



# 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.

**4TH / 5TH AUGUST — 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

## **PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME 2018**

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends

### **WEEK 3 – COMMUNITY WEEKEND**

Welcome to week three of our Parish Stewardship Program.

This week celebrates the role of our parish as a community of faith – as an authentic community where people are welcomed, known and loved. It is a place of care, support and outreach – with a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel.

This means that we have a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others – making our time available to be involved in one of our many groups and ministries. We all have a contribution to make – so have a look at the 'Groups & Ministries' form to see what best suits you.

Today we will hear from some parishioners who will share with us the impact of faith and our parish on their lives and how important it is for us all to make our contribution to parish life. We thank them for doing so!

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

This key event of the Program - 'Our Future' Forum— will be held on two separate dates: Wednesday 8th August at 7:30pm and on Friday 10th August at 10.00am after morning Mass. Both meetings will be in the Francis Xavier meeting room, in the parish house. This meeting will be a great opportunity to contribute to the discussion on our priorities for the future. Light refreshments will also be provided. If you have not yet done so, please complete an RSVP card available at all Masses over the weekend or the RSVP form on the parish website. Alternatively e-mail the parish office ([heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)).

### **WEBSITE UPDATE:**

The dedicated Stewardship Programme section this week features a special video from Monsignor Greg Bennet, Vicar General of the Archdiocese. There is also a special ministry focus which may be of interest to you!

### **POPE FRANCIS SAYS:**

"A parish is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach" (Evangelii Gaudium 28)

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.*

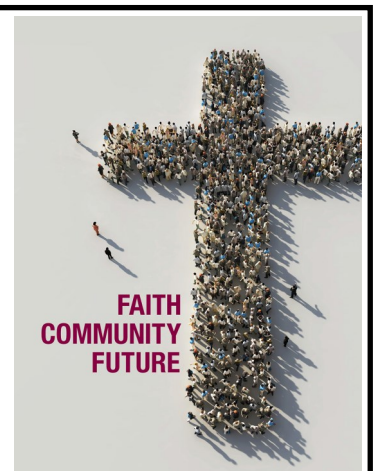
*Lord, help us always to worship you as you  
deserve,*

*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  
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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.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Teach with Timorese teachers! Take your teaching skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor. Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer. Can't commit just yet? Check out palms.org.au/encounters

**NEW MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:** We are looking for parishioners interested in participating in bereavement groups, welcomers at church, and sacristans at our weekend Masses. Thank you.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ruth Cook, Terry Green, John Lanagan, Flavio Cosio, Frederick George Plant.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Barbara Webster (*nee* Booth).

*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>4 Aug/5 Aug</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Jack Naden	Joanne Martinez	Catie Nesbitt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Ronnie Maloney	Elizabeth Williamson	Rosemarie Vecchies
Communion	Adrian Daly	Fiona Curry	Geraldine Manuel	Melania Mugamu
	Barbara Barnes	Alice Wong	Erin Manuel	Leela Cherubim
	Bill Barnes	Val Wallis	Marni Mant	Jenny Hollaway
	Emma Chang	Stanly Devasia	Nigel Mant	TBA
<b>11 Aug/12 Aug</b>	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Claire Newsome	Michelle Robertson	Johanna Nesbitt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Brian Garrone	Peter Penson	Harsha Dilip	Candida Rowlands
Communion	Donna Richardson	Teresa Lincoln	Kate Mathai	Tony Rowlands
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Michelle Penson	Beena Dilip	Sally Tramontana
	Maria Basilone	Leo Hernandez	Maureen Howard	Charito Cosio
	Leela Cherubim	Jack Naden	Leonore Giliberto	Leo Cosio
Counters	<b>5 Aug:</b> Peter Symes. Paul De Stefanis & <b>12 Aug:</b> Graeme Foote, Michael Tilley.			
<b>Collection Weekly Average for July</b>			<b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b>	
Parish		Presbytery		August: Cath 9459 9420
Stewardship	\$3290.62	Stewardship	\$655.45	September: Marilyn 9459 1950
Loose	\$635.47	Loose	\$317.52	Morning Tea, 5th Aug: Rosa & Maureen
<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.				

**WE WELCOME AND PRAY:** for our new archbishop, Peter A. Comensoli who started his ministry as the new archbishop of Melbourne on Wednesday. As a parish we are lucky as he will be the celebrant at the parish sacrament of Confirmation on 12th August in the cathedral.

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

**HEIDELCARE MEETING:** 7:30pm Monday 6th August in the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. All welcome.

**GEMS:** St John's GEMS (50+) Quiz morning and Devonshire Tea. *What colour is the word MAX in the Pepsi Max logo? Louie the fly is straight from where to you? How is your knowledge of branded products?* You are invited to join us from 10:00am to 12:00noon. for a morning of quiz questions in a team situation followed by Devonshire Tea. 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

**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.

**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.

**'OUR FUTURE' FORUM:** An opportunity to continue our discussion about the future plans in our parish community. Two sessions: Wednesday 8th August at 7:30pm or Friday 10th August at 10:00am. Both sessions will be at the Francis Xavier meeting room, in the parish house. All welcome. Thank you.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** On Sunday 12th August members of our parish community will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation from our new archbishop at the Cathedral. This is another important parish event and we are encouraged to keep these members of our community in our prayers. We thank the teachers and catechists who have prepared these children and pray for their families as they continue together on their journey of faith.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY:** On Wednesday 15th August is a holy day of obligation and we are encouraged to participate at Mass on this special day. Masses at 9:15am, 2:30pm (school Mass) and 7:00pm.

**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).

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** parishioners are needed to help organise tea and coffee after 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. This is an important ministry to help continue to nurture our community spirit. Please contact Barbara Dabal on cbdabal@gmail.com

**FIRST READING**

Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 77:3-4. 23-25. 54

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)

He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**"I AM THE THE BREAD OF LIFE"**

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of a long interaction between Jesus and the Jewish crowd that draws out the deeper meaning of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves that we heard last Sunday.

After the miracle the crowds follow Jesus with enthusiasm but he is dubious about their motivation. They follow him because they have been so marvellously fed, not because they have seen that event's real meaning. They have not seen it for what it really is: a sign of the presence in their midst of One who is the final gift and revelation of God.

The crowds are trying to understand Jesus within the categories of what they know from the scriptural story of their people. Moses, in their view, arranged for their ancestors to be fed in the wilderness with "bread from heaven" (the manna). They think of Jesus as a new Moses who may turn on for them a continual supply of "bread from heaven", just as Moses did of old.

Jesus corrects them. They must not be fixated on a repetition of what happened long ago. They must understand that God (the Father) is here and now giving them a Bread from heaven that, unlike the manna of old, will not just last for a day, but will sustain them for eternal life.

Jesus is, of course, as he makes clear at the end, speaking himself as this Bread: "the bread of God ... that comes down" from heaven and gives life to the world".

In what sense is Jesus for me my daily "Bread of Life"?

*Fr Brendan Byrne sj*