



# 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.

**21ST / 22ND JULY—16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

## **PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME 2018**

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends

WEEK 1 – WELCOME WEEKEND

Welcome to the first weekend of our Parish Stewardship Programme.

The programme recognises that 'Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church' and will challenge us to reflect on what it means to be a member of St John's parish community.

We encourage you to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the programme on the parish website, Facebook and Instagram. Reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

This weekend we will hear from some of our parishioners who will introduce a special message of welcome from the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Monsignor Greg Bennet as well as introduce our programme.

Members of the programme leadership team will be distributing copies of the programme brochure and groups and ministry listing at all Masses – you may have already received your copies by email and copies can also be viewed and downloaded from the parish website.

### **PARISH 'OUR FUTURE' FORUM**

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special event as part of the programme – the Our Future forum on Wednesday 8th August at 7:30pm in the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. Please note that the morning session will now be on Friday 10th August at 10:00am after morning Mass also in the Francis Xavier meeting room. This will be a great opportunity to contribute to the discussion on our priorities for the future.

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.*

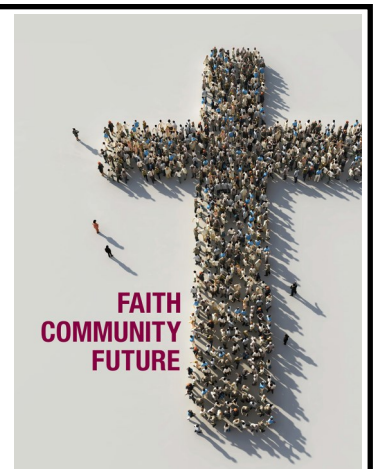
*By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our  
love and care.*

*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  
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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.*

## **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.

**MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, AUSTRIA, CROATIA, BOSNIA AND MEDJUGORIE:** Fr Jerald (Doncaster East parish) invites you for a 14-day pilgrimage departing 2nd September 2018. Visiting Warsaw, Krakow, Vienna, Zagreb, Sinj and Medjugorje. All-inclusive price: \$5,990. Last four seats left. Call: 8513 0680 / 1300721561 / pilgrimage@magiholi days.com.au. (\$500 closing discount.)

**NEEDED:** parishioners who can visit grieving families after the loss of a loved one. Contact Fr Mario.

**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 9:30am 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.

**OLMC PARENTS' ASSOCIATION TRIVIA NIGHT 2018:** A fun night of trivia, prizes, silent auctions and much laughter, on Saturday 28th July 7:00pm arrival for a 7:30pm start. At OLMC Hall—entry via Cape Street gate only. BYO Food and Drinks. Tickets \$20.

**REQUIRED:** Catholic Visitors at the Austin Hospital. An opportunity to spend time with sick Catholic patients in our hospital, offering them prayer, support and holy Communion. If this is a ministry for you, please contact the parish office 94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au

*The holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures.*

*Pope Francis*

*(Gaudete et Exsultate, 15)*

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Libera Scotto, Frank Sharkey, Mary Lucy, Patricia Peyton.

*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>21 July/22 July</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Peter Penson	Michael Leonard	Mark Aiello
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Anita Metcalf	Marguerite Ryan	Grace Lew-Kee	Emily 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
<b>28 July/29 July</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Elizabeth Williamson	Claire Newsome	Des O'Brien
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Giuseppe Amoroso	Garry Sproules	Bob Dowling	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Jack Naden	Leonore Giliberto	Catie Nesbitt
	Marco Di Cesare	Pauline Griffiths	Tim Boyle	Grace Nesbitt
	Maria Basilone	Chris Ratnayake	Yannick Jonas	Joanna Nesbitt
	Noel Micallef	Margaret Bradley	Doris Schembri	Margaret Hansen
Counters	<b>22 July:</b> Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin & <b>29 July:</b> Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso.			
<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.				

**GOLD COIN COLLECTION:** The April Collection was \$645.15. Next Gold Coin Collection: 28 & 29 July.

**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 this 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:** Join us on Tuesday 24th July from 10:00am to 12:00noon for a cuppa and chat and to have fun playing the card game. New members are always welcome 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.

**ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI:** We are all invited to the liturgical reception and solemn Mass of the new archbishop of Melbourne on Wednesday 1st August at 7:00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral; light refreshments will follow at Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. RSVP on <https://www.trybooking.com/WXSE> Please note: this booking is for entry to the cathedral only and is not a reserved seat.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:heidelberg.eyrie@cam.org.au) or contact the parish office (9457 1066).

**OLMC HEIDELBERG:** Enrolments for Year 7 – 2020 open. Applications close on Friday 3rd August 2018.

**FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 22

R./ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,

to revive my drooping spirit. R./

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness

no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff,

with these you give me comfort. R./

You have prepared a banquet for me

in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing. R./

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell

for ever and ever. R./

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 2:3-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far

away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**OVERWHELMED WITH COMPASSION**

*The disciples return to Jesus full of enthusiasm for the success of their healing and teaching mission. At this early stage of his ministry, Jesus is still widely popular. But his popularity will soon fall away—and turn, eventually, to hostility.*

*Jesus knows that the disciples could well be carried away by all the enthusiasm their mission is generating. Probably for this reason he takes them to be alone with himself for a while. Earlier, we are told of his going away, after a full day of ministry, to a lonely place to pray (Mark 1:35). He seems to want to school the disciples in the same rhythm of ministry interspersed with rest and the prayerful communion with God that is the necessary source of capacity to heal and to teach.*

*The attempt to escape the crowds in a boat is not successful. The people go around the lake on foot and are there waiting for Jesus as soon as he disembarks.*

*So we are presented with the image of the Shepherd-Messiah overcome with compassion. We are invited to look out upon the people through his eyes: to see them as sheep without a shepherd—scattered, leaderless, and ignorant. His longing for rest and quiet has been overwhelmed by compassion for the people and a desire to instill new purpose and understanding through teaching them at some length.*

*As Pope Francis has not ceased to insist, the task of the Church is to be the instrument of the pastoral compassion of Jesus, looking out through his eyes upon those to whom it is sent.*

Fr Brendan Byrne sj