



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.

9TH / 10TH FEBRUARY 2019—5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

GOLD COIN COLLECTION 2018

One of the beautiful traditions in our parish community is the monthly gold coin collection taken on the last Sunday of each month. Thanks to your generosity, a nice sum of money is collected each year to be shared with a parish chosen by the parish. Different charities have benefitted from this contribution over the years. In 2018 a total of \$5,034.70 was collected.

In the parish pastoral council, over the past few years, we have had a discussion of who to send this money to. It is our hope that we continue to develop a relationship between our parish and St Catherine of Alexandria parish in Dinalupihan, Bataan, the Philippines. During our mission immersion experience, the members of the group were persuaded of the need to continue helping out this ministry.

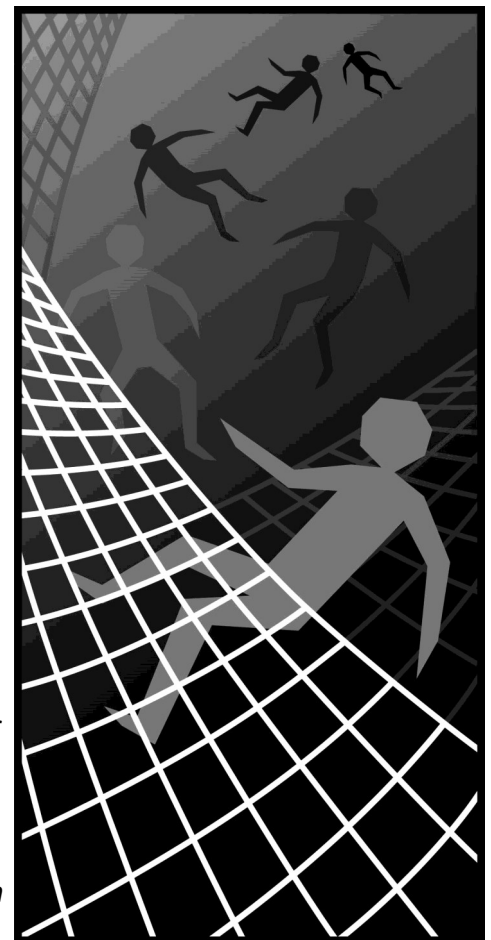
Last year we requested that our contribution of \$6,000.00 be used to help with the Kabataan Orkestra. It would have been great if we could show you the instruments bought with our money, but apart from the instruments, the parish also has to pay for the music instructors, parts for the instruments and maintenance of the instruments. These are all hidden expenses that need to be covered.

Over the past two years five young people have been sponsored to attend the school of music at the St Scholastica University in Manila. Each student attends this university for five years at a monthly cost of at least \$150 each. Our contributions have helped in this project.

A small group from this youth orchestra have been invited to visit Australia in June this year, and we hope to have the opportunity to spend an evening with them on the 15th of June.

This year Fr Joe, the parish priest, expressed the wish to buy a small tree shredder / mulcher for use on the property. Two gardeners are employed to maintain the fields on the property, planting and looking after the rice fields and looking after trees and plants. While it is expensive to get rid of dead trees and plants, these can be easily turned into mulch and thrown back on the land. One of the members of the group is helping to source a good mulcher for the purpose which will then be shipped over to the Philippines. This would certainly be another good way to help the projects undertaken by the St Catherine parish and I offered to use the gold coin collection money to pay for the expenses involved. We will get information when this mulcher finally reaches its destination.

Fr Mario



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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
**FIRST RECONCILIATION,
FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:**
Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

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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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.*

VOLUNTEERS AT THE AUSTIN

HOSPITAL: As a parish we have a very old history of doing voluntary work at the Austin Hospital. This volunteer work has different forms. **A.)** Some volunteers offer to visit the hospital during the week, offering friendship, prayerful support and Holy Communion to Catholic patients. **B.)** Others help once a month checking which patients would like to attend Mass at the hospital chapel. **C.)** Volunteers help wheel the patients to and from the chapel for Mass once a month. **D.)** Some parishioners attend Mass offering support to the patients. Mass at the Austin Hospital is on the third Sunday of each month at 9:30am. (There is also Mass at the Repatriation Hospital chapel on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11:00am.) All volunteers working at the hospital need to be registered. If you can help with any of these ministries, please contact the parish office (94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au) thank you.

PARISH SECRETARIES: The parishes of St Pius X, Heidelberg West and St Gregory the Great, Doncaster are looking for part-time parish secretaries (fifteen hours in Heidelberg West, five and a half hours in Doncaster). For details go to: <https://www.cam.org.au/Jobs>

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PLAYGROUP: is a very casually run playgroup that has an inclusive approach, with the aim of having fun and is available to the St John's Catholic Parish and Primary School Community. Parents and grandparents looking after pre-school children are invited to participate. The playgroup runs during school terms every Monday from 9:15am to 11:00am. For information contact coordinator Rachelle Hitch: 0431 810 771 / rachelle.hitch@hotmail.com

ANNUAL RETREAT: Between Monday 4th and Wednesday 13th February, Fr Mario will be away from the parish for his annual retreat. Fr Ted and Fr Wayne will celebrate Masses in the parish. There will be a Communion Service at 9:15am on Monday 4th and Monday 11th February. Thank you.

PARISH NURSING HOMES: Catholics living at The Views, (corner of Waiora road and Lower Plenty road) and Clevedon Terrace (Upper Heidelberg Road) are visited weekly by members of the parish offering them friendship, prayerful support, and the sacrament of Communion. Parishioners who would like to participate in this ministry, please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Audrey Nehme, Jordan Parisi, Luke Than-Trong.

THE SICK: Jenny Ferriere, Marie Hankin, Elizabeth Larkin, Francis Micallef, Joyce Quinn, Frank Walton, Noeline Zerna.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Byrnes, Pat Byrnes, William Sullivan, Timothy White, Marta Barcay, Denis Kenna.

*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.*

9 Feb / 10 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Peter Penson	Barbara Barnes	Harsha Dilip	Des O'Brien
2 nd Reader	Anita Metcalf	Ronnie Maloney	Robyn Laurie	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Jack Naden	Beena Dilip	Sally Tramontana
	Emma Chang	Bill Barnes	Nigel Mant	Charito Cosio
	Michelle Penson	Stanly Devasia	Marni Mant	Leo Cosio
	TBA	Chris Raynayake	Tim Boyle	Leela Cherubim
16 Feb / 17 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Sue Lew-Kee	Michael Leonard	Adrian Daly	Rosemary Vecchies
2 nd Reader	Grace Lew-Kee	Garry Sproules	Michelle Robertson	Sharon D'Souza
Communion	Maria Basilone	Pauline Griffiths	Maureen Howard	Des O'Brien
	Leela Cherubim	Fiona Curry	Doris Schembri	Jenny Hollaway
	TBA	Leo Hernandez	Yannick Jonas	Matthew Sanders
	TBA	Val Wallis	TBA	Olivia Sanders
Counters	10 Feb: Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso & 17 Feb: Des O'Brien, Shane Byrnes.			
Collection Weekly Average for December			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish		Presbytery		January: Elaine 0490 254 928
Stewardship	\$3,498.83	Stewardship	\$725.95	February: Joan 0490 254 928
Loose	\$659.08	Loose	\$350.00	
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: will be celebrated next Sunday 17th February. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass at the chapel. Parishioners are invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you.

ON THE WEEKEND OF THE 9TH AND 10TH OF FEBRUARY: we pray a prayer of blessing on parents and their young pre-school children, who regularly join us at our Sunday Masses. This is an opportunity for us to thank the parents of these children who are happy to introduce their children to the community. We want our community to be a warm and welcoming place for these families and their children, recognising that they are an important part of God's family.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Each Sunday, during the 10:30am Mass, young school-age children in our community are given the opportunity to go to a special place in the parish house to participate in the liturgy of God's word in a way that they can understand. Parishioners who can help lead this children's liturgy are urgently needed for the programme to be able to go ahead. Two people, a leader and an assistant, are needed each Sunday. All leaders and assistants are required to hold a current Working with Children Check. This year the coordinator for the Children's Liturgy is Jan McCaffrey (0423478504). Please contact the parish office or Jan for further information.

SERVE THE SERVERS EVENING: on Saturday 23rd February, after 6:00pm Mass; a time to celebrate with and thank our young servers.

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a year-long programme for adults who would like to learn about the Catholic faith. Anyone interested please contact the parish office for a meeting with Fr Mario

ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP: meets this Monday 11th February at 10:00am in Yarra Street, outside the parish house. Look forward to an interesting walk followed by coffee. Contact Jan (0423478504) to let us know you will be walking. It will be great to see you.

GEMS 50+ (AND FRIENDS): Tuesday 12th February from 10:00am to 12:00noon, in the Francis Xavier meeting room. African Drumming Workshop—hands on experience. Join us for a fun morning of drumming and song. Group drumming is proven to be beneficial for physical and mental wellbeing. \$5.00 per person. Inquiries: Elizabeth (0447195553).

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: will be held at the Francis Xavier meeting room in the parish house on Thursday 28th February at 7:30pm. During this meeting the 2018 financial report will be shared and future programmes for the parish discussed. All welcome.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP: One way of growing in our understanding of Lent is to come together to discuss gospel readings, their meanings and their relationship to our lives. Contact the parish house to express interest in joining a Lenten Discussion Group. Please leave name, contact details and availability—morning, afternoon or evening sessions.

2019 SACRAMENT PROGRAMME For St John's parishioners who do not attend St John's parish primary school, enrolments for all sacraments need to be in by not later than Monday 5th March. Details about catechism classes will be available at a later stage. Contact parish secretary for enrolments. (Reconciliation: year 3 and higher in October, First Communion: year 4 and higher on Saturday 15th June, Confirmation, year 6 and higher on Sunday 11th August.)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137:1-5. 7-8

TOGETHER: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

LEFT SIDE (AMBO SIDE)

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

RIGHT SIDE (PRIEST'S SIDE)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

LEFT SIDE (AMBO SIDE)

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

RIGHT SIDE (PRIEST'S SIDE)

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

TOGETHER: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last

of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

CATCHING PEOPLE 'ALIVE'

Luke's gospel leaves the call of the first disciples until Jesus' own ministry has got under way. His ministry then provides a model for them to follow.

So Simon Peter's call comes in the context of Jesus' preaching to a crowd eager to hear the Word. Peter, the fisherman, helps Jesus by allowing him to make use of his boat to avoid being pushed by the crowd into the sea.

Jesus, however, has further plans for Peter. He does not call him immediately to a new way of life but challenges him precisely in his area of expertise: catching fish. Peter resists, but eventually goes along with the command to put out to sea and try for a catch. The unbelievable harvest that results, where all night there had been no catch at all, is a clear sign that he is in the presence of the power and limitless generosity of God. Hence his dramatic response: falling at Jesus' feet, owning his own sinfulness and unworthiness.

It is precisely at this moment of conversion and self-knowledge that Jesus judges Peter ready to receive the call: 'Do not be afraid; from now on you it is people you will catch.' Normally, when fish are caught, they die—preparatory to being eaten! To avoid this implication, Luke uses here a rare Greek word for 'catch' here, one that has the sense of catching and keeping alive—as when one nets fish for an aquarium.

Peter is now to 'catch' people with the Word that will make them truly 'alive.'

Fr Brendan Byrne sj