



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.

28TH / 29TH JULY—17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME 2018

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends

WEEK 2 – FAITH WEEKEND

Welcome to week two of our Parish Stewardship Programme and this week is all about FAITH.

We ask you to reflect on the importance of faith in your life. Is your faith the foundation of who you are? Does it drive the way you choose to live your life?

We also ask you to re-affirm the importance of Sunday Mass – how we come together as a community to celebrate our faith. The Eucharist is something much bigger than ourselves – it is not a private or anonymous experience. The communal celebration of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass gives us the spiritual nourishment to live our lives as true disciples of Jesus.

Finally this week we ask you to commit to growing in faith – to take the opportunity to learn and develop a mature understanding of our faith. There will be a special homily this weekend on this most important aspect of the Program.

'OUR FUTURE' FORUM

This key event of the programme - 'Our Future' Forum will be held on two separate dates - Wednesday 8th August at 7:30pm and Friday 10th August at 10:00am. Both sessions will be held in the Francis Xavier meeting room. This will be a great opportunity to contribute to the discussion on our priorities for the future. Light refreshments will also be provided. Please complete the RSVP cards available at all Masses over the weekend or the RSVP form on the parish website.

WEBSITE UPDATES

The dedicated Stewardship Programme section this week features a special video from Monsignor Greg Bennet, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese. There is also a special ministry focus on Ministers of Communion, Bereavement Group, Sacristans and Welcomers – important roles in our Faith & Liturgy Groups & Ministries. These may be of interest to you!

POPE FRANCIS SAYS:

'In the Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the people of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ.' 5 February 2014

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.*

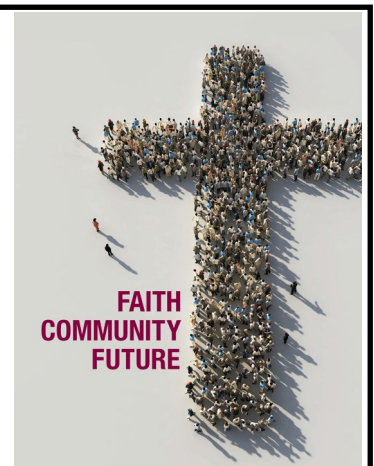
*Lord, help us always to worship you as you
deserve,*

to grow in faith and service

and to give without counting the cost.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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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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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@magiholidays.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 11:00am. Everyone is welcome. To join and for information please contact Rachelle Hitch (0431 810 771 / rachelle.hitch@hotmail.com).

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

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK, 5TH TO 12TH AUGUST:

Next week we pray in a special way for pastors in our Church. We pray for priests, religious and others who are committed in their faith. We remember those already in ministry that the Lord may strengthen them in their faith, and pray for those among us who may feel the call to be pastors in our midst, that they have the courage to step forward for this ministry of service. We pray that our families nurture vocation to ministry in the Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuseppe Campagnaro, Henrietta Lewis, Joseph Nguyen, Tang Kwai Hoing, Damien Teague, Lena Murphy.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Ryan, Denis Cail.

*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.*

28 July/29 July	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Elizabeth Williamson	Claire Newsome	Des O'Brien
2 nd 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
4 Aug/5 Aug	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Jack Naden	Joanne Martinez	Catie Nesbitt
2 nd Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Ronnie Maloney	Elizabeth Williamson	Rosemarie Vecchies
Communion	Adrian Daly	Fiona Curry	Geraldine Manuel	Malania Mugamu
	Barbara Barnes	Alice Wong	Erin Manuel	Leela Cherubim
	Bill Barnes	Val Wallis	Marni Mant	Jenny Hollaway
	Emma Chang	Stanly Devasia	Nigel Mant	Des O'Brien
Counters	29 July: Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso & 5 Aug: Peter Symes. Paul De Stefanis.			
Collection Weekly Average for June				Heidelcare Co-Ordinator
Parish		Presbytery		August: Cath 9459 9420
Stewardship	\$2845.75	Stewardship	\$575.89	September: Marilyn 9459 1950
Loose	\$602.67	Loose	\$301.33	Morning Tea, 5th Aug: Rosa & Maureen
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

GOLD COIN COLLECTION: This weekend at all Masses.

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!

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: after 10:30am Mass next Sunday 5th August. All welcome. A gold coin donation to cover expenses will be appreciated.

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

MASSES WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: this 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 in the Francis Xavier meeting room at the parish house. All welcome. Parishioners who require transport please contact the parish office on 9457 1066.

GEMS MOVIE AND LUNCHEON: at the Palace Theatre, 231 Whitehorse Road Balwyn (transport available). This 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

TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS: Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. The Heart of Life Spirituality Centre at 99 Albion Street, Box Hill, is offering a reflection day on Saturday, 11th August from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Enquiries and bookings can be made on 9890 1101 / holsc@bigpond.com / www.heartoflife.melbourne.

ARCHBISHOP PETER A. COMENSOLI: We are all invited to the liturgical reception and solemn Mass of the new archbishop of Melbourne this 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; 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 open. Applications close this Friday 3rd August 2018.

FIRST READING

2 Kgs 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144

R./ The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. R./

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. R./

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts 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 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

THE GENEROSITY OF GOD

We begin today the first of a series of five Sunday Gospels taken from the sixth chapter of St. John, a long sequence around the theme of Jesus as "the Bread of Life".

Seated on a mountain in front of the crowds, Jesus puts a challenge to his disciples, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" The disciples are perplexed: why should this responsibility devolve upon them! All that is at hand is a small boy with five loaves and two fish.

But Jesus tells them to get the people to sit down, thereby creating the expectation of that they will be fed. For Jesus, it is not a question of "buying" anything but rather of becoming instruments of the generosity of God. The disciples have to "walk" in faith, taking the risk of being involved in an embarrassing failure. They must trust that, as with the Israelites of old, the Lord will once again feed his people.

We can perhaps think of ourselves, faced with similar challenges, as like the small boy with his few loaves and fishes. Our meagre talents and gifts, placed at God's disposal, and accompanied by faith, can be instruments of divine generosity beyond all imagining.

In a world faced with hunger on a global scale, the challenge of Jesus, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" remains. It is an economic question and a political question. The Gospel suggests it is also a religious question—one Jesus throws to us as he did to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj