



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.*

24th / 25th March - Palm Sunday Yr B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors

The Catholic Church in Australia as an institution

The Church, being both human and divine, is made up of all the baptised; those who believe in Jesus Son of God. The administration of the body of the Catholic Church is entrusted to the Church as institution, made up of those appointed to take up positions of leadership. Recently in the media it has been implied that the institutional Church in Australia is one big body, or that it acts as one body.

In Catholic Church in Australia is made up of 33 different dioceses, each with a bishop or archbishop at its leader. Bishops acts independently of each other, answerable directly to the pope. There are 27 territorial dioceses, like the Melbourne Archdiocese, and 7 personal dioceses, like the military ordinariate; personal dioceses extend over the whole of Australia.

The Church also includes a number of religious orders, groups of women and men dedicated to the service of the Church, each with their own leadership and special charism. Some examples we may be familiar with are the Sisters of Mercy, the Marist Brothers and the Jesuits. While these religious orders minister to the Church here in Australia, and have to respect the instructions given by the bishop of the diocese, they too are answerable to the pope. Each diocese and each religious order are permitted to own property. Dioceses are further divided into parishes, each of which are responsible for their own property, held in trust by the diocese.

The Australian bishops together form a conference (ACBC) which elects one of its members as president for two years. Archbishop Hart is presently the president of this conference. The president may at times speak in the name of all the bishops of Australia, but he has no authority over any of the other dioceses

When we speak about the Church and the institutional Church, we need to have an understanding of these different realities.

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Lauren Black, Bob Hyland, Patricia Mulholland, Erin Nevill, Brendan O'Kane, Patricia Wong.

ANNIVERSARIES: Geetha Jossy, Greg Seymon, Bruno Martin, Geronimo Sr, Edelito Mangubat, Rosa Ferraro, Helen Riddell, Joyce Abayakoon, Nineth & Vivienne Perera.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat Banson, Agnes (Jean) Jones.

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

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10:00am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri only)

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME:

Please contact parish office to introduce yourself.

24 Mar/25 Mar	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Mary Harty	Karen Frost	Johanna Nesbitt
2 nd Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Michael Leonard	Bob Dowling	Mary Kotefski
Narrator	Domenica Ashworth	Bernadette Nzenza	Robyn Laurie	Peter Penson
Other Voices	Barbara Barnes	Marguerite Ryan	Adrian Daly	Rosemary Vecchies
Communion	Bill Barnes	Alice Wong	Leo Hernandez	Margaret Hansen
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Fiona Curry	Yannick Jonas	Jenny Hollaway
	Noel Micallef	Val Wallis	Doris Schembri	Michelle Penson
	Leela Cherubim	TBA	Beena Dilip	TBA
31 Mar/1 Apr	Easter Vigil	Sun 7:00am	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am
1st Reader	Various Readers	Jack Naden	Garry Sproules	Robyn Laurie
2 nd Reader	Various Readers	Karen Frost	Marguerite Ryan	Ronnie Maloney
Communion	Michelle Penson	Jack Naden	Val Wallis	Yannick Jonas
	Vincent Chung	Karen Frost	Peter O'Donoghue	Tim Boyle
	Leo Cosio	-	-	-
	Charito Cosio	-	-	-
Counters	25 March: Tim Booth, Nigel Mant, Shane Byrnes & 1 April: Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue.			
Collection Weekly Average for February				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		April : Cath 9459 9420
Stewardship	\$3005.88	Stewardship	\$633.87	May : Val 9458 2981
Loose	\$776.34	Loose	\$402.50	
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

GOLD COIN COLLECTION: this weekend at all masses.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION): This Monday 26th March we gather at 7:30pm for the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. We start together with a gospel reading and a reflection, followed by individual confession. This will be the last opportunity for Reconciliation before Easter.

ST JOHN'S GEMS: We invite you to join us in the Francis Xavier meeting room at 10:00am on Tuesday 27th March for a cuppa and chat and to listen to our guest speaker, Fr Peter Carrucan who will talk to us about his work with asylum seekers and refugees. Elizabeth 0447 195 553, Jan 0423 478 504

REHEARSAL FOR ALL TAKING PART IN THE THREE DAYS OF EASTER: Wednesday 28th March, 7:00pm Holy Thursday; 7:30pm Good Friday; 8:00pm Easter Vigil. It is very important that all taking part are present for these rehearsals. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: No adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday night 28th March.

COLLECTIONS DURING THE THREE DAYS OF EASTER: The collection on Holy Thursday will be given to St Vincent de Paul Conference; on Good Friday one collection is for the Catholics living in the Holy Land and one for parish expenses.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: are available in the pews. Money from the Easter Offering (together with the collections to priest support) goes to support priests in our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in poorer parishes and the ministry of the archbishop. Thank you for your generosity.

PREGNANCY COUNSELLING AUSTRALIA: looking for volunteers. Contact: Lois Dean (0411 391 720 / admin@pregnancycounsellingaustralia.com.au)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

RECONCILIATION: 2nd Rite of reconciliation with individual confession, Monday 26th March, 7:30pm.

HOLY THURSDAY: 29th March 7:30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet followed by adoration in the parish hall. Evening Prayer at 10:00pm. Adoration will go on till late.

GOOD FRIDAY: 30th March, 11:00am: Stations of the Cross in the church and school grounds; 3:00pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at the OLMC new Nalleijerring Centre. (Parking is also available under the Nalleijerring Centre. Entrance from behind Woolworths.)

HOLY SATURDAY: 31st March 9:00am: Morning Prayer; 8:00pm: Easter Vigil.

EASTER SUNDAY: 1st April, Masses at 7:00am, 8:30am and 10:30am (No Evening Mass).

Easter Monday: 2nd April, no morning Mass, a Communion Service will be held at 9:15am.

PROJECT COMPASSION: In 2008 Psyche Mae was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Today he is now a young social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia. Your donation help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all. Please place your boxes and envelopes with your contributions for Caritas Australia in the basket at the church organ in the front of the church.

CHILD SAFETY TRAINING SESSIONS: Thank you to all the volunteers who attended our first training sessions last Sunday. Thank you to the Child Safety Committee for their good work. More sessions will be advised in the near future.