



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.*

5th/6th May — Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors

Mary our mother!

We start the month of May, traditionally dedicated to Mary, mother of God and our mother!

Who is Mary? Mary is a person who totally listened to the word of God and let it take root in her life. She is one who built her house on solid rock and remained totally connected to the vine. This is the most basic and most relevant aspect of Mary's life. It is because of her total connectedness to doing God's will that she was free enough to say yes to God's invitation to be mother of his son. In Mary the word of God took life because of her commitment to God's will, before Jesus was conceived in her.

As a mother, Mary suffered when she saw her son going through his passion and death. She knows what it means to suffer. On the cross Jesus asked John the apostle to take Mary home as his mother. Under the cross John represented us, all who believe in Jesus.

Mary is one of us, totally human. She is the first member of the Church as she is the first to have believed in Jesus as Son of God. Like her we too are invited to build our life solidly on God's word and by doing this we too can give back Jesus, the Word of God, to the world we live in.

During this month I invite you to celebrate Mary, she is the mother of Jesus and our love of Jesus extends to his mother. In our parish we have two statues of Mary that can be taken home for one week. Anyone who would like to have the statue of Mary at home please put down your name on the sheet provided. This can also be a great time to gather the family around for moments of prayer.

Fr Mario

The saints encourage us and accompany us. 'A great cloud of witnesses impels us to advance constantly towards the goal. These witnesses may include our own mothers, grandmothers or other loved ones. Their lives may not always have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord.' (Gaudete et Exsultate, 3)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Max Chester, Lauren Black, Bob Hyland, Catherine Livera, Patricia Mulholland, Erin Nevill, Patricia Wong.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mathew Mathew.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tullio Piazzon.

*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.*

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Mario Zammit
PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Maureen Hegarty
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OFFICE: Mo, Tu, Th, Fr, 9:30am-2:30pm

MASS TIMES:
WEEKEND : Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
AUSTIN HOSPITAL:
3rd Sunday of the Month at 9:30am.
WEEKDAYS: 9:15am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):
Saturdays at 9:45am & 5:30pm
or by appointment

BAPTISMS: 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

ROSARY: Monday to Saturday after Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Wednesday: 7:30pm - 9:00pm;
Thursday: 9:40am - 11:00am,
Friday: 8:00am - 9:00am

LECTIO DIVINA: Every second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm, in the parish house

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesday night at 7:00pm in the parish house. Info: Sue 9459 8604

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.

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL:

PRINCIPAL: Maureen Stella
ADDRESS: 55 Cape St Heidelberg 3084
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e: office@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

HALL HIRE: Fran mob: 0417972317
10:00am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri only)

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME:

Please contact parish office to introduce yourself.

5 May / 6 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	John James	Peter Penson	Harsha Dilip	Rosemarie Vecchies
2 nd Reader	Michael Leonard	Jan McCaffery	Karen Frost	Johanna Nesbitt
Communion	Barbara Barnes	Margaret Bradley	Beena Dilip	Charito Cosio
	Bill Barnes	Stanly Devasia	Erin Manuel	Leo Cosio
	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Pauline Griffiths	Geraldine Manuel	Grace Nesbitt
	Donna Richardson	Michelle Penson	Kate Mathai	Joanna Nesbitt
12 May/13 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Anita Metcalf	Elizabeth Williamson	Michelle Robertson	Matthew Sanders
2 nd Reader	Brian Garrone	Pietro Sciotto	Robyn Laurie	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Jan McCaffery	Tim Boyle	Margaret Hansen
	Maria Basilone	Peter O'Donoghue	Leo Hernandez	Jenny Hollaway
	Emma Chang	Chris Ratnayake	Marni Mant	Jack Naden
	Marco Di Cesare	Val Wallis	Nigel Mant	Tony Rowlands
Counters	6 May: Graeme Foote, Michael Tilly & 13 May: Tim Booth, Nigel Mant, Shane Byrnes.			
Collection Weekly Average for April		Heidelcare Co-Ordinator		
Parish	Presbytery		May : Val 9458 2981	
Stewardship	\$3067.72	Stewardship	June : Jenny 9459 7174	
Loose	\$799.17	Loose	6th May: Morning Tea: Francoise & Margaret	
Thank you 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 6th May. Please join us!

PARISH MASS COUNT: During the month of May we will be having our annual Mass count. This is normally carried out during the offertory. Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY: Sunday 13th May we celebrate mother's day. Before the Sunday Masses we will have the opportunity of lighting a taper in memory of mothers who, for a variety of reasons, are not with us. Please pick up a taper from the church entrances.

SERVE THE SERVERS GATHERING: Saturday 26th May after 6:00pm Mass. Let us celebrate and thank our young servers over a movie and popcorn!

THANKSGIVING MASS: on Sunday 27th May as a parish we thank all those who have in any way offered ministry to our parish community. (*Readers, ministers of Communion, altar servers, music ministry, church cleaners, those who prepare flowers, sacristans, Austin volunteers, money collectors and counters, parish council and finance committee members, Vinnies, Heidelcare and many, many more who generously give of their time and talent.*) 10:30am Mass will be a Mass of thanksgiving followed by a sausage sizzle at the parish hall. For catering purposes kindly put down name and number on sheet in church porch or contact the parish office 9457 1066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au

Sacrament of Confirmation 2018: classes for children in Year 6 or above start on 22nd May and finish on 7th August. Sacrament of Confirmation on 12th August at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD: Copies of the new document from Pope Francis are available from the parish office. (\$10).

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: Family of three seeking property for rent at a cheap rate. Please contact parish office for details. Thank you.

PARISH RAFFLE: 120 Litre bar fridge with \$300 worth of drinks. Bar fridge is padlocked; 110 keys left to be sold (\$10.00 each). The holder of the key that unlocks the padlock takes the lot! Buy your keys after weekend Masses. Try your luck with the padlock at the parish lunch on 17th June. Proceeds go towards the planned restoration of our parish church .

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL FAMILY PARISH LUNCH: Sunday 17th June at 12noon in the parish hall. All St John's families & friends are welcome. BYO drinks and, in our time-honoured tradition, a small dessert to share. Parish raffle and a door prize to be won on the day. Children's activities include movie & ice cream. Supervision is not provided for children on the day and we ask that you are mindful of where your children are at all times during the luncheon. Bookings on www.trybooking.com/366075 / Maureen Hegarty 0423877736 / leave your name on the sheet in porch. Adults \$26, children \$10, preschoolers free. We look forward to celebrating this event with you.

PARISH RETREAT DAY: 'People Come First; the Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis,' by Br Mark O'Connor fms, Pope Francis Fellow, Newman College, University of Melbourne. From 9:30am to 4:00pm on Saturday 19th May, at Mother of God Church, Wilfred Rd., Ivanhoe. Cost, payable on the day, \$10; includes lunch. Book using registration form on brochure available from church foyer, or contact Fr Bill Edebohls: bill.edebohls@cam.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Invest in your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. No group sharing; couples and a priest present the weekend based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Weekend dates: 1-3 June, 17-19 August, and 9-11 November. From Friday 7:00pm to Sunday 5:00pm. Accommodation and meals provided. Information: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992 / vicbookings@wwme.org.au / www.wwme.org.au