



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street  
HEIDELBERG

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Wurundjeri-Balluk clan of the Woi wurrung people in the Kulin Nation. We respectfully recognise elders, both past and present, and join in a silent prayer for healing of the pains caused by our ancestors.

St John's parish is a child-friendly community and we gratefully welcome young children and their families; we are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults in our midst.

## 26TH/27TH MAY—TRINITY SUNDAY, YEAR B

**VOLUNTEERS** are at the heart of all that is accomplished in our parish; from the catechists who share faith by guiding children and teens, to attentive altar servers. This weekend we pray for and bless all volunteers during our Masses. When we extend ourselves for others and perhaps even risk a little, God's love moves along in ever wider circles. Whether you volunteer at Church or in the larger community or simply are a good neighbour, know that you are responding to your baptismal call to serve and that you never go alone. Thank you to all who volunteer at St John's; your names and roles are too numerous to mention! As a community we deeply appreciate the hands, hearts and spirit that is offered for the benefit of our parish and parishioners. Your time and talent are truly appreciated!

*Fr Mario, Maureen Hegarty, Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council and community of St John's Parish.*

## SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN OUR PARISH

**VINNIES:** Heidelberg Conference of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society, brings together a group of lay people with a shared mission to live the gospel through service. Vinnies provides an opportunity to visit the less fortunate and offer them spiritual and material support. President: Sally Tramontana (contact). For assistance call: 1800 305 330

**HEIDELCARE:** a voluntary community organisation in the City of Banyule offering short term assistance to the elderly, disabled, socially and economically disadvantaged, families in need and people living alone. Services offered include driving to therapy, hospitals, doctors, taking people shopping or shopping for the housebound, visiting the lonely, ill and disabled. Can also supply a meal to people in temporary need and offer family support in emergency or sickness. Coordinator: Rosemary Vecchies (9459 0729).

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** Parishioners visit the sick, elderly and homebound in their own homes, offering them spiritual support and Holy Communion. Contact: Fr Mario.

**Austin Hospital Volunteers:** Parishioners visit sick Catholic patients offering them spiritual support and prayers, and the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. Chapel volunteers assist in bringing patients to the hospital chapel (level 2) for Mass on the third Sunday of each month at 9:30am. (December Mass on Christmas day.) Parishioners are also encouraged to support patients at the Austin Hospital by attending Mass at the hospital chapel. Contact: Fr Mario.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE:** meets to prepare for our worship and celebrations. Contact: Ronnie Maloney (rmaloney1537@gmail.com).

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** Every Sunday at 10:30am Mass (during school terms) children are invited to participate. Under the guidance of a qualified adult (with current WWCC), children meet in the parish house and together they are assisted to read the gospel and understand God's message. This is a great way for our children to participate. Contact: Sr Loreto Lynch rsm (9457 1066).

**POWERPOINT OPERATORS:** Volunteers, young and old, who help running our powerpoint presentations during Sunday Masses. Contact: Fr Mario.

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Mario Zammit  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:**  
 Maureen Hegarty  
**CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:**  
 Michelle Robertson m:0409 533 100  
**SACRAMENT COORDINATOR:**  
 Sr Loreto Lynch rsm

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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
 Mo, Tu, Th, Fr; 9:30am to 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  
 morning 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:** Every Tuesday  
 night at 7:00pm in the parish house;  
 contact Sue 9459 8604  
**PARISH PILGRIM STATUE OF MARY:**  
 To have the statue of Mary in your  
 home for one week contact Marj  
 McBroom m: 0414 289 304

**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY:**  
**PRINCIPAL:** Maureen Stella  
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 10:00am-5:00pm; Mon-Fri only

**NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME:**  
 Please contact parish office to  
 introduce yourself

**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.*

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Girls and boys who have celebrated their first Holy Communion are encouraged to minister as altar servers. At St John's we have a large number of young people who serve across all our weekend Masses. The current age of servers is from year 4 and upwards including young adults. Contact: Elizabeth Williamson (ewilliamson@iprimus.com.au).

**YOUNG READERS:** Year 5 students are introduced to reading and understanding scripture through a program involving parish and school. At the end of this programme many of our young people ask to participate in our liturgy by proclaiming God's Word at our Sunday Masses. Contact: Elizabeth Williamson (ewilliamson@iprimus.com.au).

**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD / READERS:** Parishioners dedicated to the ministry of proclaiming the Word of God at our Sunday Masses. From year 5 onwards. Training provided. Contact: Ronnie Maloney (rmaloney1537@gmail.com).

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Parishioners dedicated to the ministry of giving Communion at our Sunday Masses. From year 12 onwards. Training provided. Contact: Fr Mario.

**MUSIC MINISTRY / CHOIRS:** Parishioners committed to leading music and singing at our Sunday Masses. Contact: Sr Loreto Lynch rsm (9457 1066).

**CHURCH SACRISTANS:** Volunteers who offer their time to prepare before and after Masses, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Contact: Fr Mario.

**ALTAR SOCIETY, FLOWERS AND CLEANING:** parishioners who serve our community by preparing our church environment for our Sunday Masses. Contact: Pauline Griffiths (roos2001@optusnet.com.au).

**ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP:** meets on Monday mornings in the parish hall from 9:15am to 11:00am (during of school terms). Toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents enjoy a relaxed morning together and it is a great way to meet others. The young ones often meet someone they may later find as school friends. Contact: Christie Tran (sjcplaygroup@ gmail.com).

**ST JOHN'S GEMS:** a group of people 50 years old and over who Meet every Tuesday from 10:00am to 12noon at the Francis Xavier meeting room (parish house). All Welcome. Contacts Elizabeth 0447 195 553, Jan 0423 478 504.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Giuseppe Basilone, Luke Pillai, William Cook, Russell Byrnes, Alexander Len Mooner, Stephen John Byrnes.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Judith Bendall.

