



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.

15TH / 16TH JUNE, *Trinity Sunday, YR C*

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

2020 AUSTRALIAN PLENARY COUNCIL

Over the past number of months we have been asked to reflect on the question: 'What is God asking of us as community of faith today?'

Individuals and groups have reflected on this question and sent in their 'submissions' in answer to this call. 17,547 submissions have been received by the organising committee, 4,699 were sent in by groups while 12,758 from individuals.

These submissions were studied and six themes for the Plenary Council have now been announced. This now invites us to reflect, pray and consider how we are being called as People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

For the moment these are big words. The next stage is for different work-groups to prepare study documents for discussion on each of these topics.

Meanwhile, as a parish, last month we joined with another four local parish communities to celebrate a Parish Mission. Many people who attended have expressed how successful this mission has been for us all. One of the aspects that has been appreciated by many is the fact that we had the opportunity to experience a different image of the faith community to which we belong. Some have expressed the wish for us to continue working together as a group of parishes.

Our suggestion now is that in the coming months we will put the two ideas together. As we approach the 2020 Plenary Council and come together to discuss the themes that have been identified for the Australian Church to reflect upon, we will organise these meetings among the five parishes that took part together in the parish mission: Bulleen Heidelberg, Heidelberg West, Ivanhoe and McLeod / Rosanna.

Let us continue celebrating our faith and our faith community in prayer as we reflect on the future of our Church.

Fr Mario



PARISH RAFFLE: A 120 Litre bar fridge full of drinks, total value: \$550. The bar fridge is padlocked and 106 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.

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Mario Zammit
PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris
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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
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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.*

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): 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

COLLECT PLASTIC LIDS: please place in the container in the church foyer.

JOURNEY IN HOPE SUPPORT GROUP: To become a part of this group sharing our grief and loss experiences and learning from each other in a relaxed and informal setting on Thursday mornings at 10:30am in the Francis Xavier meeting room contact Jan (0423 478 504) or Elizabeth (0447 195 553). We welcome your presence.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE: is taking enrolments for Year 7 2021. Please note that students who want a Catholic secondary education need to be enrolled when they are in year 5. You can book a tour of the college on: Monday 17th June from 9:00am to 10:30am, Thursday 25th July 4:30pm to 6:00pm and Wednesday 14th August from 9:00am to 10:30am. Enrolments close on 23rd August 2019. Enquiries: Merri O'Halloran 9459 2511 / mohalloran@olmc heidelberg.catholic.edu.au.au

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.

MORE COMMUNION MINISTERS AND READERS ARE NEEDED.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Margot Maklary, Valentino Malorni

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Cannuli, Concetta Merlino, Collier Family, John Raywood, Maureen Raywood.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Canavan.

*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.*

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
22 June/23 June	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5:00pm
1st Reader	Jan McCaffrey	Michael Leonard	Robyn Laurie	Mark Aiello
2 nd Reader	Domenica Ashworth	Karen Frost	Adele Boyle	Rosemary Vecchies
Communion	Michelle Penson	Jack Naden	Geraldine Manuel	Sally Tramontana
	Maria Basilone	Val Wallis	Tim Boyle	Claire Aboueid
	Emma Chang	Alice Wong	Brian McIntosh	Jenny Hollaway
	Sue Lew-Kee	Pauline Griffiths	Doris Schembri	TBA
Counters	16 June: Vincent Chung, Bill Barnes, Peter O'Donoghue & 23 June: Stephen Devenish, Nicole Pelizzaro, Thomas Bechelli.			
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.				

AUSTIN MASS: this 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.

FRIST HOLY COMMUNION IN OUR PARISH: This Saturday, as a parish we celebrated the First Communion of a number of our younger parishioners. Thank you to all involved in preparing these children. Let us keep these children and their families in our prayers.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL: The collection for the St Vincent De Paul was: \$1,103.85. Thank you.

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL: Thank you for your support. The total collection was \$734.80.

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.

WE CARE – Responding to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act: The Bishops of Victoria have published a pastoral letter including practical guidance on ways we can be conscientious objectors to euthanasia. Please take a copy from the foyer.

URGENTLY NEEDED: Each week we come into a church that has been lovingly prepared by a number of generous parishioners. Over a long number of years, Ann Wyatt has each week replaced the altar cloth and washed and ironed it ready for the next week. Due to a number of circumstances, Ann cannot carry on this important duty any longer. We thank Ann for her generosity and loving work. We urgently need other parishioners to step up and take up this very important role. Anyone interested please talk to Pauline Griffiths or to Fr Mario. Training will be provided.

THANK YOU: to all parishioners who have supported the Jose De Piro Kabataan (youth) Orkestra last week. The concert tour was a great success. I invite you to continue supporting their education through our monthly Gold Coin Collection.

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.

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.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:22-31

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 8:4-9

TOGETHER: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

LEFT SIDE

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

RIGHT SIDE

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet.

LEFT SIDE

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

TOGETHER: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 16: 12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

A Divine Communion of Love

The Christian mystery of the Trinity arises out of a sense of God as an active communion of love. I say 'active' when perhaps it would have been more appropriate to say an 'outgoing' community of love.

The first disciples of Jesus came to understand that in their interaction with him they were being drawn into the unique personal relationship that he enjoyed with the God he addressed as 'Abba, Father' (Mark 14:36; see Luke 10:21-22).

Jesus' death did not put an end to this experience. A key aspect of the disciples' experience of his resurrection was a sense of still being grasped within this relationship between Jesus and the Father. So powerful was the experience that they attributed it to the creative power of God known in the Old Testament as the 'Spirit' (Gen 1:1-2; Ezek 36:26-37:14). So personal was the experience that, eventually, they came to recognise it as involving a third divine person.

So, without injury to the basic monotheism which Christianity derived from its origins in the Jewish faith, the sense of Three Persons in the One God came into being—not as an arid theological puzzle but as a way of expressing a sense of being drawn into a divine communion of love.

In today's gospel Jesus assures his disciples that their sharing in the intimate relationship between himself and the Father will not cease with his physical absence. It will continue through the gift of the Spirit, empowering them to extend that experience of divine love to the world.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj