



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 7:00pm 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.

17th /18th February - First Sunday in Lent, Yr B

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

2017 Gold Coin Collection Contribution

On the last Sunday of each month we take up a gold coin collection to go towards a charity of our choice. To this we add the income from the annual lunch and raffle held in June. In 2017 a total of \$6742.00 has been collected. At the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 31st of January, it was decided to support the Jose' De Piro Kabataan (youth) Orchestra in the parish of Santa Katalina, in Pagalanggang, Bataan Provicne, Philippines.

The history of this youth orchestra started in 2005 when Fr Joe Cremona, newly appointed parish priest, realised that the children and youth had nothing to occupy them in their free time. He slowly introduced them to music giving them something to look forward to. By learning an instrument it is also hoped that these children might have another way forward in life apart from growing rice.

Some of these young people are now being supported to sit for the international ABRSM music exams, often achieving very high grades. Two students are also being supported to study music at university level in Manila.

At present the youth orchestra has 80 members; they are all taught music and provided with instruments free of charge. The parish is in a poor part of the Philippines and depends on the support of donations such as ours in order for the programme to continue.

You can follow the progress of this youth orchestra at: [facebook.com/KabataanOrchestra/](https://www.facebook.com/KabataanOrchestra/) and read more about this initiative at our parish website and facebook page.

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Ella Franjic, Matei Burhala, Madison O'Meara, Lucas Shallvey, Julius Sinopoli.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Concetta Tomaino, Kaz Radzikowski, Wanda Zebrowski, Walter Duff, Maria Bednar.

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.*

17 Feb / 18 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Anita Metcalf	Ronnie Maloney	Michelle Robertson	Margaret Andrews
2 nd Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Garry Sproules	Bob Dowling	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Maria Basilone	Fiona Curry	Yannick Jonas	Johanna Nesbitt
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Teresa Lincoln	Erin Manuel	Leo Cosio
	Noel Micallef	Pauline Griffiths	Geraldine Manuel	Charito Cosio
	Leela Cherubim	Ngoc Thi Minh Tran	Sue Lew-Kee	Margaret Hansen
24 Feb / 25 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Marguerite Ryan	Sue Lew-Kee	Leela Cherubim
2 nd Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Bernadette Nzenza	Karen Frost	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Val Wallis	Adrian Daly	Jack Naden
	Marco Di Cesare	Elizabeth Williamson	Maureen Howard	Des O'Brien
	Bill Barnes	Margaret Bradley	Nigel Mant	Tony Rowlands
	Barbara Barnes	Stanly Devasia	Marni Mant	Johanna Nesbitt
Counters	18 Feb: Stephen Devenish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli & 25 Feb: Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin.			
Collection Weekly Average for January			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish		Presbytery		February : Joan 9459 3889
Stewardship	\$3595.29	Stewardship	\$713.77	March : Rosemary 9459 0729
Loose	\$722.59	Loose	\$370.00	
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Fridays 7:30pm.

LECTIO DIVINA DURING LENT: Starting this Monday 19th February. As we journey through Lent to Easter, we will meet in the parish house every Monday at 7:00pm. During these sessions, led by Fr Mario, we gather to listen, reflect and pray the Word of God, allowing it to continue to take root and influence our lives. Please join us!

GOLD COIN COLLECTION: The January Collection was \$687.65. Next Gold Coin Collection: 24 & 25 February.

AUSTIN MASS: this Sunday 18th February. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass at the chapel. Parishioners invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence.

SERVE THE SERVERS EVENING: Saturday 24th February, after 6:00pm Mass, young servers and their friends are invited for a movie night.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please take home a box or set of envelopes for your donations this Lent. This week we can read about the assistance given to the people in Nepal at caritas.org.au

SCHOOL FETE, 3RD MARCH, CAKE STALL: Calling all cake and/or preserve makers! We need you (or someone you know who likes to cook) to make your favourite homemade cakes, cookies, scones etc. Wrapping kits will be available one week before the big day. Inquiries: Jessica McCann (0428086375).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: on 2nd March at 10:30am at Holy Spirit Church crn of Watsonia and Ibbottson, Watsonia. All welcome.

HOUSE CLEANER NEEDED: with a registered ABN. Contact: 0406688854.

CLARIFICATION: On page 5 of The Age (Monday 12th February 2018) it is claimed that St John's Catholic Parish in Heidelberg owns 19 properties at the total value of \$126 million. This is misleading. In Heidelberg there are 19 properties belonging to a range of Catholic institutions. These are: 15 units owned and run by Villa Maria Catholic Homes; Our Lady of Mercy College, owned and run by Mercy Education; Mercy Hospital, owned and run by Mercy Health; St John's Primary School and St John's Parish. The properties of the parish belong to the parish and not the archdiocese. Neither the archdiocese nor the parish can have recourse to the properties belonging to religious congregations (ie Sisters of Mercy).

CHILD SAFETY TRAINING SESSIONS AT ST JOHN'S PARISH: In order to continue to foster a child-safe environment in our parish, we require all parish volunteers and groups to attend important training sessions. Parish Group Sessions (two sessions) dates to be advised. These training nights are essential to meet the Child Safety requirements for groups/organisations within our parish. General Parish Volunteers: Sunday 18th March from 2:30 to 4:00pm at the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. All parish volunteers: readers, special ministers, counters etc not part of any parish group are required to attend this meeting. To register email Michelle: mrobertson@siena.vic.edu.au

SCHOOL FETE, 3RD MARCH, PLANTS: A big thanks to those preparing plants. We will accept plant donations from Wednesday 28th February. Kindly place your donations outside the hall toilets. They will be cleared daily and cared for at school in the last few days leading up to the fete. If you require assistance getting your plants to the school or any other queries please call Nicole Pellizzaro on 0407047878. In the meantime please continue to water and nurture your plants until then. In this hot weather they are best in your care at home. Thanks.