



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.

Central to the mission of St John's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

13TH / 14TH OCTOBER - 28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Dear Parishioners, Visitors to our parish, Friends

Telling our stories ...

Over the past few weeks I have endeavoured to share with you some thoughts about the upcoming Plenary Council of the Church in Australia. This is being seen as a big event in the life of our Australian Church which will renew and re-energise our Church.

As I explained, we as Church are being invited to pray, discern and reflect on what God is telling his Church today, or, as one parish put it, What as Church are we doing well? What can we do to improve? What should we do for the future?

AN INVITATION TO SHARE: Some groups in our parish have already started the process of reflecting and sending in their written contributions. I now put out the invitation to all parishioners who would like to participate in this discerning process. I hope to be able to form a number of small groups of parishioners for this purpose. We can either meet at the parish meeting rooms or in a family home.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this process kindly email or ring the parish office and I will get in touch.

SHARING OUR STORIES: God speaks to us in and through the various events in our life. When we look back we recognise that God has been with us in our joyful and in our sorrowful moments; God is always with us. St Ignatius of Loyola constantly invites us to reflect on our life's journey in order to be able to discern God's will in our life.

I am aware that often we hold stories that have never been told. We may find it difficult to find the suitable environment where to tell our stories. To tell our stories we need to be certain we will be heard without being judged. Telling our stories in the presence of another person ready to listen can help us understand things better and recognise God in our life.

I would like to offer anyone who would like to tell his or her story the opportunity to do so. I am happy to be the person to listen and support you as you narrate your story. If you feel you can make use of this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me. This is not a counselling session, nor the sacrament of reconciliation, but simply a space where one can be heard and supported.



Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

PRAYER: Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Fr Mario

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Mario Zammit
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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.*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND HEALING

RETREAT: at Pallotti College, Millgrove, from Thursday 1st November 6:00pm to Sunday 4th November 3:00pm. Guest speaker: Frank Daniels, experienced in spiritual direction and Christian meditation. Cost: single \$345.00, couple \$600.00. Enquiries and registration forms: Chiara Pardini (0404 758 665) Registration Jan Thwaites (0407 507 313 / janthwaites@hotmail.com).

CALL OF GUADALUPE: An inspirational, pro life musical, invites anyone, any age, ability to act or help. Coming in 1st and 2nd December. Free drama classes for anyone with interest to learn to act, write, and sing. Classes and rehearsals most Saturdays in Glen Iris by experienced professional actors. RSVP: 0413398528 or geraldine343@gmail.com Info: www.callofguadalupe.com.

Mass: on Thursday 18th October at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. The evening starts at 7:30pm with praise and worship followed by Mass. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. Contact Rose (9434 3962).

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE: Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students and asylum seekers in primary and secondary schools across the Melbourne archdiocese. The commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis rsm for applications and further information at 9326 1895 / (preferred) somml@bigpond.com www.mercyworks.org.au

SPIRITUAL LEADERS FORMATION

PROGRAM: One-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings in Box Hill offered to people in various positions of leadership, spiritual formation and outreach ministries. Suitable for lay ecclesial ministers, chaplains, community leaders, principals and nurses. The program, starting on 22nd February 2019, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Applications close 16th November 2018. Contact Heart of Life for the brochure and application form: holsc@bigpond.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Galen Mudalige, Torin Farrell, Mia Jesser, Cinzia Lombardi.

THE SICK: Annelese Peyton, Marie Hankin, Joyce Quinn, Keith Ashworth, Jenny Ferriere, Francis Micallef, Noeline Zerna.

ANNIVERSARIES: Stuart Hendrie, Teresa Minihan, Jack Moorthy, Gnanappu Ramanathan.

Recently Deceased: Emmanuel Deguara.

*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.*

6 Oct/ 7 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Pietro Sciotto	Harsha Dilip	Mary Kotefski
2 nd Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Claire Newsome	Jan McCaffrey	Mark Aiello
Communion	Marco Di Cesare	Leo Hernandez	Beena Dilip	Sally Tramontana
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Pauline Griffiths	Doris Schembri	Johanna Nesbitt
	Maria Basilone	Jack Naden	Marni Mant	Jenny Hollaway
	Leela Cherubim	Chris Ratnayake	Nigel Mant	TBA
13 Oct/ 14 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Anita Metcalf	Jack Naden	Michelle Robertson	Margaret Andrews
2 nd Reader	Brian Garrone	Peter Penson	Robyn Laurie	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Teresa Lincoln	Tim Boyle	Margaret Hansen
	Adrian Daly	Fiona Curry	Yannick Jonas	Grace Nesbitt
	Emma Chang	Michelle Penson	Jan McCaffrey	Charito Cosio
	Donna Richardson	Peter O'Donoghue	Leonore Giliberto	Leo Cosio
Counters	7 Oct: Tim Booth, Nigel Mant, Shane Byrnes & 14 Oct: Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue.			
Collection Weekly Average for September			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish		Presbytery		October: Marilyn 9459 1950
Stewardship	\$4206.18	Stewardship	\$681.83	November: Joan 9459 3889
Loose	\$571.47	Loose	\$320.00	
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: next Sunday 21st October. 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.

