



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.

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.

4TH / 5TH MAY, 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR C

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Friends

THE MARIAN MONTH OF MAY

Traditionally the month of May is associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Here in Australia we also celebrate Mother's day on the second Sunday of the month. In the gospel according to John, on the cross Jesus gives us his mother Mary as our mother, making us sisters and brothers of Jesus and therefore children of God.

The Legion of Mary in our parish have two pilgrim statues representing Our Lady of Fatima. These statues are available for parishioners to take home for one week at a time, offering us another way to be encouraged to pray.

During the month of May, one of these pilgrim statues will stay in our church to remind us of this possibility. There will also be a list where parishioners can put down their name and contact number, so that they can invite the pilgrim statue of Mary to their home.

It is suggested that when the statue of Mary is at your home, you set up a devotional space around which you can invite your family to gather for family prayer. One beautiful way of prayer would be to recite one or more decades of the rosary.

Especially in families where there are younger children, this is a beautiful and important practice to be encouraged. We all need time in prayer to communicate with our God who keeps us alive at all time; younger children need to be taught about prayer and how they can pray. They may be invited to sit in silent meditation in front of the statue of Mary, or join in family prayer. Fr Mario can also be invited to celebrate a Mass at home with your family while the pilgrim statue is at your home.

For more information on the pilgrim statues of Mary in our parish, you can contact Mrs Marj McBroom on 0414 289 304.

OUR PARISH MISSION

This month we are invited to participate in a parish mission which is being organised together with the parishes of Heidelberg West, Ivanhoe, Rosanna and Bulleen. The speaker at this mission is Fr Richard Leonard, a Jesuit priest who holds degrees in arts and education and a Master's degree in theology. Fr Richard did graduate studies at the London Film School and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne.

On the weekend of 18th and 19th May, Fr Richard will be celebrating the Saturday 5:30pm Mass at St Clement's Bulleen, the Sunday 10:00am Mass at St Martin's Rosanna, and the Sunday 5:00pm Mass at St John's Heidelberg.

The mission talks will be on Monday 20th May, Tuesday 21st May and Wednesday 22nd May. Morning sessions, at St Pius X Heidelberg West, start at 9:30am with Mass. The talks will be repeated in the evening at St Clement's Bulleen starting at 7:30pm. Transport will be available to both venues. If you require transport, please inform the parish office on 94571066 or heidelberg@cam.org.au. If you can provide transport, please inform the parish office. (There will be no morning Masses at 9:15am on these three days.)

Fr Richard will be talking about: 'Going out to the world: we need all the help we can get' (Monday). 'Nine steps to making better choices for my life' (Tuesday). 'Where the Hell is God? Holding to Faith through the Tough Times' (Wednesday).

Come along and join your parish community for a time of renewal of faith.

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

**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
home for one week contact Marj
McBroom m: 0414 289 304

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

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.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: can help children better understand the Sunday gospel and how it applies to their lives. On this Sunday 28th April Children's Liturgy will commence for 2019 during 10:30am Mass. Each Children's Liturgy session will be held in the school library and will last for 10 - 15 minutes. Children in Grades 2 to 6 are welcome to participate. If you would like any further information please contact Jan (0423 478 504).

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please place your boxes and envelopes with your contributions for Caritas Australia in the basket on the church organ in the front of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY WATER: you can collect newly blessed Holy Water from the Baptism Font. Holy water bottles (\$5 each) are available from the sacristy. A prayer of blessing is also available in the porch.

THE EYRIE: You can assist us by advertising your business on The Eyrie, our parish magazine. Two spots are currently available. Please contact Michelle on 049 989 1101 or the parish office on 9457 1066 or heidelberg@cam.org.au.

ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP: On Monday 6th May will meet outside the Parish House at 10am to leave for a walk along the Plenty River Trail from Edward Willis Court to Park Lane. Following the walk we will have coffee in Lower Plenty. All are welcome to join us. Contact Jan 0423478504.

GEMS 50+ (AND FRIENDS): Tuesday May 7th at 10.00 in the Francis Xavier Meeting Room. All welcome to join us. Transport available. Elizabeth 0447195553.

MISSION IMMERSION TRIP 2020: Experience faith in action while working among the poor in Manila city and in Bataan province in the Philippines. The immersion trip leaves on 2nd January and returns on 19th January 2020. Applicants between the ages of 18 and 35 will be given first preference. Applicants over 35 will be considered if there is availability. For details and to express interest email: mission2020@mssp.org.au or speak to Fr Mario. In the Philippines the group will be hosted by the Paulist Missionaries (MSSP) whose work is supported by St John's parish.

RCIA: a year-long programme for adults who would like to learn about the Catholic faith. Contact: Fr Mario.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Lina Poon, Jenny Ferriere, Cliff Jones, Elizabeth Larkin, Cederick (Ced) Legg, Francis Micallef, Joyce Quinn, Cheryl Stern, Paul Sullivan, Noeline Zerna.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bob Hyland, Mathew.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rita Anthony.

