4th June. Please join us!

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: next weekend. Money collected will help support women and children's health in Uganda where women risk great danger to reach health facilities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Donations are tax-deductible.

CHURCH TV MONITOR 'TECHNICIANS' NEEDED. To operate the computer during Sunday Masses. The process is simple; training is provided. Anyone interested please speak to Fr Mario. Thank you to the parishioners who have already showed interest in this ministry. Thank you also to the parishioners who donated \$100 towards the monitor.

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

HEIDELCARE: Meeting Monday 5th June 7:30pm. Venue to be announced.

HEIDELCARE AWARDS: Ten Heidelcare volunteers attended the Banyule Volunteer Awards Dinner on Wednesday 10th May. Elizabeth Grist was given an award for 30 years of service with Heidelcare. Thankyou Elizabeth!

ST JOHN'S NETBALL CLUB: General meeting on 14th June at 7:00pm at the school library. New players welcome. Contact: stjnetball@gmail.com

DON BOSCO CAMP, SAFETY BEACH – A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16yo (Senior), during upcoming school holidays. Visit www.donboscocamp.org.au / call 5987 2692. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment.

COMING PARISH EVENTS:

- ⇒ **SUNDAY 2ND JULY** - Fr Mario's 25th anniversary of priesthood at 10:30am, followed by morning tea.
- ⇒ **SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST** - Fr Ted's 50th anniversary of priesthood at 10:30am, followed by morning tea.

ST JOHN'S FAMILY PARISH LUNCH: on Sunday 18th June at 12noon in the parish hall. Adults \$26, children \$10, preschoolers free. Children's entertainment provided. Bookings: on trybooking.com/278207 / Maureen 0423877736 / leave name on the sheet in porch.

PARISH RAFFLE: HURRY, ONLY 40 KEYS LEFT! 120 Litre bar fridge full of drinks. Bar fridge is padlocked and 100 keys are being sold for \$10.00 each. Holder of the key that unlocks the padlock wins the bar fridge! Thank you to parishioners who donated fridge and drinks. Buy your keys after weekend Masses. Try your luck with the padlock at the parish lunch on 18th June.

FURNITURE FOR NEW PARISH MEETING ROOMS: after the refurbishments we now need to buy some new furniture. Please find a catalogue chairs and tables in the porch of the church. We invite you to see if you can help by paying for some of this furniture. A list of donors will be kept. Thank you to the donors who have already paid for two tables and two meeting room chairs.

UNDERSTANDING CHANGE, LOSS AND GRIEF SEMINAR: significant part of life, yet often we do not recognise their impact. Seminar dates: Thursdays 8th June, 6th July and 3rd August, 6.00 to 9.00pm, at St John's parish house (Francis Xavier meeting room). Cost: \$20 for Seasons for Growth workbook RSVP: Nominate your preferred session to Julie Jensen on 0411 241005 or julie@changesinbetween.com places are limited.

GARDENING DESIGN, RESTORATION & MAINTENANCE: St James Landscapes. Contact Greg Koen on 0498 630 412 or email stjameslandscapes@gmail.com