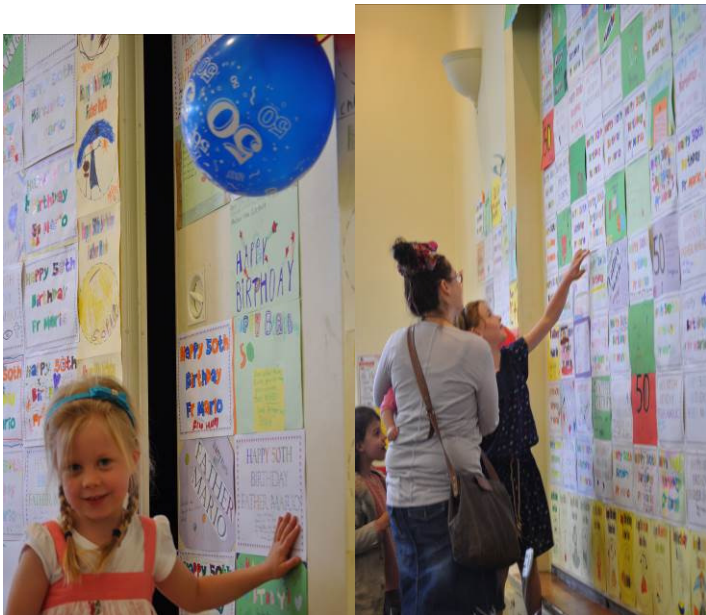


## FR MARIO TURNED THE BIG 50!



All joined in the Birthday Celebrations



Each child in the school sent Fr Mario a decorated page of wishes for his Birthday and was delighted to find theirs on the wall of wishes.

## Mass Friends

It has been a busy time regarding sacraments at St John's School this term with the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation been celebrated concurrently.

As part of the Eucharist Sacrament Programme the students attend the 9.15a.m parish mass each Thursday in the months leading up to their First Communion. It is a long time practice for the children to be partnered up with a parishioner of St. John's at these masses. The child sits beside this person at mass and the 'mass friend' helps the child become familiar with their missal and the various postures and gestures in mass.

We are most grateful for the parishioners who are always willing to help the children in this way and we are inspired by their faith. The children love being with their mass friend and vice versa.

Following the First Communions the children hosted their mass

Mass Friends enjoying a cuppa with the children.





Mass Friends sharing morning tea in St. Monica's



### Fr Michael Sheehy -1929-2014

Fr Sheehy was parish priest at St. Johns from 1971 - 1979 and celebrated his Silver Jubilee with the parish when young and old gathered in a special night to congratulate him.

Fr Sheehy was born in Ireland in 1929 and studied for the priesthood in the Jesuit Seminary in Limerick. He was ordained in 1954 and the year after came to Australia to serve as a Diocesan priest in Melbourne.

He had expertise in economics and began a system known as Parish Purse whereby parishioners were offered better interest than a bank loan. He obtained Government grants and delivered a large school building

project for our parish including four extra classrooms, replacing the hall floor and installing an organ console on the sanctuary.

In seven and half years he cleared the parish of debts. Prayer groups were formed as well as Lectors and Special Minister rosters. Under his stewardship a "teenage Group" was formed and there were over 70 students from local catholic secondary schools who met in St. Monica's Hall and enjoyed discussion groups, sports nights, picnics and dances.

During Fr Sheehy's era a morning tea hospitality group also grew after the 9.30 mass where parishioners enjoyed a cuppa and new parishioners made welcome.

With his rather cheeky determined grin and broad Irish accent he worked with St. Johns parishioners, warmly welcomed newcomers and endeared himself to young and old as he drove the Parish forward socially, financially and spiritually.

Now at rest with the Lord his service complete.

Fr Michael Sheehy  
Born to eternal Life 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014



Forever in our Hearts

## ST JOHN'S PARISH DIRECTORY

### 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

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Pastoral Associate: - Sr Loreto Lynch

Parish Secretary: - Elizabeth Rozario

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Parish, Primary School

55 Cape St, Heidelberg 3084

School Principal: - Mr Nick Marinelli

Ph: 9459 2963 Fax: 9459 0133

School Secretaries:

Anne Marie Smith / Melanie Sharples

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat: 6.00 pm,

Sun: 8.30 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm

Mass at the Austin Hospital at 9.30 am on the fourth Sunday of the month.

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon to Sat: 9.15 am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 9.45 am & 5.30 pm.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Wednesday: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Thursday: 9.45 am – 11.00 am

Friday: 8.00 am – 9.00 am

### BAPTISMS

By appointment on Sundays at 11.45 am.

(No Baptisms on the first Sunday of the month.)

*Baptism preparation meeting is held in the Parish House on the last Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm.*

*No Baptism preparation meeting is held in the months of December and January.*

### WEDDINGS

By appointment

*Articles for the next Echo most welcome. Please email to the parish secretary or hand in at the parish office.*

After Care – Stacey – 9457 6573

Altar Servers – Fr Mario

Altar Society – Pauline Griffiths – 94597093

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sr Loreto 9457 1066

Choir & Music – Sr Loreto – 9457 1066

Cycling Group – Peter Symes – 9458 2332

Echo Magazine – Michelle Penson – 9457 2351

Finance – Des O'Brien – 9457 1066

Hall Hire – Fran Gasior 0417 972 317

Heidelcare (Ecumenical) – Rosemary Vecchies – 9459 0729

Legion of Mary – Tues 7.30 pm. New members welcome.

Liturgy Committee – Ronnie Maloney – 9459 1798

Parish After School Religion classes – Sr Loreto 9457 1066

Parish Council – Michelle Penson (Chair) 9457 2351

Playgroup – Vanessa Javier – 0418 382 915

Readers' Roster – Parish Secretary – 9457 1066

St Vincent de Paul – John Griffiths – 94597093

School Education Board – Michelle Robertson – 9457 3214

School Maintenance Committee – Nick Marinelli – 9459 2963

Sunday Counters – John Griffiths – 9459 7093

Sunday Morning Coffee – Barbara Dabal – 9459 3990

Tennis Club – Des O'Brien – 9499 9056

Thanksgiving Committee – Xavier Csar – 9455 1706