*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.*

4 May / 5 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Brian Garrone	Jack Naden	Michelle Robertson	Margaret Andrews
2 nd Reader	Moira Di Cesare	Pietro Sciotto	Joanne Martinez	Catie Nesbitt
Communion	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Margaret Bradley	Mary Furlan	Claire Aboueid
	Marco Di Cesare	Val Wallis	Elizabeth Williamson	Matthew Sanders
	Leela Cherubim	Jerzy Kmita	Yannick Jonas	Olivia Sanders
	Maria Basilone	Oliver Kmita	Ann Domaingue	Jenny Holloway
11 May/ 12 May	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Adrian Daly	Karen Frost	Robyn Laurie	Rosemary Vecchies
2 nd Reader	Zen Zebrowski	Claire Newsome	Adele Boyle	Mark Aiello
Communion	Emma Chang	Ronnie Maloney	Geraldine Manuel	Charito Cosio
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Alice Wong	Tim Boyle	Leo Cosio
	Michelle Penson	Jack Naden	Doris Schembri	Sally Tramontana
	Domenica Ashworth	Peter O'Donoghue	Brian McIntosh	Des O'Brien
Counters	5 May: Leo Cosio, Leo Hernandez, Yannick Jonas, 12 May: Jack Naden & A Team.			
Collection Weekly Average for March		Heidelcare Co-Ordinator		
Parish		Presbytery		April: Rosemary 0490 254 928
Stewardship	\$2,991.85	Stewardship	\$593.32	May : Jenny 0490 254 928
Loose	\$554.04	Loose	\$295.00	Morning Tea 5th May: Tina & Sina
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

MORNING TEA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE: This Sunday after 10:30am Mass. All welcome. Gold coin donation to cover expenses of sausage sizzle, appreciated.

PARISH MASS COUNT: During the month of May we will be having our annual Mass count. This is normally carried out during the offertory. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING MASS: on Sunday 26th May as a parish we thank all volunteers who have in any way offered ministry to our parish community. We acknowledge the work of readers, ministers of Communion, altar servers, choirs and musicians, church cleaners, those who prepare flowers, sacristans, Austin volunteers, money collectors and counters, parish council and finance committee members, Vinnies, Heidelcare and many, many more who regularly and generously give of their time and talent. We will offer prayers at all weekend Masses, while the 10:30am Mass will be a Mass of thanksgiving followed by a sausage sizzle at the parish hall. A special blessing will be offered for our volunteers. For catering purposes kindly put down name and number on sheet in church porch or contact the parish office 9457 1066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au

ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE: A 120 Litre bar fridge full of drinks to the value of \$300. Bar fridge is padlocked and 170 keys are sold for \$10.00 each. The holder of the key that unlocks the padlock wins the bar fridge! Please buy your keys after weekend Masses. Try your luck with the padlock at the parish lunch on 23rd June. Proceeds go towards the planned church renovations.

BIRTH OF A CHILD, MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: As a parish family we are invited to thank God, acknowledge and pray for parishioners celebrating milestone birthdays, anniversaries or the birth of a child. Kindly inform the parish office of these occasions.

PRESENTATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES: This weekend at the 6.00p.m. and 10.30p.m masses we welcome those preparing for their First Communion on June 15th. You are invited to take a prayer card home with you and pray for one of these children.

UP COMING EVENTS:

BIGGEST MORNING TEA: Tuesday 21st May between 10:00am and 12:00noon in the Parish Hall. \$5 entry on the day, door prizes and games. Monies raised donated to cancer research. We possibly all know someone touched by cancer. Maybe you can get a group of friends together so as a caring community we are able to make a significant donation to Cancer Research. Bookings: Elizabeth (0447195553), add your name to the list in church foyer or contact the parish office.

JOSE DE PIRO KABATAAN ORCHESTRA 2019 TOUR OF MELBOURNE AND REGIONAL VICTORIA: A talented youth orchestra from Bataan, Philippines started by Fr Joe Cremona will perform a series of concerts at Our Lady of Mercy College Performing Arts Centre, Heidelberg: Saturday 15th June. No cost to attend but donations to assist the orchestra to continue to develop appreciated.

SERVE THE SERVERS: Our next Serve the Servers night, where we celebrate with our young altar servers and readers, will be held on 25th May after the 6:00pm Mass. Young servers are invited to bring a friend with them. This is our way of thanking these young members of the parish for their commitment. RSVP: stjohnsyouth@hotmail.com

2019 ST JOHN ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY LUNCH: This year is planned to be held at Four Leaves Café, on Sunday 23rd June from 12:30pm. Adults \$26, children \$10, preschoolers free.

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 29:2. 4-6. 11-13

TOGETHER: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**LEFT SIDE**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

RIGHT SIDE

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

LEFT SIDE

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

TOGETHER: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**SECOND READING**

Apocalypse 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 21:1-14

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

THREE TIMES: 'DO YOU LOVE ME?'

Today's gospel describes an appearance of the risen Lord to seven of the male disciples by the Lake of Galilee. Led by Peter, they have reverted to their old trade of fishing. This might seem to be something of a falling-away from their high calling. But in the gospel tradition, fishing for fish (that is, ordinary fishing) is a symbol of the mission of the Church. Encounter with the risen Lord will finally transform them from fishers of fish into fishers of people. When 'the disciple whom Jesus loved' (traditionally associated with St John) recognises Jesus on the shore, Peter shows the ardour of his love by jumping into the sea and swimming to Jesus, who, in a delightfully human touch, has prepared breakfast for the group, kindling a charcoal fire.

As Good Shepherd, Jesus has laid down his life for the sheep entrusted to him by the Father (John 10:11.14-16). Now that shepherding role is going to fall to Simon Peter. But first his readiness for it must be probed and tested. Only if Peter loves Jesus 'more than these others' will he be suitable to take up the pastoral role which Jesus has exercised to the point of death. The triple interrogation concerning love both gently recalls and lovingly repairs the triple failure when, alongside an earlier charcoal fire, fear led Peter to deny Jesus three times. In fact, as Jesus goes on to say, Peter will end his term as chief pastor by laying down his life in imitation of his Lord.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj