



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 7:00pm, 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.

14/15 Oct 2017 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

How do we live the kingdom of God? As we continue reading the gospel according to Matthew at our Sunday Masses, we often come across this expression. In order to get a fuller understanding of this kingdom, we need to put all of Jesus' parables together; they each describe another aspect of this reality.

In today's gospel we hear Jesus compare the kingdom of God to a big banquet that the king holds in honour of his son's wedding. It is a time of great happiness and celebration; royal banquets are usually associated with an abundance of rich foods and wines. It is also an invitation to share in the events that are taking place in the king's family, his son's wedding.

Different guests are invited to the wedding feast. Some of the guests refuse to participate in the kingdom while others even insult and kill the messengers—this is an obvious reference to the way the leaders of the Jews dealt with the prophets. The king then opens up his feast to all, bad and good alike, all are invited to share, the only condition to participate is to accept the invitation.

The kingdom of God is here, it starts with us now. We are constantly being invited to share in the life of God. Some of those invited seemed to have a good excuse for declining the invitation, but in the end they missed out from participating in this great event. We too are invited. I pray that we are not too busy running our earthly chores and miss out on attending the wedding banquet. We do need to be careful to set our priorities in the right order: the kingdom of God first and our earthly life follows.

May God bless us all.

Fr Mario

It is most desirable that the faithful ... receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice, so that, even by means of the signs, communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated.

General Introduction to the Roman Missal, paragraph 85

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Alessia Cunningham, Ruben Kastropil, Kalina Nixon-Livy.

RECENTLY MARRIED: Robert McLay with Elizabeth Rus.

THE SICK: Patricia Mulholland, Ruth Mc Guire, Aileen Powell, Franca Valmorbidia.

ANNIVERSARY: Nick Snow, Stan Snow, Denis & Margaret Kennedy, Robin Murphy, James & Sarah Hannon.

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.

14 Oct/15 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sharon D'Souza	Pietro Sciotto	Sue Lew-Kee	Margaret Andrews
2 nd Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Claire Newsome	Peter Penson	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Adrian Daly	Teresa Lincoln	Nigel Mant	Margaret Hansen
	Marco Di Cesare	Fiona Curry	Marni Mant	Philip Johnson
	Maria Basilone	Peter O'Donoghue	Yannick Jonas	Jan McQueen
	Domenica Ashworth	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	TBA	TBA
21 Oct/22 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Claire Newsome	Robyn Laurie	Johanna Nesbitt
2 nd Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Mary Harty	Michelle Robertson	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Noel Micallef	Val Wallis	Tim Boyle	Leela Cherubim
	Donna Richardson	Elizabeth Williamson	Doris Schembri	Sally Tramontana
	Margaret Urquhart	Alice Wong	Leonore Giliberto	Michelle Penson
	Maria Basilone	Pauline Griffiths	Leo Hernandez	Catie Nesbitt
Counters	15 Oct: Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis. & 22 Oct: Graeme Foote, Michael Tilley, James Watson.			
Collection Weekly Average for September			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish	Presbytery		October 2017: Marilyn 9459 1950	
Stewardship	\$4257.00	Stewardship	November 2017: Joan 9459 3889	
Loose	\$636.44	Loose	\$323.15	
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: will be celebrated this Sunday 15th October. 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL: next weekend. This year we are invited to share our support for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Nha Trang, Vietnam as they work tirelessly to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions. To donate please use envelopes at each entrance.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Northern Central Council festival Mass. At St John's on Thursday 9th November, 7:30pm. Please join as we thank God for the good work carried out by our local Vinnies Conferences and celebrate our St John's Conference 90th anniversary. Des Madden, the new Northern Central Council president, will be commissioned on this occasion. RSVP by 2nd November on support.services@svdp-vic.org.au

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: Please make yourself known by introducing yourself to Fr Mario and to the parish office. Thank you.

FR MARIO: is available to visit and spend time with your family on the 20, 21 22, 27, 28 and 29 of October. Please ring the parish office (94571066) for an appointment.

HEALING MASS: on Thursday 19th October at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. The evening will commence at 7:30pm with praise & worship followed by Mass, which will include the Sacrament of Anointing. Prayer ministry and supper will be available. For further details, please contact Emilia 9435 7475 or Rose 9434 3962.

NOVEMBER MASSES: As the month of November approaches, we remember our loved ones who have died. November Mass envelopes are available in the porch of the church. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. You may also wish to write the names of your loved ones in the register next to the baptism font. Name of our departed loved ones will be placed on the altar and remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: an elderly parishioner from Yallambie is seeking transport to Sunday Mass at St John's at least once a month. Please contact the parish office for further details.

PROBLEMS WITH GAMBLING: can happen to anyone. Gambler's Help North and North Western offers confidential and free counselling for anyone experiencing problems with gambling. Counselling, advice and support is also available to affected others. Financial counselling is also offered, along with Peer Connection Program (telephone support service). To make a referral to Gambler's Help, please call the intake team on 1300 133 445 or email ghnintake@bchs.org.au. After an initial phone screening, an appointment is offered. All services are free of charge.