



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 0414 289 304.

8th / 9th July 2017 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A

Thank you!

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends.

Last Sunday I had the privilege to celebrate my 25th anniversary as priest. I am very humbled and honoured to have the opportunity to celebrate with you here at St John's. Unfortunately I could not celebrate with my family back in Malta - the first Church that shared its faith with me - but you abundantly made up for what was missing.

It is a privilege to be a disciple among other disciples following Jesus. As I shared in my homily last Sunday, with you I am, first and foremost a follower of Christ, only then can I accept the role of leader in our community. Thank you for being Church and family to me. One can only be a disciple within a Church where he can live his or her faith with other disciples. Together we share our faith in God, as we follow Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

I cannot put my feelings into words. I was very moved by your love and respect, by your prayers, friendship and support, and by your cards, gifts and greetings. Thank you all.

Thank you to all who contributed to make this such a memorable day. May God continue to bless you all and please do continue to hold me in your prayers. And may we all continue faithfully in our journey of discipleship.

Fr Mario

Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013) noted that in the presence of God, during a recollected reading of the text, it is good to practice *Lectio Divina* – the reading of God's word in prayer asking that it 'enlighten and renew' us.

The following questions may help with this: Lord, what does this text mean to me? What is it about my life that you want me to change by this text? What troubles me about this text? Why am I not interested in this? What do I find pleasant about this text? What is it about this word that moves me?

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Alessandra Damiano, Joel Mitchell, Rian Duffy, Joshua Peric.

THE SICK: Sally Burton, Sally Hodgson, Teresita Idquival, David Kemp, Paul Kemp, Vin and Aileen Powell, Michael Saveriades (Jr) and Franca Valmorbida.

ANNIVERSARY: Harry & Peggy Burton, Brian Deagan, Val Johnson, Michael Saveriades, Cosio Taniana.

RECENTLY DECEASED: James Kann.

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.

8 July/9 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Pietro Sciotto	Claire Newsome	Peter Penson
2 nd Reader	Anita Metcalf	Marguerite Ryan	Bob Dowling	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Margaret Bradley	Sue Lew-Kee	Sally Tramontana
	Margaret Urquhart	Mary Harty	Doris Schembri	Jenny Hollaway
	Christopher Ratnayake	Peter O'Donoghue	Geraldine Manuel	Michelle Penson
	TBA	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Erin Manuel	Tony Rowlands
15 July/16 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sharon D'Souza	Mary Harty	Robyn Laurie	Margaret Andrews
2 nd Reader	John James	Bernadette Nzenza	Michael Leonard	Guisepppe Amoroso
Communion	Adrian Daly	Val Wallis	Nigel Mant	Philip Johnson
	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Elizabeth Williamson	Marni Mant	Jan McQueen
	Maria Basilone	Alice Wong	Doris Schembri	Leo Cosio
	Emma Chang	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Charito Cosio
Counters	9 July: Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis & 16 July: Graeme Foote, Michael Tilley, James Watson.			
Collection Weekly Average for June			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish	Presbytery		July 2017: Jenny 9459 7174	
Stewardship	\$3303.13	Stewardship	August 2017: Marilyn 9459 1950	
Loose	\$777.77	Loose	\$406.25	
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: next Sunday 16th July. 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. Thank you.

CATHOLIC VISITORS AT THE AUSTIN HOSPITAL: One important ministry in our parish is visiting Catholic patients at the Austin Hospital to offer them support and prayers and share with them the sacrament of Communion. The aim is to visit the whole hospital twice weekly. In order to be able to achieve this we need more volunteers who could offer two hours, one day a week, between Monday and Friday. If you think this is a ministry you could share in, please contact Fr Mario. More volunteers are very urgently needed for this ministry.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE: will be coming to St Martin of Tours Parish Rosanna this Saturday 8th to Saturday 14th July as part of the centenary celebrations of the apparitions of Our Lady. The statue will be at St John's this Wednesday 12th July. Celebrations include Mass at 9:15am followed by prayers and Rosary. Please see flyer in church porch. For information contact Sue on 9459 8604.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Every Friday morning a group of parishioners spend time cleaning and preparing our church for the Sunday celebrations. More volunteers for this ministry are needed. Please contact the parish office for more information.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: Emails are a very important means of communications in our world. The parish newsletter and various other communications are regularly sent out by email to all parishioners. Please contact the parish office to update your email address if you are not presently receiving communication from the parish.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 17th August 7:30pm.

On 22nd July Fr Ted celebrates 50 years of priesthood. As a parish we join Fr Ted in this celebration on Sunday 6th August at 10:30am Mass, followed by morning tea. Details to follow. Please keep this date free and join us for this celebration.

OLMC TRIVIA NIGHT: All welcome to the OLMC annual trivia night on Saturday 29th July at 7:00pm. Major raffle and silent auction table with fabulous items. Tickets \$20 through trybooking or contact Maureen on 0423 877 736. Book as an individual or make up a table. BYO food & drinks. www.trybooking.com/283058

ELVIS NIGHT FUNDRAISER: Saturday 12th August at 7:30pm in St John's Parish Hall. Come with friends to enjoy a night out with an Elvis impersonator to raise some urgently needed funds to assist Paschal, a Nigerian Seminarian to be ordained for the Hobart Archdiocese this September. Cost \$25.00 per head. BYO food, drink and glasses. Tea & Coffee provided. Contact Trish or Francis Seymon on 9459 7413 / 0410407042 ASAP for bookings.

FAMILY LIFE DINNER: on July 29th. Margaret Hansen is looking for some good quality items such as Manchester goods, crockery, paintings or other goods which could be donated, for a silent auction at this event. Donations can be left with Sr Loreto no later than 21st July. Thank you for your assistance.

BOOKKEEPER: wanted to help a female religious order. Good knowledge of accounting system MYOB required for this part-time position. Flexible working hours. Contact Des 0438 796 986 for further information.

UNDERSTANDING CHANGE, LOSS AND GRIEF SEMINAR: on Thursdays 3rd August, 6.00 to 9.00pm, at St John's parish house meeting room. Cost: \$20 for Seasons for Growth workbook RSVP: Julie Jensen on 0411 241005 or julie@changesinbetween.com places are limited.