



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.

## 17TH / 18TH NOVEMBER - 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Dear Parishioners, Visitors to our parish and Friends,

The 4th to 19th January 2019 will see a group of seven St John's parishioners and one parishioner from St James in Hoppers Crossing North, join Fr Jude and me to a mission immersion trip in the Philippines. Three members of the group are teachers at St John's primary school.

The aim of this trip is for us to learn more about the culture the people in the Philippines live in and to reach out to people in need. We will also be trying to build links between our parish and the parish of St Catherine of Alexandria in Dinalupihan, Bataan province, north of Manila. The children in our primary school have already started collecting money for the group to take up with us, and have prepared a banner which we will give to the parish.

During our trip we will be working among children and their families living in slum areas in Manila and visit one of the houses run by the Sisters of Charity of Mother Teresa. Our stay at St Catherine's parish will take up the greater part of our experience. Here we will be visiting the public schools in the parish, visit families, and help out in any way possible. *(A more complete programme of the mission immersion trip is posted on the parish web-site [cam.org.au/Heidelberg](http://cam.org.au/Heidelberg))*

One of the ministries adopted by St Catherine's parish as an outreach to needy families in the area is to organise a youth centre including a youth orchestra. This is a way of educating the children in the parish and also to give them an education beyond what they receive at school. The benefits of teaching music to children has often been studied and spoken about. At St Catherine's parish the hope is that by teaching these children a musical instrument, they can have something else going for them which can improve their life and the life of their families. The parish now boasts an 80-strong youth orchestra with a number of its members studying music at tertiary level in a Manila university. Some members of this orchestra will be visiting Australia in June next year! *(More about this next year!)*

How can we help? We have been asked to take some supplies for the musical instruments used by the children. We can also help by donating money to help in the running of the various projects in the parish. If anyone would like to contribute, kindly forward your donations to the parish office. Thank you.

Fr Mario



**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.

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Mario Zammit  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:**  
Christopher Ratnayake  
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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.*

**TAKING PART IN THE 2020 PLENARY COUNCIL:** The agenda for the Plenary Council is being prepared by a process in which everyone can and is urged to comment on what you think the council needs to address. You can do this either by going directly to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources.have-your-say/> or by taking part in the survey organised by St Kevin's parish, Templestowe on <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6MQ8TDV> and respond to the questions: A) What does the Church look like now? B) What is Christ calling us to make our Church today? C) What do we, as Church, need to be to move from A to B? D) What does the Church need to do to reach out to our own world? The responses will be gathered and submitted to the council.

**MEET LUKE, HIS GOSPEL AND HIS JESUS:** With Advent we start the year of Luke. Learn more about this gospel on Monday 26th November, 3rd and 10th December from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at St Mary's church, Greensborough. Donations welcome. Information: Sandra (9434 7553). This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

**FOR SALE:** 11 piece Royal Doulton Nativity set in pristine condition & in original packaging; price \$200. Call Maureen on 0412 652674.

**THE EYRIE PARISH MAGAZINE:** is a tool in our community where parishioners can communicate and share opinions and ideas. Articles in the parish magazine are not about faith, catechism or theology, but about our experience as parish. We invite parishioners to take up this opportunity and write about subjects that interest them or respond to articles that have appeared in past issues. Please share photos from the past with a note describing what is being depicted in the photo.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS:** in the lead-up to Christmas we invite you to contribute non perishable items towards the hampers that will be prepared and distributed by our Vinnies conference to needy families in our area. Donations can be placed in the bucket in the church porch. A Vinnies Christmas appeal will also be held at all Masses on the 15th and 16th of December. Thank you all for your generosity towards those who are in need.

**'FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH':** 19 September – 15 October 2019: Ireland, England and Italy. A 27-day study tour, as we walk in the footsteps of saints and scholars, exploring our Christian tradition. Information session: Saturday 24 November, 11:00am. RSVP: Jenny Delahunt (9412 3314) or [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Maia Brand, Phoebe Moran, Angus Etheridge.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jayashila Mary, Carmel Egan, Corazon De Borja, Fely Icasiano.

*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.*

17 Nov / 18 Nov	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Garry Sproules	Elizabeth Williamson	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Brian Garrone	Marguerite Ryan	Grace Lew-Kee	Des O'Brien
Communion	Leela Cherubim	Alice Wong	Sue Lew-Kee	Sally Tramontana
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Pauline Griffiths	Yannick Jonas	Jenny Hollaway
	TBA	Val Wallis	Doris Schembri	Charito Cosio
	TBA	Stanly Devasia	TBA	Leo Cosio
24 Nov / 25 Nov	<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	Michael Leonard	Michelle Robertson	Rosemary Vecchies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Maddy Lew-Kee	Claire Newsome	Leela Cherubim	Margaret Andrews
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Margaret Bradley	Nigel Mant	Margaret Hansen
	Maria Basilone	Elizabeth Williamson	Marni Mant	Des O'Brien
	Emma Chang	Leo Hernandez	Tim Boyle	Matthew Sanders
	TBA	TBA	Leonore Giliberto	Olivia Sanders
Counters	<b>18 Nov:</b> Graeme Foote, Michael Tilley & <b>25 Nov:</b> Tim Booth, Nigel Mant, Shane Byrnes.			
<b>Collection Weekly Average for October</b>			<b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b>	
Parish		Presbytery		November: Joan 9459 3889
Stewardship	\$3085.28	Stewardship	\$723.08	December: Elaine 9459 6721
Loose	\$698.62	Loose	\$350.00	
<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.				

