



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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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.

6th /7th January 2018 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

Our Advent—Christmas—New Year cycle of festivities comes to an end today with this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast celebrates the meeting of Jesus with the men from the east. The word epiphany, coming from the Greek, speaks of something that is revealed. In this sense, the epiphany of the Lord is not only today, but every day of our life.

The time of Advent was the time when we prepared ourselves for this moment when God was going to show himself to us in the person of Jesus, the small, humble and vulnerable child, born to Mary in Bethlehem. Soon after, this child was shown to the shepherds, who, because of their way of life, were considered poor and marginalised; they were the first to be invited to see Jesus. Today we celebrate the moment when Jesus is shown to the world, represented in these wise men coming from the east. These men were not Jews, but gentiles who followed the star leading them to Jesus.

As we continue reading the gospels in the coming Sundays, this year we read from the gospel according to Mark, we will be watching as Jesus continuously reveals himself to the disciples, to the Jews and to non-Jews. Jesus' miracles and teachings are all moments of revelation. Unlike the wise men from the east we might not see the star shining, but we are still invited to visit and to listen to this God made human for us. God wants us to meet him and come to know him in the person of Jesus.

Jesus continues to reveal himself to us every day of our life as we continue on our journey as disciples and as we reach out to people who are in need around us. As Pope Francis reminds us: the surest place to meet Jesus is in the poor and needy.

Let us continue letting Jesus reveal himself to us!

Fr Mario

EASTER 2018: A short note about Lent and Easter this year. Ash Wednesday this year is on 14th February. Palm Sunday is on 25th March and Easter Sunday is on 1st April. On Easter Sunday this year we will be having three morning Masses: 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Eleanor Kennedy.

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.

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
13 Jan/ 14 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Barbara Barnes	Bernadette Nzenza	Claire Newsome	Guiseppe Amoroso
2 nd Reader	Michael Leonard	Pietro Sciotto	Joanne Martinez	Des O'Brien
Communion	Bill Barnes	Peter O'Donoghue	Nigel Mant	Jenny Hollaway
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Marni Mant	Margaret Hansen
	Maria Basilone	Val Wallis	Geraldine Manuel	Leo Cosio
	TBA	Elizabeth Williamson	Erin Manuel	Charito Cosio
Counters	7 Jan: Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin. & 14 Jan: Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso.			
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.				

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.

VOLUNTEERS AT THE AUSTIN HOSPITAL: As a parish we have a very old history of doing voluntary work at the Austin Hospital. This ministry takes different forms. Some volunteers offer to visit the hospital during the week, offering prayer, support and Communion to the Catholic patients. Others help once a month checking which patients would like to attend Mass at the hospital chapel, while other volunteers help wheel the patients to and from the chapel. Some parishioners support this ministry by being present at this Mass. Mass at the Austin Hospital is on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30am. (There is also Mass at the Repatriation Hospital chapel on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11:00am.) All volunteers working at the hospital need to be registered. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact the parish office (94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au).

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.

LIVING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL: every second and fourth Monday of the month, at 7:00pm, a group of parishioners meets in the parish house to read and reflect on the Sunday gospel and how this reflects on their life. Next meeting is on 12th February.

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 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. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

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).

RCIA: is a programme for anyone who would like to become a Catholic. For information please contact the parish office (94571066).