



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.

*13th /14th January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B*

*Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,*

### **What's so ordinary about Ordinary Time?**

*After we finish our Advent and Christmas season we move on into what is known as the 'ordinary time' of the Church year, a rather funny name! This period of time gets its name from the Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series. So it would be easier to say that the coming Sundays form part of the 'numbered' time of the year, or the 'ordered' time of the year. In some languages this period of time is simply called 'time during the year.'*

*During this time of the Church year we are not celebrating any special festivities, like Christmas or Easter, but we are following Christ in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ as we meditate the gospel according to Mark.*

### **God is also in the ordinary!**

*Most of our life is spent doing ordinary day to day things; we wake up in the morning, go to work, watch TV and go to bed. We do not always have something great to celebrate in our life.*

*When God chose to be born among us, he did not come with a flash and a bang but was born in a stable and was laid to sleep in a stone feeding trough; very ordinary indeed. And yet this is a very important message for us all. We do not just meet God in the big festivals of the Church but also, and perhaps more importantly, in the ordinariness of our daily life; God is always there, journeying with us.*

*Let us continue to look for God in what is ordinary around us!*

*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 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 MARRIED:** Kristian Cauchi with Kiralee Mladenis.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Martine Hewatt, Maria Hoang, Anthony Pesavento, Michael Lucy, Guido Bensi, Katrina Kelly (Griffiths), Olive Edgar, Cyril Browne, Patrick Kenny, Dorothy Collier, Sr Imelda Greene.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bessy Manuel, Claire Penno & Anaishe Mpofu, Fr Brian Murray, Gerard Sharkey.

*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.*

13 Jan/ 14 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Barbara Barnes	Bernadette Nzenza	Claire Newsome	Giuseppe Amoroso
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
20 Jan/ 21 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Elizabeth Williamson	Bob Dowling	Mary Kotefski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Anita Metcalf	Ronnie Maloney	Michael Leonard	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Noel Micallef	Fiona Curry	Leonore Giliberto	Tony Rowlands
	Bill Barnes	Alice Wong	Tim Boyle	Sally Tramontana
	Barbara Barnes	Pauline Griffiths	Beena Dilip	Des O'Brien
	Leela Cherubim	Stanly Devasia	Doris Schembri	TBA
Counters	<b>14 Jan:</b> Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso & <b>21 Jan:</b> Mark Mc Carthy, Peter Symes, Paul De Stefanis.			
Collection Weekly Average for December				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		January 2018: Elaine 9459 6721
Stewardship	\$3285.15	Stewardship	\$721.51	February 2018: Joan 9459 3889
Loose	\$737.29	Loose	\$349.42	
<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.				

**AUSTIN MASS:** will be celebrated this Sunday 21st January. 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.

**BLESSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, UNIFORM AND SCHOOL BAGS:** As we praise God for the start of a new school year, we invite school children to come forward for a special blessing at all Masses of the weekend of the 27th and 28th January. Children are invited to come to Mass wearing their uniform and with their school bag carrying a few books in it.

**THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE IS CELEBRATED BY THE CHURCH ON THE 2ND OF FEBRUARY.** This is a good opportunity for us to acknowledge, bless and thank God for the presence of children in our parish community. We celebrate this feast with a prayer of blessing for our children and their families during all the weekend Masses of the 10th and 11th of February.

**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 Nalleijerring 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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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. Register before 31st January for early bird prices.

**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).