*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.*

26 May/27 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Garry Sproules	Elizabeth Williamson	Jack Naden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Giuseppi Amoroso	Marguerite Ryan	Michelle Robertson	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Maria Basilone	Margaret Bradley	Leo Hernandez	Margaret Hansen
	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Fiona Curry	Erin Manuel	Grace Nesbitt
	TBA	Stanly Devasia	Geraldine Manuel	Johanna Nesbitt
	TBA	Peter O'Donoghue	TBA	Tony Rowland
2 June/3 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Claire Newsome	Karen Frost	Rosemarie Vecchies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Adrian Daly	TBA	Harsha Dilip	Mark Aiello
Communion	Emma Chang	Teresa Lincoln	Beena Dilip	Jenny Hollaway
	Marco Di Cesare	Chris Ratnayake	Marni Mant	Des O'Brien
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Val Wallis	Nigel Mant	TBA
	Noel Micallef	Alice Wong	Kate Mathai	TBA
Counters	<b>27 May:</b> Stephen Devanish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli & <b>3 June:</b> Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin.			
Collection Weekly Average for April				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		June : Jenny 9459 7174
Stewardship	\$3067.72	Stewardship	\$581.90	July : Jenny 9459 7174
Loose	\$799.17	Loose	\$411.00	Morning Tea,3rd June: Tina & Sina
<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.				

**MORNING TEA:** available in the parish hall after 10:30am Mass next Sunday 3rd June. Please join us!

**VOLUNTEERS' SUNDAY:** This Sunday we thank all who in any way volunteer in our parish community. We thank them and pray for them at our 10:30am Mass, followed by a sausage sizzle. All welcome. Please thank and acknowledge our volunteers.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL:** next weekend, 2nd and 3rd of June. Money collected will help to heal Myanmar through education. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Donations are tax-deductible.

**ST JOHN'S GEMS:** All welcome to join for a 'knit fest,' Tuesday 29th May from 10:00am to 12 noon. We will attempt to knit as many squares as possible to form a colourful rug, to be donated to a worthy cause. Contributions of 8 ply wool and size 5 needles welcome. Elizabeth 0447195553/Jan 0423478504.

**PARISH RAFFLE:** 42 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 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. Children's entertainment provided. Bookings on [www.trybooking.com/366075](http://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.

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

**CHAPLAINCY APPEAL:** Thank you for your support last weekend. The total collection was \$467.75.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Thank you for all your various contributions. The total collected was \$2,593.70.

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

**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. Send resume to [contact@kumonivanhoe.com.au](mailto:contact@kumonivanhoe.com.au). (Mobile: 0419 553 697)

**WINTER WISDOM WEEKEND RETREAT:** from 4:00pm on Friday 8th June to 4:00pm Sunday 10th June at community of the Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre, Cheltenham. Includes guided reflection, opportunities for spiritual companioning, sharing and input. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Accommodation and catering: \$195.00. Contact: [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) / 9890 1101

*... I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you:*

*"Be holy, for I am holy" (Lev 11:44; cf. 1 Pet 1:16).*

*The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly:*

*"Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect."*

Pope Francis in: *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 10

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12  
*R./ Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

*The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.* R./

*With his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke; and they came to be.  
He commanded; they sprang into being.* R./

*The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.* R./

*Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.* R./

**SECOND READING** Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Matthew 28:16

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority

in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Though there is no explicit mention of the Trinity in the New Testament, there are a surprising number of places in the Letters of Paul that feature a Trinitarian pattern. Today's second reading, Rom 8:14-17, is one of these. The Spirit communicates to believers a sense of the intimacy with God the Father that is theirs, as sons and daughters of God, along with Christ. Jesus seems to have addressed God as 'Abba' – the informal address to the male parent in Aramaic (= 'Dad'). This made such an impression upon the early disciples that even when they moved into Greek-speaking milieus, they retained the original Aramaic. More striking still, they found that the Spirit was impelling them to address God in the same familiar terms (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6) – a sure testimony that they now shared the intimacy and closeness of Jesus' relationship to the Father. The upshot is the banishment of the fear that would be associated with a servile relationship to God and gaining of the confidence and freedom that comes from a sense of being 'one of the family'. The reading concludes on a note of hope: the sense of being God's sons and daughters leads naturally to that of being heirs and the destiny to eternal life that that entails. Since everything depends upon believers' union with Christ as principal Son and heir, it also implies a sharing with him in the paschal mystery: sharing his sufferings in order to share his glory.

The Gospel, taken from the concluding scene in St Matthew's Gospel, 28:16-20, ends upon what is perhaps the most explicitly trinitarian note in the New Testament: the command to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. The risen Lord, having completed his mission on earth, claims 'all authority in heaven and earth'. Empowered with that authority the Church is to go to the nations of the world and 'make disciples of them' by communicating to them a sense of the outreach of divine love into the world and the conquest of sin and death that is represented by the whole mission of Christ, recorded in the Gospel. When people who respond positively to the Gospel receive baptism in the name of the Trinity, they undergo an experience akin to that of Israel in the Exodus. Through the water of baptism they become members of a people liberated from slavery to enjoy the privileged closeness to God described in the First Reading, immensely deepened through the intimacy gained in Christ. The 'commandments' they are taught to observe flow from this relationship and give expression to it in everyday life. All told, the scriptural offering for today's feast should communicate a very dynamic sense of life in relationship to the outgoing communion of love that is the Trinity in Christian understanding.

*Fr Brendan Byrne sj*