**AUSTIN MASS:** this Sunday 18th November. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass. Parishioners are invited to join and participate in this Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

**GOLD COIN COLLECTION:** The October collection was \$574.20. Next collection will be on 24th and 25th November. Thank you for your generosity.

**ST JOHN'S MOVIE NIGHT – UNDER THE STARS:** A BBQ and movie is being organised for young people (10 to 15 year old) in our parish next Saturday 24th November at 7:00pm, following the 6:00pm Mass. Our young parishioners are invited for a fun night in the parish house garden. Entrance from the yard at the rear of the parish house. RSVP necessary by Wednesday 21st November on: stjohnsyouth@hotmail.com

**ANOINTING MASS:** we invite the sick and elderly members in our parish for either of two Masses with the sacrament of Anointing on Thursday 29th November at 9:15am and at 11:30am. After the 9:15am Mass morning tea will be served at the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house hosted by St John's Primary year 6 students. A light lunch will be served after the 11:30am Mass. Transport available if required, contact 94571066.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** on Friday 7th December at 7:30pm. As a parish community we gather to celebrate a Remembrance Mass for the family members and friends of parishioners who have died during the past year. Parishioners please contact parish office (94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au) to include the names of loved ones on our parish list. All are invited to participate. Please come early before mass and write down your name and the name of the person/s you have come to remember. We invite you to bring a photograph of your loved ones. There will be a light supper after Mass. *Grief and Loss Team.*

**ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP:** will meet on Monday 19th November at 10:00am behind the parish house and will car pool to the Darebin Parklands, one of Melbourne's best inner city bush parkland areas, and walk the 2.9km circuit walk that will take us past the lake, the Ivanhoe wetlands, Mt Puffalo and along the Darebin Creek. All welcome to join on these enjoyable explorations. Contact: Jan 0423 478 504.

**GEMS 50+ AND FRIENDS!** Join us for a cuppa and a chat. Newcomers welcome. Next gathering, Tuesday 20th November from 10:00am in the Francis Xavier meeting room at the rear of the presbytery.

**THE VIEWS, 2 – 6 LOWER PLENTY ROAD, HEIDELBERG:** is a new nursing home that has recently opened in our parish (at the corner of Lower Plenty Road and Waiora Road). The pastoral care person at this nursing home has requested us to visit the elderly and provide them with a weekly Communion Service on a Thursday morning. Any parishioners who would like to participate in this ministry please contact the parish office on heidelberg@cam.org.au or 94571066. Appropriate training will be provided.

**THE EYRIE CHRISTMAS EDITION:** The editors are asking parishioners to share stories about how Christmas is celebrated in our families. These stories will be printed in the Christmas issue of the St John's EYRIE magazine. Different cultures have different ways of celebrating this important festivity. Please email: heidelberg.eyrie@cam.org.au

**2018 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION:** Widening the Door of Hope—A Response to the Victorian Assisted Dying Legislation. Tuesday 20th November, 7.30pm at the Mercy Theatre ACU 115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy (via Young Street). Orators: Assoc. Prof. Natasha Michael and Dr Stephen Parnis. RSVP / Inquiries: by Monday 12th November justice@cam.org.au or 9926 5727

**FIRST READING**

Daniel 12: 1 - 3.

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 15:5 8-11.

**TOGETHER:** Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

**LEFT SIDE (AMBO SIDE)**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

**RIGHT SIDE (PRIEST'S SIDE)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

**LEFT SIDE (AMBO SIDE)**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever.

**TOGETHER:** Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 10:11-14.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mark 13: 24-32.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

**THE FUTURE BELONGS TO GOD**

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year we have a gospel drawn from the long instruction Jesus gives to his disciples at the close of his ministry in Jerusalem. The instruction looks ahead to the future life of the Church after his death and resurrection. Jesus foresees and foretells a great many trials and temptations that his followers will have to face: the destruction of the temple and the city of Jerusalem, wars and turmoil on an international scale, the persecution of his followers, and even betrayal and deceit within the community.

The chief purpose of the instruction is to give strength and encouragement to the Church. All the dismaying things that will happen have been foreseen by Jesus. They will not frustrate the final victory when he himself will return in glory to extend God's rule over the universe once and for all.

The gospel for today describes this climactic moment. It is couched in language and imagery typical of the Jewish worldview of the time known as ‘apocalyptic.’ Such imagery causes problems if we take it literally and expect things to happen exactly as described. The highly symbolic imagery, however, is not meant to frighten the faithful but to convey a message of assurance and vindication. Things may be tough and dismaying now but, as Jesus' resurrection shows, the future belongs to God, rather than to the forces of death and exploitation.

Understood in this way, the Gospel addresses very fittingly the present uncertain situation of our world and our Church, and the dismay many experience as a result.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj