



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.*

19th/20th May — Pentecost Sunday Yr B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors

'As soon as you are really alone, you are with God,' Thomas Merton (1956)

This Sunday we celebrate the great event in our history when God the Holy Spirit was given to the apostles and to us. This day marks the birth day of the Church; it is the day when the apostles came of age and set out on their mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

On Christmas day each year we celebrate the moment in the life of humanity when God himself was born among us as Jesus, son of Mary. In Jesus, God the Son 'pitched his tent' in our midst and lived our daily life as one of us. (Jn 1:14)

We often tend to think that the story of God among us stopped with the Ascension of Jesus to the Father; but Jesus told his apostles that he would be sending the Spirit of God to dwell in us. Pentecost marks this moment when God the Spirit took up residence in each one of us. For us Christians we mark this moment in a special way when we are baptised and confirmed, and each time we participate in the sacraments.

God lives in me! When I stop to pray, I can reach into myself to touch God who journeys with me. When I am alone, I am with God. Paul tells us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit (1Co 6:19); the Spirit within us teaches us to pray (Rm 8:26). This is great news! Even here on earth I already live the life of God through God's Spirit within me!

Let us often remember God who journeys with us.

Fr Mario

Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church. But even outside the Catholic Church and in very different contexts, the Holy Spirit raises up 'signs of his presence which help Christ's followers. St John Paul II reminded us that 'the witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants.' ...martyrs are 'a heritage which speaks more powerfully than all the causes of division.' (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 9)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: Olivia Ahimastos, Camilla Case, Micah Gazeas.

THE SICK: Max Chester, Lauren Black, Elizabeth Larkin, Catherine Livera, Patricia Mulholland, Erin Nevill, Patricia Wong.

ANNIVERSARIES: Adam O'Toole, Jean Ingram, Sr Kathleen Lanigan, T.J. John.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Beverly Colin.

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

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME:

Please contact parish office to introduce yourself.

19 May/20 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Garry Sproules	Bob Dowling	Giuseppe Amoroso
2 nd Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Ronnie Maloney	Grace Lew-Kee	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Leela Cherubim	Pauline Griffiths	Leonore Giliberto	Catie Nesbitt
	Adrian Daly	Teresa Lincoln	Yannick Jonas	Sally Tramontana
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Elizabeth Williamson	Sue Lew-Kee	TBA
	Noel Micallef	Alice Wong	Doris Schembri	TBA
26 May/27 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Barbara Barnes	Bernadette Nzenza	Elizabeth Williamson	Jack Naden
2 nd Reader	Giuseppi Amoroso	Marguerite Ryan	Michelle Robertson	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Bill Barnes	Margaret Bradley	Leo Hernandez	Margaret Hansen
	Maria Basilone	Fiona Curry	Erin Manuel	Grace Nesbitt
	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Stanly Devasia	Geraldine Manuel	Johanna Nesbitt
	Donna Richardson	Peter O'Donoghue	TBA	Tony Rowland
Counters	20 May: Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue & 27 May: Stephen Devanish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli.			
Collection Weekly Average for April				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		May : Val 9458 2981
Stewardship	\$3067.72	Stewardship	\$581.90	June : Jenny 9459 7174
Loose	\$799.17	Loose	\$411.00	
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

AUSTIN MASS: this Sunday. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass at the chapel. Parishioners are invited to participate in this Mass.

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal: this weekend to support the vital work of Catholic Chaplains among young people in youth justice facilities, patients and their families in hospitals, people living with HIV/AIDS, men and women in prisons and seafarers.

SERVE THE SERVERS GATHERING: next Saturday 26th May after 6:00pm Mass. Let us celebrate and thank our young servers over a movie and popcorn!

THANKSGIVING MASS: next Sunday 27th May as a parish we thank all those who have in any way offered ministry to our parish community. (*Readers, ministers of Communion, altar servers, music ministry, church cleaners, those who prepare flowers, sacristans, Austin volunteers, money collectors and counters, parish council and finance committee members, Vinnies, Heidelcare and many, many more who generously give of their time and talent.*) 10:30am Mass will be a Mass of thanksgiving followed by a sausage sizzle at the parish hall. For catering purposes kindly put down name and number on sheet in church porch or contact the parish office 9457 1066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au

ST JOHN'S GEMS: Invites you for the screening of the film Waking Ned Devine, together with soup and pizza in the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house, Tuesday 22nd May. All welcome. Elizabeth 0447 195 553, Jan 0423 478 504.

KUMON IVANHOE Education Centre, 19A Seddon Street, Ivanhoe, is hiring assistants to teach Maths and English to pre-schoolers, primary or secondary students or to work at reception desk as administrative support. Anyone interested, send resume to contact@kumonivanhoe.com.au. (Mobile: 0419 553 697)

REJOICE AND BE GLAD: Copies of the new document from Pope Francis, available at the parish office (\$10).

PARISH RAFFLE: 62 keys left to be sold (\$10.00 each). Buy your keys after weekend Masses. Try your luck with the padlock at the parish lunch on 17th June. Proceeds go towards the planned restoration of our parish church.

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL FAMILY PARISH LUNCH: Sunday 17th June at 12noon in the parish hall. All St John's families & friends are welcome. BYO drinks and, in our time-honoured tradition, a small dessert to share. Parish raffle and a door prize to be won on the day. Children's activities include movie & ice cream. Supervision is not provided for children on the day and we ask that you are mindful of where your children are at all times during the luncheon. Bookings on www.trybooking.com/366075 / Maureen Hegarty 0423877736 / leave your name on the sheet in porch. Adults \$26, children \$10, preschoolers free. We look forward to celebrating this event with you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Invest in your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. No group sharing; couples and a priest present the weekend based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Weekend dates: 1-3 June, 17-19 August, and 9-11 November. From Friday 7:00pm to Sunday 5:00pm. Accommodation and meals provided. Information: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992 / vicbookings@wwme.org.au / www.wwme.org.au

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE: Preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals. Organised by the ACU Centre for Liturgy. Venue: ACU Mercy Lecture Theatre and Chapel. Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th June from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Exploring a Christian theology of dying and death, and how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrates death in a specifically Catholic way.