



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 7:00pm 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.

*3rd/4th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B*

*Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,*

### **THE PLACE OF CHILDREN IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.**

'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these' (Mt 19:14).

In the gospels we have the beautiful story of Jesus who welcomes the children to him and blesses them. He reminds us that children have a special place in his kingdom. As a Parish Church Community we have the duty to imitate our Lord and make young children welcome in our midst.

There are moments during the year when we remind ourselves of this duty. Last week we invited school children to bring their school bags to church for us to bless them at the beginning of their school year. Thank you to the parents and the children who took part in this simple celebration.

Our community is also blessed with a number of new families who join our praying community on Sundays with their young children. It is very important to welcome these families and their children. Their presence with us is an opportunity to train the children to pray and how to behave at our Masses. I thank parents for their courage and patience in bringing children with them to our community.

Pope Francis reminds us that as a community we need to be very patient with the younger members of our Church. They pray with their voices when they cry or shout out, and when they run around our church. On the 2nd of February the Church celebrates the feast of the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple. Next weekend we present our children as they are invited to come forward with their parents for a special blessing, and as we do so we thank God for their presence.

This celebration will also remind us of the need to protect and provide a healthy environment for these young ones, making sure they are always safe when they are with us.

Fr Mario

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Belinda Pignataro with Martin Zelazny.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Owen Abrahams, Nicholas Grapsas, Giuseppina Patricelli.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patrick Molloy.

*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.*

<b>3 Feb / 4 Feb</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Barbara Barnes	Max Chester	Michelle Robertson	Matthew Sanders
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	John James	Bernadette Nzenza	Claire Newsome	Guiseppe Amoroso
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Teresa Lincoln	Maureen Howard	Jack Naden
	Maria Basilone	Pauline Griffiths	Yannick Jonas	Johanna Nesbitt
	Noel Micallef	Val Wallis	Geraldine Manuel	Leo Cosio
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Stanly Devasia	Doris Schembri	Charito Cosio
<b>10 Feb / 11 Feb</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Pietro Sciotto	Adrian Daly	Jack Naden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Elizabeth Williamson	Harsha Dilip	Johanna Nesbitt
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Karen Frost	Kate Mathai	Tony Rowlands
	Bill Barnes	Margaret Bradley	Tim Boyle	Sally Tramontana
	Emma Chang	Peter O'Donoghue	Beena Dilip	Jenny Hollaway
	Michelle Penson	Christopher Ratnayake	Leonore Giliberto	TBA
Counters	<b>4 Feb:</b> Shane Byrnes, Tim Booth, Nigel Mant & <b>11 Feb:</b> Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue.			
<b>Collection Weekly Average for January</b>			<b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b>	
Parish		Presbytery		February : Joan 9459 3889
Stewardship	\$3595.29	Stewardship	\$713.77	March : Rosemary 9459 0729
Loose	\$722.59	Loose	\$370.00	Morning Tea 4 Feb: Barbara & Liz
<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.				

### **BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING OF OUR PARISH**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF:** this Sunday 4th February at the 10:30am Mass, followed by morning tea in the parish hall. Please join us to thank and encourage our staff at the beginning of this new scholastic year.

**A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:** next weekend at all Masses.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CONGRATULATIONS:** Our St Vincent De Paul Conference was been the recipient of a Jenny Macklin MP Jagajaga Australia Day Award 2018, in recognition for their valuable work among the less fortunate in our community. Congratulations to all members, past and present!

**SERVE THE SERVERS EVENING:** on Saturday 24th February, after 6:00pm Mass, young servers and their friends are invited for a movie night, a nice way for us as a parish to thank and encourage our young servers who give of their time and talent to be altar servers and readers in our parish liturgy. We meet near the main door of the church.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2018:** for children in other schools. Reconciliation classes for children in Yr 3 or above start on Tuesday 27th February. Please contact Sr Loreto on 9457 1066 to book.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** will be held at the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house on Thursday 1st March at 7:30pm. During this meeting the 2017 financial report will be shared and future programmes for the parish discussed. All welcome.

**SCHOOL FETE, 3RD MARCH:** A big thanks in advance to those of you who are preparing plants for our upcoming fete. With the big day only a month away, instructions will be posted in the following weeks with details on when & where to leave donations so keep an eye out! Inquiries Nicole Pellizzaro 0407047878).

**SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION:** for mature age women only; single room in a house near Eaglemont station. Email Heidi at skybeanz@gmail.com

**HEIDELCARE:** First meeting for the year on Monday 5th February at 7:30pm, in the Francis Xavier meeting room (entry via the back door of the parish house).

**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PLAYGROUP:** a very casually run playgroup with an inclusive approach, aimed at having fun; available to St John's Catholic Parish and Primary School Community. Playgroup is every Monday from 9:15am. For information contact Christie (sjcplaygroup@gmail.com)

**IN PREPARATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** on 14th February, parishioners are invited to return any of last year's blessed palms / greenery and place it in the box at the church entrance.

**A CELEBRATION FOR THE BURNING OF THE PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** will be held at the primary school on Monday 12th February at 8:45am.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:** with the ceremony of the ashes will be at 9:15am and 7:30pm; and at 2:30pm mass for St John's Primary School.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During the Fridays of Lent, starting on 16th February, we meet at 7:30pm to pray the traditional prayer of the Way of the Cross, in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's passion and death.

**EASTER:** this year is on 1st April. Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday, is at 8:00pm, Masses on Easter Sunday are at 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30am.

**ST PIUS X CARBOOT SALE:** Sunday, 25 February from 10am to 2pm. Enquiries, contact Margaret Edwards 9497 5319/email- edwmargaret@yahoo.com.au

**ST JOHNS PRIMARY PREP CLASS 1970 - GRADE 6 CLASS 1976 REUNION.** A reunion is being organised for this class on 15th April. If you were in this class or were a teacher of this group we would love for you to attend. We currently have about 20 interested classmates and are looking for the rest. For further details contact Simon Renahan on 0413845952.