



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

52 Yarra Street
HEIDELBERG

We acknowledge the traditional 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.

St John's parish is a child-friendly community and we gratefully welcome young children and their families; we are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults in our midst.

8TH / 9TH JUNE, Pentecost Sunday, YR C

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Last week I shared with you some notes from a lecture delivered by Sherry Balcombe from the Catholic Aboriginal Ministry. Here are more excerpts from the same lecture.

WHY ARE WELCOMES TO COUNTRY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF COUNTRY IMPORTANT?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced a long history of exclusion from Australian history books, the Australian flag, the Australian anthem and for many years, Australian democracy. This history of dispossession and colonisation lies at the heart of the disparity between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous Australians today. Including recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in events, meetings and national symbols is one part of ending the exclusion that has been so damaging. Incorporating welcoming and acknowledgement protocols into official meetings and events recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians and Traditional Custodians of land. It promotes an ongoing connection to place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and shows respect for Traditional Custodians.

In Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, the meaning of Country is more than just ownership or connection to land, the land is our mother in a sense the land is US. While we may all no longer necessarily be the title-holders to land, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians are still connected to the Country of their ancestors and most consider themselves the custodians or caretakers of their land.

Our Elders do the Welcome to Country as an act of generosity. These are the same people who have had their children taken away, or been removed themselves. They're the same people who had their wages stolen by successive governments. They're the same people who were disposed from their lands and forced on to missions and reserves. And yet despite all of these terrible events—despite the horrendous treatment by so many parliaments—these very same people are still prepared to say 'welcome' to the very people who in some cases have presided over the oppression.

Fr Mario



PARISH RAFFLE: A 120 Litre bar fridge full of drinks, total value: \$550. The bar fridge is padlocked and 113 keys left to be 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.

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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
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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.*

St John's Walking Group: Our next walk on Monday 17th June along the Koonung Creek Reserve. Leaving from the parish house at 10:00am. Stopping for coffee on Bulleen Road following the walk. All welcome to join us on this walk. For information contact: Jan (0423 478 504).

GEMS 50+ (AND FRIENDS): 11th June gathering in the Francis Xavier meeting room at 10:00am to learn about card-making, a relaxing and creative craft. All are welcome.

CINEMA MORNING: Tuesday 18th June, Palace Cinema, 231 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn at 11:00am. Cost \$20—movie and lunch. 'POMS' is a comedy about a group of women who form a cheer leading squad at their retirement community, proving that you are never too old. Bookings essential and close on 13th June. Contact Elizabeth (0447195553). Transport available.

Pondering Grief: Saturday 22nd June from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. Offering a sacred place for the breadth of human experience and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitator: Linda Espie, psychotherapist, supervisor, educator and author with 35 years' experience specialising in loss, grief and trauma. Cost \$80 including materials. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, 9890 1101 / holsc@bigpond.com / www.heartoflife.melbourne

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, turning used bottle caps into 3D-printed prosthetic hands for children in underprivileged and war torn countries. Collect lids from home, work, family and friends and leave them in the box in the church foyer.

ORGAN CONCERT: at St Patrick's Cathedral, Friday 21st June, at 6:30pm. Featuring renowned French organist Maurice Clerc. Clerc is considered to be one of the specialists of French organ music and was the Titular Organist of the cathedral in Dijon in France for more than forty years. Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free. Bookings: trybooking.com/BCUWX or at the door.

ALIGHT FAMILY FIESTA: Saturday 21st September at St Bede's College Mentone. Alight is an event that will strengthen everyone – especially parents – to be renewed in their mission. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a priest and chef, will serve up a creative presentation of faith and food that will have the whole family wanting more. Rides, food and live music. Register: www.cam.org.au/alight19

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Cipollone, Howard Browne, Clarane Collier, James (Jim) Hogan, Andrey Commerford, Dorothy Green, Ray Shepherdson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ada Parente.

*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.*

8 June/9 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Adrian Daly	Claire Newsome	Elizabeth Williamson	Rosemary Vecchies
2 nd Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Marguerite Ryan	Peter Penson	Margaret Andrews
Communion	Maria Basilone	Leo Hernandez	Geraldine Manuel	Claire Aboueid
	Emma Chang	Christopher Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	TBA
	Sue Lew-Kee	Margaret Bradley	Doris Schembri	TBA
	Lorraine Mascarenhas	TBA	Michelle Penson	TBA
15 June/16 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Giuseppe Amoroso	Pietro Sciotto	Michelle Robertson	Matthew Sanders
2 nd Reader	Pamela Smith	Garry Sproules	Michael Leonard	Margaret Andrews
Communion	Jan Mc Caffrey	Jerzy Kmita	Ann Domaingue	Mark Aiello
	Jeanette O'Sullivan	Oliver Kmita	Nigel Mant	Charito Cosio
	Domenica Ashworth	Ronnie Maloney	Marni Mant	Leo Cosio
	Donna Richardson	Peter O'Donoghue	Mary Furlan	TBA
Counters	9 June: TBA & 16 June: Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue.			
Collection Weekly Average for May			Heidelcare Co-Ordinator	
Parish		Presbytery		June : Jenny 0490 254 928
Stewardship	\$2,961.48	Stewardship	\$604.90	July : Val 0490 254 928
Loose	\$743.07	Loose	\$325.00	
Thank you for supporting St John's financially. Please advise if your credit card is lost/stolen or the expiry date has changed.				

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME: Due to the Kabataan Orchestra concert on Saturday 15th June, Mass will be at 5:00pm instead of 6:00pm.

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 or contact the parish office.

AUSTIN MASS: next Sunday 16th June. 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.

2019 ST JOHN ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY LUNCH: This year is at Four Leaves Café, on Sunday 23rd June from 12:00pm. Adults \$30, children \$13, 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.

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, 94571066.

COMMUNION IN THE HOME: Do you know of someone who is no longer able to attend mass and would like to be visited and to receive communion at home. Please contact Elizabeth (0447195553) with details.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: We often welcome newcomers to our parish. If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Mario.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY: in this great land of the Holy Spirit we come from various cultures, speaking different languages and with different beliefs. We are dedicating the next issue of our parish magazine to celebrate this sense of diversity in our midst. Where did you come from? What are some customs that still remind your culture? Please write an article (around 500 words) describing who you are. Email: heidelberg.eyrie@cam.org.au.

MISSION IMMERSION EXPERIENCE—PHILIPPINES 2020: Have you considered the possibility of joining the next group going to the Philippines from 2nd January to 19th January 2020. Few places left. Total cost of the trip: \$2,500.00. 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). Applications close 30th June.

IN OUR PARISH WE STRONGLY VALUE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: We live busy lives and often do not have enough time to connect to one another. We invite parishioners to offer their home for a small group gathering. You can either invite a number of parishioners (three or four families) you are comfortable with, or we can organise a small group to gather at your home. These gatherings will be moments of prayer—Mass can be celebrated with you at home—and of friendship—we can share a light supper together. If you are interested, contact the parish office or Jan (0423478504). Thankyou.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY—2-9 JUNE: Every year Christians across the world gather in prayer in growth in unity. We invite you to join us at St George Anglican Church East Ivanhoe (47-51 Warncliffe Road) to participate in this important ecumenical week of prayer at Evening Prayer each day at 5:30pm from 3-8 June inclusive. Welcome all our ecumenical friends and neighbours.

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103:1.24.29-31.34.

TOGETHER: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

LEFT SIDE

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

RIGHT SIDE

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

LEFT SIDE

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

TOGETHER: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

Rom 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:15-16. 23-26

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

The Church Empowered with the Spirit

Luke is the evangelist who has most memorably depicted the bestowing of the Spirit upon the Church, locating the experience on the Jewish feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11). As its name in Greek indicates, this feast took place fifty days (seven weeks) after Passover. It involved a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, where Israel gathered to give thanks for the completion of the grain harvest and to celebrate the gift of the land.

The theme of gathering appears in the lists of visitors to Jerusalem from so many regions who hear the testimony of the Spirit-filled apostles each in their own language. The primary reference is to pilgrims from the Jewish diaspora, but we can find here also a foretaste of the universal mission of the Church. The renewed People of God is now being empowered and equipped for its mission to be a 'light for revelation to the nations' (Luke 2:32). Overcoming the disunity of humankind symbolised by the tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9), the Church will speak in many languages. Through each it will convey the same essential message: the outreach of God's compassionate love for the world ('the marvels of God').

In the gospel, taken from John (20:19-23), the risen Lord imparts the Spirit, along with the gift of peace, to the disciples on Easter Sunday evening. He has died as the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world' (1:29, 36; 19:36). Now it is their task to take to the world the reconciliation he has won from the Father.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj