



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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10:00am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri only)

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.

30th / 31st December 2017 - Feast of the Holy Family

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

Thank You

Christmas time and Advent is a busy time for all of us, not least as we prepare for our many celebrations in the Church. Thank you to the Liturgy Committee, the musicians and the singers, those who help with the flowers and those who keep the church environment clean, sacristans, readers, Ministers of Communion, altar servers, money collectors and counters, and many others who help out in many ways.

Thank you to the Parish Council, Child Safety Committee, Finance Committee, office staff, school principal and staff for their support.

Finally a big thank you to all parishioners who have sent me greetings, cards and gifts, or have used the Christmas envelopes. Your generosity, friendship and support is greatly appreciated. As we start a new year, I ask you to remember me in your prayers to the Lord, so that together we can continue on our journey as disciples of the master.

Happy New Year!

Fr Mario

At St John's Parish Community, we are committed to providing a child safe environment and protection of all children and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge that many children, and their families, have been hurt by members of the Church. We apologise for all the priests, religious and lay people who have abused the authority given to them by our Church.

We also express our sorrow that the leaders in our Church did not protect children and did not act when they should have done.

In our Parish, we are committed to acknowledging the wrongs of the past, and walking with those who are seeking our support in their journey of healing and faith.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Niamh Cummings, Marianne Devasia.

RECENTLY MARRIED: Sofia Pace and Stephen Basile, Stephanie Montalto and Paul Zotov

THE SICK: Lauren Black, Patricia Mulholland, Brendan O'Kane, Patricia Wong.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sheila and Bill Jackson, Elvie and George Elliott, Maureen O'Brien.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Joy Hanrahan pbvm.

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 Dec/ 31 Dec	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Garry Sproules	Joanne Martinez	Giuseppe Amoroso
2 nd Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Claire Newsome	Karen Frost	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Donna Richardson	Val Wallis	Tim Boyle	Leo Cosio
	Domenica Ashworth	Teresa Lincoln	Leo Hernandez	Charito Cosio
	Michelle Penson	Peter O'Donoghue	Yannick Jonas	Sally Tramontana
	TBA	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Doris Schembri	Leela Cherubim
6 Jan/ 7 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Robyn Laurie	Candida Rowlands
2 nd Reader	John James	Claire Newsome	Harsha Dilip	Margaret Andrews
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Tony Rowlands
	Noel Micallef	Stanly Devasia	Beena Dilip	Sally Tramontana
	Leela Cherubim	Alice Wong	Leonore Giliberto	Des O'Brien
	Michelle Penson	TBA	Kate Mathai	TBA
Counters	31 Dec: Stephen Devenish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli & 7 Jan: Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin.			
Collection Weekly Average for November				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		January 2018: Elaine 9459 6721
Stewardship	\$2982.25	Stewardship	\$616.20	February 2018: Joan 9459 3889
Loose	\$845.72	Loose	\$432.50	N.B. No morning tea in January
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

*WISHING ALL PARISHIONERS,
VISITORS AND FRIENDS,
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR,
2018 FILLED WITH GOD'S
ABUNDANT BLESSINGS!*

END OF THE YEAR / NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES: The last Mass of the year is on Sunday 31st December at 5:00pm. The first Mass of 2018 is on Monday 1st January at 10:30am. (No 9:15am Mass on Monday.)

1ST TO 10TH JANUARY: During the first week of January I will be away from the parish for my annual spiritual retreat. Priests are strongly encouraged to spend some time in prayer and reflection at least once a year. Please keep me in your prayers during this time. During my absence Fr Ted has very generously accepted to do the regular Masses.

HOWEVER: the morning Mass on Monday 8th January will be replaced with a Communion Service.

SACRAMENT PROGRAMME 2018: for children in other schools. Reconciliation classes for children in Yr 3 or above from 27th February to 15th May, sacrament celebrated on 17th May at 4:30pm; first Communion classes for children in Yr 4 or above from 21st August to 6th November, first Communion celebrated on 10th November at 11:00am at the OLMC Nallejerring Centre; Confirmation classes for children in Yr 6 or above from 22nd May to 7th August, Confirmation celebrated on 12th August at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. For information please contact Sr Loreto on 9457 1066.

WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: As a welcoming community of faith it is important to keep an eye out for new members in our community. Please do introduce yourself to new parishioners and make them welcome. New parishioners please contact the parish office (94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au) to give us your details.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: can be resold and the money sent to help missionary activities in different parts of the world. Please save your used postage stamps and drop them off at the parish office or at the sacristy.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Thank you for your generous donations which amounted to \$1,330.40. Also, over sixty hampers have been distributed by our St Vincent de Paul Conference to needy families living in the area.

2018 SCHOOL FETE GARDEN STORE: you can contribute by starting some plantings to donate to the garden store for next year's school fete on Saturday 3rd March.

THE FRINGE OF HIS GARMENT: a course by the Catholic School of Evangelisation, on 24th and 25th March, at St Thomas the Apostle, North Greensborough. This course is a journey of inner healing with Jesus, the doctor who heals the deepest wounds of our life. Information: Sandra Bishop (9434 7553).

A WEEKEND WITH MARGARET SILF: from 18th to 20th May. Imagining the Self in a Spiritually Expansive World and/or a four-day workshop The Future is Within Us, from 14th to 17th May. Information: www.kardia.com.au or see the flyer on the parish notice board.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR? The 'Siloam' Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors can be studied on Mondays (9:00am to 5:00pm) over two years at Heart of Life in Box Hill. The program fosters a discerning, contemplative approach whereby spiritual directors-in-formation become more and more attuned to the movement of God's spirit in themselves and in their directees. The Program may be studied as a Grad Dip in Spiritual Direction for those who meet the criteria. Information: holsc@bigpond.com or 9890 1101.