



# 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.

**18TH / 19TH MAY, 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR C**

# OUR PARISH MISSION

**LIVING A CONTEMPORARY  
CATHOLIC LIFE  
OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**

## WHEN & WHERE

**MONDAY 20, TUESDAY 21, WEDNESDAY 22 MAY**

**MORNING SESSIONS 9.30am - 11.45am**  
St. Pius X Church & Hall  
419 Waterdale Road Heidelberg West

*Morning session is repeated each evening*

**EVENING SESSIONS 7.30pm - 8.45pm**  
Ollie Grimes Room, St. Clement's School  
9 Egan Drive Bulleen

## OUR MISSIONER

**Fr. Richard Leonard sj**  
Parish missions are a time for us to reflect on where we have been, where we are and where we are going. This mission will focus on the issues that confront us as Christians in the contemporary world and offer practical direction about how we can live more deeply our lives of faith.



## PARISHES

St. Clement's Bulleen  
St. Pius X Heidelberg West  
Mary Mother of the Church  
Ivanhoe  
St. John's Heidelberg  
St. Martin's Rosanna

## PRE-MISSION MASSES

Fr. Richard will preach at the following Masses in preparation for the Mission  
Sat 18 May at 5.30pm  
St. Clement's Bulleen  
Sun 19 May at 10.00am  
St. Martin's Rosanna

## DAILY SESSIONS

Each morning session begins with Mass  
9.30am at St. Pius X Heidelberg West  
The morning session is repeated each evening  
7.30pm at St. Clement's School Hall Bulleen

### Monday 20 May

*Going out to the world: we need all the help we can get*

### Tuesday 21 May

*Nine steps to making better choices for my life*

### Wednesday 22 May

*Where the Hell is God?  
Holding to Faith through the tough times*

**ALL  
WELCOME**

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Mario Zammit

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Mary Peeris

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:**

Christopher Ratnayake

**CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:**

Michelle Robertson m:0409 533 100

**PARISH OFFICE:**

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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:**

**PRINCIPAL:** Maureen Stella

**ADDRESS:**

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Fran Gasior: m:0417972317

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.*

### **MISSION IMMERSION TRIP 2020:**

Experience faith in action while working among the poor in Manila city and in Bataan province in the Philippines. Leaving 2nd January and returning 19th January 2020. Applicants between the ages of 18 and 35 are given first preference. Applicants over 35 are considered if there is availability. For details and to express interest email:

mission2020@mssp.org.au or speak to Fr Mario. The group will be hosted by the Paulist Missionaries (MSSP) whose work is supported by St John's parish. Applications close 30th June.

**TURN YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS INTO PROSTHETIC HANDS FOR KIDS:** St John's is joining others across Victoria in collecting bottle caps with two great goals! Reducing waste going to landfill and changing our world by supporting Envision Melbourne (envision.org.au), a community focused charity, that will turn used bottle caps into 3D-printed prosthetic hands for children in underprivileged and war torn countries. Please collect lids from home, work, family and friends and leave them in the box in the church foyer.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** is a worldwide charity that continues to develop new ways of reaching out to those seeking our support. Through our programmes, we are able to assist with educational expenses, utilities, access to holiday homes and network with other agencies. **Come and See.** Tuesday 4th June at 7:30pm in the parish house Francis Xavier meeting room.

**STRENGTHENING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:** Oftentimes, when we go to Sunday Mass, we do not know anyone to talk to, we are in a rush, or maybe simply do not feel like hanging around after Mass. Another way of getting to know others within our parish community by coming together in smaller groups. We are inviting parishioners to offer their homes for small group gatherings. You can either invite other parishioners or friends who live close to you or we can organise a group to come together. At these gatherings we can celebrate Mass and share a light supper as we spend time together. To show interest please contact the parish office or Jan Mc Caffrey (0423478504). Thankyou.

**BRING YOUR PALMS TOGETHER:** Join Palms Australia to celebrate diversity, cross-cultural understanding, and call to peaceful development of global family. On Thursday 6th June from 5:30pm at the Irish Times Pub, 427 Little Collins St, RSVP by 2nd June: Robert@palms.org.au / www.palms.org.au / 0295605333.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Maureen & Anthony Clifford on their 55th Wedding Anniversary (16th May).

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Valentina Ardesi, Charlotte, Tahnee & Oliver Phu, Dante DiMaggio, Xavier Sampson, Maisie Gillen.

**THE SICK:** Francis Micallef, Lina Poon, Jean Webb.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jean Ingram.

*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.*

18 May/ 19 May	<b>Sat 6:00pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:30am</b>	<b>Sun 10:30am</b>	<b>Sun 5:00pm</b>
1st Reader	Anita Metcalf	Ronnie Maloney	Michael Leonard	Catie Nesbitt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Claire Newsome	Matthew Sanders
Communion	Adrian Daly	Pauline Griffiths	Nigel Mant	Claire Aboueid
	Maria Basilone	Fiona Curry	Marni Mant	Jenny Holloway
	Donna Richardson	Leo Hernandez	Mary Furlan	Olivia Sanders
	Jan Mc Caffrey	Alice Wong	Yannick Jonas	TBA
25 May/ 26 May	<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	Elizabeth Williamson	Leela Cherubim
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Grace Lew-Kee	Michael Leonard	Michelle Robertson	Peter Penson
Communion	Leela Cherubim	Christopher Ratnayake	Ann Domaingue	Sally Tramontana
	Emma Chang	Peter O'Donoghue	Geraldine Manuel	Des O'Brien
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	Val Wallis	Brian McIntosh	Michelle Penson
	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Margaret Bradley	Doris Schembri	TBA
Counters	<b>19 May:</b> Des O'Brien, Peter Peyton, Percival Makin & <b>26 May:</b> Garry Sproules, Janice McGrath, Giuseppe Amoroso.			
<b>Collection Weekly Average for April</b>			<b>Heidelcare Co-Ordinator</b>	
Parish		Presbytery		May : Jenny 0490 254 928
Stewardship	\$3,134.63	Stewardship	\$576.42	June : Jenny 0490 254 928
Loose	\$751.59	Loose	\$390.00	
<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.				

**CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL:** this weekend, to support the vital work of Catholic Chaplains among young people in youth justice facilities, patients and their families in hospitals, people living with HIV/AIDS, men and women in prisons and seafarers. Our parish also benefits from this collection!

**AUSTIN MASS:** this Sunday. Volunteers please meet at 8:30am for 9:30am Mass. Parishioners are also invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence.

**PILGRIM STATUE OF MARY:** Parishioners are invited to put down their name and contact number on the sheet provided at the front of the church, to receive the statue of Mary in their home for one week. For information contact Marj McBroom (0414 289 304).

**ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE:** A 120 Litre bar fridge full of drinks, total value: \$550. The 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.

**PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** This weekend we welcome candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation, and their families at the 6:00pm and 10:30am Masses. Please take a prayer card home with you and pray for these candidates. Confirmation will be celebrated on 11th August.

**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. To book a place please put your name down on the sheet in the church foyer, contact the parish office, or on [trybooking.com/504050](http://trybooking.com/504050).

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA:** This Tuesday 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. 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) or add your name to the list in church foyer or contact the parish office.

**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](mailto:stjohnsyouth@hotmail.com)

**THANKSGIVING MASS:** followed by a sausage sizzle at the parish hall on Sunday 26th May at 10:30am to thank all volunteers who have in any way offered ministry to our parish community. A special blessing will be offered for our volunteers. All our parish volunteers are encouraged to celebrate with us. All parishioners are invited to join as we show our appreciation for the contribution of these volunteers. For catering purposes please put down name and number on sheet in church porch or contact the parish office 9457 1066 / [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)

**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 concert at Our Lady of Mercy College Performing Arts Centre, Heidelberg on Saturday 15th June at 7:00pm. No cost to attend but donations to assist the orchestra to continue to develop appreciated. To book please go to: [trybooking.com/489205](http://trybooking.com/489205) or contact the parish office.

**FIRST READING** Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 144:8-13

**TOGETHER:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

**LEFT SIDE**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

**RIGHT SIDE**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

**LEFT SIDE**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age.

**TOGETHER:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

**SECOND READING** Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has

gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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**GOD'S GLORY REVEALED AS GOD'S LOVE.**

It seems surprising that Jesus responds to Judas' departure from the Last Supper with what is virtually a cry of exaltation: 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified.' Judas' betrayal will trigger the sequence of events leading to Jesus' death on the cross. In human understanding, such a death is the ultimate in shame and degradation; for Jesus it will be the moment of 'glorification.'

To understand this, we have to appreciate the biblical sense of 'glory.' No human being can see God. But the presence, power and character of the unseen God is to be seen in the created world and in saving events—as, for example, the deliverance of Israel from captivity in Egypt. Such things reveal God's 'glory.'

The fourth gospel makes clear that the glory of God, revealed in a terrifying and remote way to the Israelites on Mount Sinai, has been made manifest in the humanity of the Son (John 1:14). And, as the story unfolds, it becomes clear that the high point of this revelation will occur as Jesus is 'lifted up' and dies on the cross. The crucifixion, while at one level the effect of human violence and treachery in unparalleled degree, is also his 'glorification' in that it supremely reveals the nature of God to be love (cf. 1John 4:8,16).

After Jesus' death and return to the Father, the community will no longer have his physical presence to make the divine love palpable in their midst. His 'new commandment' is that their love for one another must henceforth take on this role.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj