



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.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> / 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY—14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

#### (MOST REV) PETER A COMENSOLI DD STL MLITT PHD

Peter Andrew Comensoli was born in the Illawarra region of NSW on 25th March, 1964, the fourth son and last child of Mick and Margaret Comensoli. He was baptised at St John Vianney Church, Fairy Meadow, in the Diocese of Wollongong. He received all his sacraments of Christian Initiation, as well as priestly Ordination, at the parish.

Educated by the Good Samaritan Sisters at St John Vianney Primary School, and by the Marist Fathers at St Paul's College, Bellambi, Peter Comensoli worked for four years in the banking sector, while studying Commerce at Wollongong University.

He commenced his studies for the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Manly in 1986 and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Wollongong on 22nd May 1992. During his time in the Diocese of Wollongong Fr Comensoli served as Assistant Priest and then Administrator in a number of parishes, and was Diocesan Chancellor for six years.

On 20th April 2011, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, and ordained to the Episcopate on 8th June 2011 at St Mary's Cathedral. In March 2014, Bishop Comensoli was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Sydney, until the appointment of the new Archbishop of Sydney in November 2014.

On 20th November 2014, he was appointed the third Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, and installed at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Friday 12th December 2014.

At the national level, Bishop Comensoli is currently a member of the Bishops' Commissions for Family, Youth, and Life, and for Evangelisation, with a particular focus on life matters, euthanasia and media. From November 2018 he will take up the appointment of Chair of the Bishops' Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement, and a member of the Bishops' Commission for the Plenary Council. At the Province level, he is currently a Board Director of Catholic Schools NSW.

Bishop Comensoli holds a Bachelor of Theology (1989) and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (1991) from the Catholic Institute of Sydney. He holds a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL) in moral theology from the Accademia Alfonsiana (2000), a Master of Letters (MLitt) in moral philosophy from the University of St Andrews (2007), and a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in theological ethics from the University of Edinburgh (2011). He is the author of 'In God's Image: Recognising the Profoundly Impaired as Persons,' as well as a number of articles in the area of disability and Christian anthropology.

His Episcopal motto is: Praedicamus Christum crucifixum ('We proclaim a crucified Christ' – 1Cor 1.23).



**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Mario Zammit  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:**  
Maureen Hegarty  
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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  
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**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY:**  
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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.*

**OLMC HEIDELBERG:** Enrolments for Year 7 – 2020 now open. Applications close on Friday 3rd August 2018. School Tours will be held on Thursday 19th July from 4:30pm to 6:00pm and on Tuesday 31st July from 9:00am to 10:30am. To booking go to: <http://www3.olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au/enrolments/college-tours>

**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 visit the hospital during the week, offering prayer, support and Communion to 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 for Mass. Some parishioners support this ministry by taking part in 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 ([heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au) / 94571066).

**THE DOMINICAN FRIARS OF MELBOURNE:** are holding a symposium of short talks by 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 0411602474 [thomas.azzi@op.org.au](mailto:thomas.azzi@op.org.au).

**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 13th July will receive a commemorative certificate and pack. Contact: [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) / [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) 9287 5587.

**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.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Ava Smith, Scarlett Hay, Lilliana Siciliano, Nico Comito.

**THE SICK:** M. Cooke, Aurette Ferriere, John Pikines.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rosa Talarico, Aniana Cosio, Betty Firth.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Trevor Wishart.

*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.*

<b>7 July/8 July</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
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
<b>14 July/15 July</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Brian Garrone	Claire Newsome	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Barbara Barnes	Pietro Sciotto	Jan McCaffery	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Noel Micallef	Alice Wong	Tim Boyle	Margaret Hansen
	Bill Barnes	Val Wallis	Leonore Giliberto	Des O'Brien
	Domenica Ashworth	Elizabeth Williamson	Kate Mathai	Mark Aiello
	Emma Chang	Stanly Devasia	Maureen Howard	Leela Cherubim
Counters	<b>8 July:</b> Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue & <b>15 July:</b> Stephen Devanish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli.			
<b>Collection Weekly Average for June</b>			<b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b>	
Parish		Presbytery		July : Jenny 9459 7174
Stewardship	\$2845.75	Stewardship	\$575.89	August: Cath 9459 9420
Loose	\$602.67	Loose	\$301.33	
<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.				

**AUSTIN MASS:** next Sunday 15th July. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass. Parishioners are invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL:** Thank you to all who contributed for this year's winter appeal donating food, blankets and clothing. The collection for the St Vincent De Paul was: \$1275.90. Thank you.

**THE EYRIE PARISH MAGAZINE:** Thank you to the editorial team and to all the contributors. We hope that this magazine becomes the voice of the community. We invite articles, responses, reflections, letters to the editor, photos of interest, news, recipes and any other material to be published in our magazine. For further information email heidelberg.eyrie@cam.org.au or contact the parish office (9457 1066).

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** We are always in need of more Ministers of Communion at all our parish Masses. A training workshop for NEW Ministers of Communion will be held on Sunday 29th July from 11:45am to 1:00pm. All welcome!

**ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP:** is a casually run playgroup with an inclusive approach. The aim is to have fun and make new friends. Parents and grandparents of young children are invited to join. The playgroup meets at the parish hall every Monday during school terms, between 10:00am and 12:00noon. Everyone is welcome. To join or for more information please contact Rachelle Hitch on (sjcplaygroup@gmail.com) or contact the parish office.

**THE GEMS:** will be taking one week winter break this Tuesday 10th July. We will be back on Tuesday 17th July with song, games and conversation.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** An elderly parishioner living on Rosanna Road requires help to be able to attend the Sunday 10:30am Mass. Anyone who can help in any way please contact Heidelcare coordinator Jenny on 94597174 for details.

**COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT AT FOUR LEAVES CAFÉ:** on Saturday 18th August you are invited to join us for dinner and a fun night from 7:30pm onwards at Four Leaves Café, 37 Greville Rd, Rosanna. Everyone will have the opportunity to order a meal from the café menu and pay for their own meal. Numbers are required to make the necessary bookings. Please email or contact the parish office by Tuesday 14th August (heidelberg@cam.org.au; 94571066).

**PARISH SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** on the first Sunday of each month, starting in August, after the 10:30am Mass. All welcome. A gold coin donation to cover expenses will be appreciated.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** to help organise the tea and coffee after 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Please contact Barbara Dabal on dabs01@optusnet.com

**MASSES WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** on Thursday 2nd August at 9:15am and at 11:30am. Morning tea will be offered after 9:15 Mass and a light lunch after the 11:30 Mass. All welcome. Parishioners who require transport please contact the parish office on 9457 1066.

**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.

**FIRST READING**

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 122

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.

(R.)

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy.

(R.)

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.

(R.)

**SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring  
Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**THE FAMILIAR CAN GET IN THE WAY**

Jesus returns to his hometown, Nazareth, and teaches in the synagogue. His former townsfolk are amazed at the authority and wisdom of his words. But they fail to believe that one so familiar to them could really be a prophet sent from God to instruct them. Small-town prejudice and narrow-mindedness blinker their perception.

St Mark comments: "And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them" (v. 5). "Deeds of power" in Mark's Gospel refer to setting people free from spiritual, psychological and physical afflictions which de-humanise them, alienating them from God and fellow-human beings. In the worldview of Jesus' time such conditions were attributed to possession by demons.

What is remarkable here is the way in which the Gospel frankly records Jesus' helplessness to do any such deeds of power for his townsfolk because of their lack of faith. Faith or the lack of it conditioned his power to help. Put more positively, it is faith that allows God's power to be effective in our world.

The greatest enemy to faith can simply be "familiarity:" a refusal to believe that God could visit us in so familiar a form as the person next door. Progress in the spiritual life is almost always marked by an increasing ability to recognise God in the ordinary, the everyday. The Incarnation means not only that the Son of God became a human being but that he took human form in a town as ordinary and insignificant as Nazareth (see Nathaniel's comment in John 1:46).

Fr Brendan Byrne sj