The Eyrie: Our Parish Our Stories. We would love to have some stories shared about how Christmas is celebrated in your families in our next issue of the St John's EYRIE magazine. If you have something to share please email us: heidelberg.eyrie@cam.org.au

PARISH GROUP TRAINING SESSIONS: for parish volunteers. On Monday, 15th October and Monday, 29th October, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the St John's School multipurpose room. These training nights are designed to meet the Child Safety Standards for groups / organisations working within St John's Parish. Both sessions need to be attended by all members. Contact Michelle Robertson 0409533100. *'Let us take this as an opportunity to stand in solidarity, rejecting the actions that have lead to so much harm of the young and vulnerable within our community. This is our chance to work in ensuring we get a foot forward on stamping this out of our church future.'* Emma.

TWO TALKS ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: by Fr Brendan Byrne, a Jesuit priest and biblical scholar. On Thursday 25th October and Thursday 1st November, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, at the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house. Entrance free. Fr Brendan will talk about the narratives about Jesus' childhood in the first two chapters in the gospel according to Luke. All welcome!

PARISH MELBOURNE CUP DAY GATHERING: All parishioners and friends are invited to a Melbourne Cup Day gathering in the Francis Xavier meeting room from 2:00pm on Tuesday 6th November. Finger food and bubbly provided. Watch the Melbourne Cup; enter the Melbourne Cup Sweep; dress: hats / fascinators / ties. RSVP: Essential for catering purposes by Tuesday 30th October Elizabeth (0447195553) or Jan (0423478505)

GEMS, PARISHIONERS' FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Tuesday 16th October from 10:00am. Relax, chat, play and create, in the Francis Xavier meeting room at the rear of the parish house. Visitors and newcomers always welcome. Contact Elizabeth (0447195553), Jan (0423478504).

GEMS: Tuesday 23rd October from 10:00am to 12:00noon meet at the Four Leaves Cafe, 37 Greville Road Rosanna. Enjoy coffee, cake and a chat. Transport available.

NOVEMBER MASSES: As the month of November approaches, we remember our loved ones who have died. November Mass envelopes are available in the porch of the church. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, sacristy or in the Sunday collections. During the month of November you may also wish to write the names of your loved ones in the register next to the baptism font. During the month of November the names of our departed loved ones will be placed on the altar and remembered at all Masses.

3RD AND 4TH NOVEMBER: on the first weekend of November we will remember our departed loved ones. Before all Masses that weekend, we will have the opportunity of lighting a taper in their memory.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD: *About young people, the faith and vocational discernment.*

Loving Father, as we journey through the Synod, help us to support and care for young people.

May the Holy Spirit guide, renew and inspire Church leaders to accompany young people in faith and discernment, reflecting your mercy and love.

May we be open and actively seek new ways to collaborate in the joy of young people and in sharing the Gospel message.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7-11.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89: 12-17.

R./ Fill us with your love, O Lord, we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants.

R./

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

R./

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands

R./**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 4:12-13.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-30.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and

loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

TRUE AND LASTING TREASURE

A rich man questions Jesus: "Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus deflects the epithet 'Good' away from himself and on to God. For God is the author of life, and questions about 'life' relate to what God lays down. This, initially, is found in the commandments.

When the man responds that he has kept these from his youth, Jesus, we are told, 'looked steadily at him and loved him.' This moves the interaction to an entirely new plane. The instructions that follow, 'Go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor ... then come, follow me,' do not stand alone but stem entirely from the personal relationship Jesus is now offering the man. Being chosen ('looked upon') and 'loved' by Jesus should communicate the freedom from attachment to wealth that following him will require.

But the prospect of companionship with Jesus and 'treasure in heaven' fails to break the man's attachment to wealth and the security it seems to provide. The fact that he goes away 'sad' suggests that in his heart he knows he will miss out on the true treasure he was seeking. Jesus respects the man's freedom and lets him go. He had issued an invitation, not a demand. Despite his radical concluding comments about wealth that so perplex the disciples, Jesus hardly required literal abandonment of possessions from all his followers. But all are called to freedom from the kind of attachment to wealth that shows distrust of God and gets in the way of lasting riches.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj