



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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.

14TH / 15TH JULY—15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME 2018

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends

Over the coming five weeks we will be conducting our Parish Stewardship Programme. In the past this used to be called the Thanksgiving Campaign.

The Parish Stewardship Programme / Thanksgiving Campaign starts next weekend – with our **WELCOME WEEKEND**. This programme recognises that 'Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church' and will challenge us all to reflect on what it means to be a member of St John's parish community.

We encourage you to be actively involved – please spend some time reading the materials provided, listen to the speakers and follow the programme on the parish website (pol.org.au/heidelberg/), our parish Facebook page (facebook.com/stjohnheidelberg/) and our Instagram account (instagram.com/stjohn.heidelberg/). We invite you to reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

PARISH 'OUR FUTURE' FORUM

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special forum as part of this programme – the Our Future Forum on Wednesday 8th August. There will be a morning session at 10:00am (*immediately after Mass*) and an evening session at 7:30pm. Both sessions will be in Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. This is a great opportunity to make your contribution to the discussion. You will hear about the values we hold dear, our recent achievements and the priorities we have for the future. Please mark this date in your calendar. Full programme details will be available on the dedicated programme page on our parish website – which will be updated regularly throughout the programme.

During the weeks of the programme, let us also pray the programme prayer for the success of this year's campaign.

Thank you

Fr Mario

PRAYER FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME

*Lord, we thank you
for calling us to be
your Church.*

*Through our Baptism
we are called to
service and to
witness.*

*In the Eucharist we
sustain and strengthen that call.*

*By serving others we follow your example and
proclaim our beliefs.*

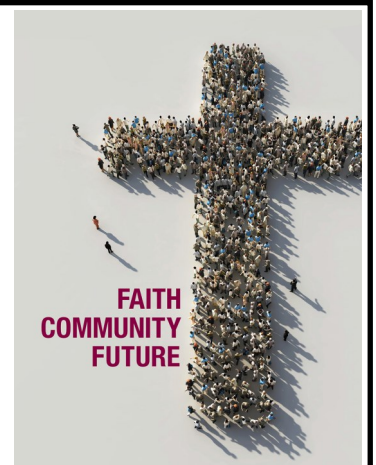
*By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our
love and care.*

*Lord, help us always to worship you as you
deserve,*

*to grow in faith and service
and to give without counting the cost.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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
McBroom m: 0414 289 304

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY:
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Fran Gasior: m:0417972317
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.*

**ARCHBISHOP HART'S MASS OF
THANKSGIVING:** Saturday 21st July,
11:00am St Patrick's Cathedral. In
thanksgiving of Archbishop Denis
Hart's service to the archdiocese
over 51 years and upon his
retirement as archbishop of
Melbourne. Refreshments follow in
Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street,
Fitzroy. Book by 18th July on [https://
www.trybooking.com/WXJV](https://www.trybooking.com/WXJV).

Archbishop Hart appreciates your
prayers at this time.

**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](mailto:catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com). All welcome. Speakers:
Archbishop Mark Coleridge,
Mrs Lana Turvey-Collins, Professor
Massimo Faggioli, Professor Richard
Lennan and Dr Gemma Cruz.

MASS BY CANDLELIGHT: at Our Lady
Help of Christians, Henry Street,
Eltham on Thursday 19th July.
Celebrated in the spirit of Taize.
Mass starts at 8:00pm, following a
time of quiet reflection. Prayer
ministry and supper available after
Mass. Enquiries: Rose on 9434 3962.

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.

OUR EARTH & BEYOND: Come along
and join in the conversation on how
climate change affects our world and
what we can do about it. Also
explore the mystery of the universe
beyond our planet. An afternoon of
story-telling, poetry and inspiring
images facilitated by conversation
leaders Trevor Parton and Christina
Rowntree. Sunday 22nd July;
2:00pm to 4:30pm. At St Kevin's
Catholic Church Gathering Space, 26
Herlihy Rd, Lower Templestowe.
Gold coin donation appreciated.
Book by 18th July: 96468464 /
gailpritchard@westnet.com.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Cleo Bapaume.

THE SICK: M. Cooke, Aurette Ferriere, Francis Micallef, John Pikines.

