



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.

## 30TH JUNE, 1ST JULY—13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends

### 2020 AUSTRALIAN PLENARY COUNCIL

Last week I started sharing with you some information about the upcoming Plenary Council. This is a very special time for our Australian Church and we are invited to participate in this event as much as we can.

The preparation for this Plenary Council has already started. The first phase of the process is to listen to the stories arising from within our Church community and also from outside the Church. During this time of listening, we are invited, in groups and as individuals, to reflect on the basic question: What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

As individuals and as groups we are invited to pray and to discern God's will for us as People of God here in Australia. How do we live being Church in the twenty-first century?

We are invited to make a list of topics we believe God wants us to consider as Church and then to discuss these topics with other members of the Church. We are asked to share our stories and experiences that inform our opinion about these topics. Finally, after prayer and discussion, we are invited to register our questions and information. These topics and stories will be studied and will form the basis of the agenda for the Plenary Council. This is the way the leaders of the Church in Australia are listening to the rest of the Body of Christ. We know that God speaks to his Church and together we all need to be listening.

A website has been set up at: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> At this website there are different pieces of information and also a place where one can submit their thoughts. Alternatively one can write to: Plenary Council Team PO Box 747 North Sydney NSW 2059 / [plenary.council@catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary.council@catholic.org.au)

Finally a note about the special prayer that has been prepared in preparation for this Plenary Council. As a parish, over the coming months leading to the Council, we will be praying this prayer every Sunday after Communion. This way we will be adding our prayerful support to this great event in our Church today.

Fr Mario

#### **PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER**

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.*

*Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.*

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Mario Zammit  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
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Maureen Hegarty  
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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  
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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.*

**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.

**A RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE:** Heart of Life Centre, Box Hill invites you to retreat at home! To go into your 'inner room' for a short time daily to ponder the experiences of your ordinary everyday life – your joys, struggles, unexpected events, work, your relationships, griefs, enjoyment of nature, etc. and to discover God there. Then once a week, on Mondays from 1:15 to 2:15pm, to share your experience with a prayer companion at the Heart of Life Centre. The five weeks begin on 23rd July. Please register your interest by 16th July. Contact Heart of Life, 96 Albion Road, Box Hill; holsc@bigpond.com / 9890 1101. There is no charge for this retreat; a donation is welcome.

**THE DOMINICAN FRIARS OF MELBOURNE:** are holding a symposium of short talks from seven friars on the great questions of our faith. The conference will commence with Mass and includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and a musical performance; on 21st July, 9:00am to 4:00pm at St Dominic's Catholic Church and Parish Centre, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell. Entry by donation; RSVP essential by 14th July to Fr Thomas thomas. azzi@op.org.au / 0411602474. All welcome.

Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life. When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: 'Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better.' In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God's love, "like a bride bedecked with jewels" (Is 61:10).

*Pope Francis*

*(Gaudete et Exsultate, 15)*

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francesco Paonessa.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Max Chester, Potenciano Catingub, Christine Turner.

*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.*

30 June/1 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Claire Newsome	TBA	Candida Rowlands
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
7 July/8 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Michael Leonard	Karen Frost	Harsha Dilip	Leela Cherubim
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Garry Sproules	Michelle Robertson	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Donna Richardson	Pauline Griffiths	Doris Schembri	Tony Rowlands
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Peter O'Donoghue	Beena Dilip	Jenny Hollaway
	Marco Di Cesare	Chris Ratnayake	Marni Mant	Charito Cosio
	Maria Basilone	Margaret Bradley	Nigel Mant	Leo Cosio
Counters	<b>1 July:</b> Tim Booth, Nigel Mant, Shane Byrnes & <b>8 July:</b> Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue.			
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
<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 this Sunday 1st July. Please join us!

**ST JOHN'S GEMS** (Gregarious Energetic Members of St John's): Tuesday 3rd July from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. We are partying with a High Tea to celebrate two 'zero' birthdays. You are very welcome to join us in the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. For information: Elizabeth 0447195553 or Jan 0423478504

**THE GEMS** will take a winter break on Tuesday 10th July.

**HELP NEEDED:** Parishioner living in Rosanna Rd needs transport to attend 10:30am mass on Sundays. If you can help please ring Heidelcare coordinator Jenny, on 94597174 for further details. Thank you.

**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).

**WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:** As a welcoming community of faith it is important to keep an eye out for new members in our community. Please introduce yourself to new parishioners and make them welcome. New parishioners please contact the parish office (94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au) to give us your details. Thank you!

**LIVING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL:** every second and fourth Monday of the month, at 7:00pm, a group of parishioners together with Fr Mario, meets in the parish house to read and reflect on the Sunday gospel and how this reflects on their life. All welcome to join.

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

**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

**Annual Anniversary Mass:** Life, Marriage & Family Office invites you and your families to join them at the Annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29th July at 11:00am. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year you are invited to participate. Those who register before Friday 13 July will receive a commemorative certificate and pack. Contact: lmf@cam.org.au / 9287 5587 / www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily.

**FIRST READING**

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me

and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,

restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.(R.)

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,

give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak.

'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The intertwined miracles told in the Gospel (Mark 5:21-43) dramatically present Jesus as the conqueror of death. Also, the fact that Jesus' journey to attend to the dying daughter of the synagogue ruler, Jairus, is interrupted by the healing of the woman suffering from a haemorrhage, offers a significant instruction in faith. In terrible anxiety, Jairus has to stand by and wait while Jesus attends to the woman. We feel his shock at the news so bluntly conveyed to him, 'Your daughter is dead. Why put the Master to any further trouble?' Jesus' response, literally translated, means, 'Do not be afraid. Just keep on believing.' Jairus must continue on his journey of faith, a journey now confronting not just grave illness but death itself.

Through her affliction the woman suffered social exclusion for twelve years. The little girl to whose deathbed Jesus has been summoned was twelve years old; she had died on the threshold of adult life. The numerical correspondence is not coincidental. In the house, with everyone else save the parents and three closest disciples excluded, Jesus raises the girl so that, now arrived at marriageable age, she may take up her adult life, just as the woman returns to life in the community – including the possibility of marriage – after a twelve-year exclusion. The scene is attractively domestic. Faith has rendered the Christian household a place of access to the power of the risen Lord.

*Fr Brendan Byrne sj*