



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.*

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.

23rd / 24th June— The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Yr B

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends

Over the past few months people have been talking about a Plenary Council scheduled to take place in 2020. This Plenary Council, also called a synod, is a major meeting of the Catholic Church in Australia. The last synod in Australia took place 80 years ago!

Over the past decade as a Church we have been faced with many challenges, culminating in the Royal Commission into institutional Responses to child sexual abuse. We are all shocked and disgusted by the revelations that have been made. We feel angry at the way our children and vulnerable adults have been the subject of abuse and how the institutional Church responded.

We have the option to bury our head in the sand and ignore all that has been happening around us. Others have left the Church in anger. Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the Australian Bishops' Conference, is inviting us to come together and reflect on our Church today.

We need to be asking: What is the Church we belong to? What do I expect of this Church? What are the things I like or dislike in this Church? How can I contribute to the Church? The 2020 Plenary Council is an invitation for us all to listen once again to God's call to be faithful to our Baptism and to choose how to come together as the Body of Christ here in Australia.

There will be different opportunities for us to come together as focus groups to discuss all this and to share our opinions. More importantly, we need time, as a community and as individuals, to pray for the success of this Plenary Council. Pope Francis is constantly calling us to listen to God's word in our life and in the world around us.

Let us continue praying for ourselves as Church and for the rest of the Body of Christ who gather in faith.

Fr Mario

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: M. Cooke, John Pikines, Aurette Ferriere, Max Chester, Elizabeth Larkin, Catherine Livera, Erin Nevill, Patricia Mulholland, Patricia Wong.

ANNIVERSARY: Bruno Scopece, Antonio, Giovanni & Lucia Bariola, Joan Cannuli, Laura Foote.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nora Mc Brearty.

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.

23 June/24 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Marguerite Ryan	Elizabeth Williamson	Leela Cherubim
2 nd Reader	Barbara Barnes	Garry Sproules	Grace Lew-Kee	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Domenica Ashworth	Margaret Bradley	Leo Hernandez	Margaret Hansen
	Bill Barnes	Chris Ratnayake	Yannick Jonas	Catie Nesbitt
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Val Wallis	Sue Lew-Kee	Grace Nesbitt
	Noel Micallef	Alice Wong	Doris Schembri	Johanna Nesbitt
30 June/1 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Claire Newsome	Harsha Dilip	Candida Rowlands
2 nd Reader	Grace Lew-Kee	Bernadette Nzenza	Michael Leonard	Mark Aiello
Communion	Maria Basilone	Stanly Devasia	Beena Dilip	Charito Cosio
	Leela Cherubim	Karen Frost	Leonore Giliberto	Leo Cosio
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Pauline Griffiths	Yannick Jonas	Jenny Hollaway
	Donna Richardson	TBA	Doris Schembri	Tony Rowlands
Counters	24 June: Graeme Foote, Michael Tilley & 1 July: Tim Booth, Nigel Mant, Shane Byrnes.			
Collection Weekly Average for May				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		July : Jenny 9459 7174
Stewardship	\$2957.13	Stewardship	\$302.59	August: Cath 9459 9420
Loose	\$658.34	Loose	\$333.44	1st July, Morning Tea: Carmel & Heather
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal: this weekend at all Masses. Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Please place donations of long-life food, clothing and blankets in the basket in the porch.

MORNING TEA: available in the parish hall after 10:30am Mass next Sunday 1st July. Please join us!

PHILIPPINES JANUARY 2019 MISSION IMMERSION TRIP: Applications close this Saturday 30th June. I am happy to discuss this further. Please contact me on 94571066 or heidelberg@cam.org

ST JOHN'S GEMS: Relax, play and create—Tuesday, 26th June from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. The Gems will be chatting, playing scrabble or making. You are very welcome to join us in the Francis Xavier meeting room. For information: Elizabeth 0447195553 or Jan 0423478504.

VOLUNTEERS AT THE AUSTIN HOSPITAL: As a parish we have a very old history of offering support at the Austin Hospital. This ministry takes different forms. Some volunteers offer to visit the hospital during the week, offering prayer, support and Communion to the Catholic patients. Others help once a month checking which patients would like to attend Mass at the hospital chapel, while other volunteers help wheel the patients to and from the chapel. Some parishioners support this ministry by being present at this Mass. Mass at the Austin Hospital is on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30am. (There is also Mass at the Repatriation Hospital chapel on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11:00am.) All volunteers working at the hospital need to be registered. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact the parish office (94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au).

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

WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: Please introduce yourself to new parishioners and make them welcome. Thank you!

PARISH LUNCH AND RAFFLE: Thank you to all who supported our parish lunch last week and our raffle. Thank you to Maureen and Rodney Van Oirschot of Four Leaves Café, for the beautiful food, and to all who brought in desserts to share. Congratulations to Mr Martin Heffernan who won our raffle (key 30).

SYNODALITY IN PRACTICE, LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT AND LEADING CHANGE: 14th National eConference to focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion about the future vision and direction of the Catholic Church in our country. This discussion is timed to coincide with the 2020 Plenary Council. You are invited to join at Mary Immaculate Hall, 4 Waverley Avenue, Ivanhoe on Wednesday 8th August from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch provided. Cost: a donation. Register: 94991515 or at catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com. All welcome. Speakers: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Mrs Lana Turvey-Collins, Professor Massimo Faggioli, Professor Richard Lennan and Dr Gemma Cruz.

DON BOSCO CAMP, SAFETY BEACH: A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16yo (Senior), during the upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. Information: 03 5987 2692 / www.donboscocamp.org.au

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING: Julie is a bereavement counsellor in private practice and the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement. She holds qualifications in psychology and post-graduate in counselling, psychotherapy, with specialisation in bereavement counselling. She provides counselling at St John's by appointment. Julie can be contacted on 0411 241 005 or julie@changesinbetween.com