



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.

*24 Sept/ 1 Oct 2017 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A*

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

### *Conversion for life*

*The parable about two sons in today's Gospel can be understood on various levels. In Jesus' own context it probably served to defend his practice, shocking to the religious authorities, of celebrating the discovery of God's mercy with those considered outcasts and sinners.*

*At a deeper level, the parable shows that what God looks to—and can wait with infinite patience for—is the final outcome in people's lives. God can put up with an initial No, and many other No's besides, on the way to a final and lasting Yes.*

*From the human angle, people who appear religious and obedient from the start may never have sufficiently plumbed the depth of God's mercy to know God as God really is. Conversion at depth and the knowledge of God that goes with it overflows into a pattern of life truly reflecting God's grace. But a hard, judgmental attitude to others may indicate lack of true conversion and knowledge of God: something that may leave such people waiting at the door, while those whom they thought far less worthy enter into the fullness of life before them.*

*What ultimately determines fitness for eternal life is conformity of the human heart to the heart of God. None of us could ever amass sufficient good works to merit even a second of life with God. That life will be God's gift in abundance if only we have grown—sometimes in the course of a very winding and to-and-fro journey—into the capacity to receive it.*

*Fr Brendan Byrne sj*

The function of proclaiming the readings is by tradition ministerial not presidential.

Therefore the readings are to be read by a reader, while the gospel is read by a deacon or a priest... After each reading, the person reading pronounces the acclamation, and by means of the reply, the assembled people give honour to the Word of God that they have received in faith and with gratitude.

*General Introduction to the Roman Missal paragraph 59*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Simon McCoy & Lucinda Archer, Joshua Maine & Fenella Kennedy

**THE SICK:** Peter Peyton, Patricia Mulholland, Ruth Mc Guire, Aileen Powell, Franca Valmorbida.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Joy & Fred Meacham.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Laurie Frazer.

*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.*

30 Sept/1 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Guiseppa Amoroso	Garry Sproules	Claire Newsome	Des O'Brien
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Mary Harty	TBA	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Pauline Griffiths	Leonore Giliberto	Philip Johnson
	Maria Basilone	Peter O'Donoghue	Leo Hernandez	Jan McQueen
	TBA	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Geraldine Manuel	Sally Tramontana
	Donna Richardson	Val Wallis	Doris Schembri	TBA
7 Oct/8 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Leela Cherubim	Michael Leonard	Rosemary Vecchies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Anita Metcalf	Marguerite Ryan	Bob Dowling	Peter Penson
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Alice Wong	Maureen Howard	Michelle Penson
	Donna Richardson	Margaret Bradley	Erin Manuel	Jenny Hollaway
	Noel Micallef	Stanly Devasia	Geraldine Manuel	Leo Cosio
	TBA	Mary Harty	Kate Mathai	Charito Cosio
Counters	<b>1 Oct:</b> Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Jim Cross, Percival Makin & <b>8 Oct:</b> Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso.			
Collection Weekly Average for August				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		October 2017: Marilyn 9459 1950
Stewardship	\$3515.13	Stewardship	\$737.82	November 2017: Joan 9459 3889
Loose	\$743.87	Loose	\$397.50	
<b>Thank you</b> 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 1st October. Please join us!

**THANKSGIVING MASS:** on Thursday 5th October. We gather with all those who have in any way offered ministry to our parish community. (*Readers, Ministers of Communion, Music ministry, church cleaners, those who prepare flowers, sacristans, Austin Visitors, money collectors and counters, Parish Council and Finance Committee members, Vinnies, Heidelcare and many, many more who generously give of their time and talent.*) Mass at St Monica's at 7:30pm, followed by a light supper. For catering purposes please put down name and number on sheet in church porch or contact the parish office 9457 1066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE, WORLD COMMUNITY DAY:** It is our turn to host it on Friday 6th October at 10:30am followed by morning tea at St Monica's. Representatives from our local Churches will be present to pray with us. Bro Harry Prout from the Exodus community will be the guest speaker. An offering will be taken up to support the work of the Asian Church Women's Conference and the special project for 2017 "the Asylum Seekers' Centre" which operates from Jesus House, Dandenong. All are welcome.

**2017 PARISH SEMINAR:** Thursdays 19th and 26th October and 2nd November. Rev Dr Elio Capra, a Salesian priest, speaks about Pope Francis' letter Amoris Laetitia—the Joy of Love. Topics: The structure and the content of Amoris Laetitia. Why has Amoris Laetitia caused so much controversy? What are the implications for the individual, the family, the parish and the church? 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the Francis Xavier meeting rooms (St John's parish house). Entrance through the meeting room doors at the back of the parish house. All Welcome. RSVP heidelberg@cam.org.au / 94571066.

**FAMILY SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, 8th October, we celebrate Family Sunday. We thank God for all families who make up our parish community. We also join couples celebrating important milestones in their marriage. Let us also remember widows and widowers who have lost their life partners; we thank God for their gifts. This year we are reminded that family time together, especially at common meals, help build families. Please pick up a booklet from the porch in the church. We pray for our families.

*Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the gospel and small domestic churches. Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.*

*Amen*

**HEIDELCARE MEETING:** 7:30pm Monday 2nd October in the Parish House Meeting Room. Enter via back door. All are welcome.

**MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MASS:** at St Pius Church, 419 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West, on Saturday 14th October at 11:00am followed by tea. Enquiries 94575794. All welcome.

**ANNUAL MISSION FAIR:** by the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on Saturday 14th October from 9:00am to 3:00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds go to assist Sr Almaz Leza working in Taza Catholic Health Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for financial aid to purchase emergency nutritional food for drought and famine affected people. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

**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.