ANNIVERSARIES: Vera Boardman, Dorothy, Catherine and George Collier, Keith Comelford, Tom Dennis, Jack Dickson, Rita and John English, Adrian Forster, Agnes Jones, Fr Dennis O'Callaghan, Vincent Powell, Kay Radzikowski, Mavis Rochford, Fr Michael Sheely, Peter Morck, Robert Bruce.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Henry Lim.

*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.*

14 July/15 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Brian Garrone	Claire Newsome	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
2 nd 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
21 July/22 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Peter Penson	Michael Leonard	Mark Aiello
2 nd Reader	Anita Metcalf	Marguerite Ryan	Grace Lew-Kee	Margaret Andrews
Communion	Adrian Daly	Teresa Lincoln	Yannick Jonas	Jenny Hollaway
	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Michelle Penson	Sue Lew-Kee	Charito Cosio
	Leela Cherubim	Peter O'Donoghue	Jan Mc Caffery	Leo Cosio
	Donna Richardson	Leo Hernandez	Doris Schembri	TBA
Counters	15 July: Stephen Devanish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli & 22 July: Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin.			
Collection Weekly Average for June			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish		Presbytery		July : Jenny 9459 7174
Stewardship	\$2845.75	Stewardship	\$575.89	August: Cath 9459 9420
Loose	\$602.67	Loose	\$301.33	
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 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.

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!

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.

THE GEMS: Sing, converse and play on Tuesday 17th July from 10:00am to 12:00noon. New members are always welcome to join us in the Francis Xavier meeting room at the back of the parish house. For information: Elizabeth 0447195553 /Jan 0423478504

GEMS UPCOMING OUTING: Movie and luncheon at the Palace Theatre, 231 Whitehorse Road Balwyn (transport available). On Tuesday 31st July at 11:00am. Cost: \$18. 83 year old Edie believes it is never too late to pack up an old camping bag, leave life behind and embark on an adventure she never got to have. To book contact: Elizabeth 0447195553

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: to help organise tea and coffee after 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. (Sausage Sizzle is also provided.) Please contact Barbara Dabal on cbdabal@gmail.com

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: An elderly parishioner living on Rosanna Road requires help to be able to attend the Sunday 10:30am Mass. Anyone who can help please contact Jenny on 94597174.

ST JOHN'S PARISH COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT: on Saturday 18th August you are invited 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).

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: for children in Yr 4 and above start 21st August to 6th November. First Communion will be celebrated on 10th November at 11:00am at the OLMC Nalleijerring Centre. Contact Sr Loreto on 9457 1066. Please note: this information is not for students attending St John's Parish Primary School.

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. Email heidelberg.eyrie@cam.org.au or contact the parish office (9457 1066).

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>

FIRST READING Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 84:9-14

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy

Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

GOOD NEWS TRAVELS LIGHTLY

In today's Gospel (Mark 6:7-13) Jesus sends the Twelve to go out to preach the Good News. They are to travel very lightly—no food, no haversack, no money—submitting themselves to the risk of inhospitality. They must have confidence that the "treasure" they bring to people—the Good News of God's love—so vastly outweighs any burden of hospitality that they will find a welcome from all destined to share in the life of the Kingdom.

Travelling so lightly will not compromise trust in the divine authority that has been given them and also ward off suspicion of self-seeking on their part.

The Twelve, of course, are the "pillars" upon which the later Church will be built. Their mission during Jesus' lifetime establishes something essential for its life: that it is always a community on mission, entrusted with the supreme treasure of the Gospel and the ministry of reconciliation and healing carried out in the sacraments.

How the Church is to imitate these first missionaries in the "lightness" of its travel has long been a problem, granted the massive institutionalisation and wealth that it has acquired down the centuries. There are no facile solutions to this—save perhaps when persecution strips the Church of its wealth and possessions.

But today's Gospel reminds the Church that the effectiveness of its prophetic role—its critique of prevailing cultural assumptions and practices—will largely be in proportion to the "lightness" with which it travels, its trust in the goodness (hospitality) of ordinary people, and the lack of self-seeking its clergy present to the world.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj