Dear Parents,

**1.50pm EARLY FINISH ON TUESDAY, 10th MARCH – STAFF TRAINING**

As you are aware, we have a number of children in our school who may have a severe allergic reaction. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction when a person is exposed to an allergen. The most common allergens in children are eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow’s milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, certain insect stings and medications.

Anaphylaxis is a serious health issue for a percentage of the population and the school recognises the key to preventing an anaphylactic reaction by a student is knowledge, awareness and planning.

To this end, all staff at St John’s will be involved in an Anaphylaxis Training Program conducted by St John Ambulance next Tuesday afternoon. Even though all staff undertake e-training modules several times a year, it is highly recommended that all staff undertake formal refresher courses every two years.

OSHCLub will operate from 1.50pm and I encourage all parents who wish to use this service to book in your children as soon as possible.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – TUESDAY, 10th MARCH**

A reminder that the annual School Photographs will be taken next Tuesday, 10th March.

Summer uniforms MUST be worn by all children. Children who have sport on Tuesday may change into their runners for their P.E/Sports Lesson on that day.

A reminder that all children with hair longer than shoulder length must have their hair tied back as is required in our School Uniform Policy – no exemptions!

‘Advanced Life Photography’ order envelopes have been sent home and instructions for ordering photographs are on the envelope. Spare envelopes are kept at the office if required.

If not ordering online, order envelopes should be returned NO LATER than Friday, 6th March.

ALL online orders are due by 8th March.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - SIBLING ORDERS**

Sibling envelopes are also available from the office. You can either have one of your children collect an envelope from the front office or you can order the sibling package online at:

advancedlife.com.au

Online code: CQL 7XW JL6

**LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY AND EARLY DISMISSAL**

A reminder that the school will be closed on Monday, 9th March for the Labour Day public holiday.
2016 PREP ENROLMENTS – SIBLINGS - URGENT REQUEST

Enrolments for siblings who are starting school in 2016 are now open!

Sibling Enrolment forms are available from the office. Please indicate to the office staff that you require the sibling Enrolment Form if you are collecting your enrolment form from school.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SIBLING ENROLMENT FORMS BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT PLANNING AND DETERMINATION OF SCHOOL STRUCTURE FOR 2016 CAN TAKE PLACE.

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 13th MARCH.

A reminder that within the state of Victoria, your child must be five years of age by 30 April of the year they start school.

As you know, there is always a strong demand for places at St John’s so it is very important that Sibling Enrolment forms are completed and returned to school by 13th March.

CONDOLENCES
Our thoughts are prayers are with the Romic family for the recent death of Maja’s grandmother and mother of Blazenka.

We pray that God’s love will comfort them at this difficult time.

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY, 13th MARCH
Preparations are well under way for active travel day on Friday morning, 13th March. To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as fun ways to travel to school, we are organising some fresh fruit on arrival for all participants and a chance to win lots of prizes.

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

• Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
• There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
• Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
• Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students or by contacting Karen Fraser on 0414 813 532, Danielle Mallia on 0433 751 841 or email ourgarden3084@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely

Nick Marinelli
Principal
'Spread love wherever you go. 
Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier'
(Mother Teresa)

'Keep It Simple' Food Day - Thursday March 12th
Last week you would have received a letter informing you of our Project Compassion (Caritas Australia) fundraiser, 'Keep It Simple Food Day'.

We ask that you place only 'simple' foods in your child’s lunch box on that day. A simple sandwich would contain only one filling, vegemite, or a slice of cheese, or a spread of some kind. We encourage fruit but no sweets or processed foods.

It is sometimes difficult for children to comprehend the significance of not having a continuous food source. It is hoped that through the participation in the 'Keep it Simple' Food Day the children will grow in appreciation for the food they are given but more importantly, develop an awareness for the people in our world that have very limited food supplies.

The children are asked to bring a gold coin donation on this day.

Class Masses Term 1
Thank you to the Grade 3, 5 and 6 parents who were able to be present at class Mass this week.

When attending your child's class Mass we ask that you sit beside your child within the class group. The class will be seated in the first two or three seats on both sides of the church. Ideally it would be best if you met the class at 9.00a.m. outside the church prior to Mass. All Masses are at 9.15a.m.

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Are you buying slavery-free Easter chocolate???

Did you know that much of the chocolate available in Australia comes from cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been trafficked or forced to work in exploitative conditions?

The International Labour Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 500,000 – 1,500,000 children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. Want slavery-free Easter chocolate?

Look for these certification labels:

Lenten practices at home
Have you given any more thought to turning off the TV as suggested last week?

First Reconciliation (Grade 3)
Thursday August 6th August Grade 3 Polichovski
Thursday August 13th August Grade 3 Williamson

God bless you and your family.
Elizabeth Williamson
(Education in Faith Leader)

Sport News - Steph Doutre, Sport & Physical Education

Swimming
Last week, the St John’s swimming team competed at the Ivanhoe District Swimming Championships held at Northcote Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to all children who participated on the day, It was a great, but very busy day! We had lots of children achieve personal bests and several children made it to the division round this week. A fantastic effort was displayed by all children. We wish Olivia N, Alicia N, Luca A, Lucy B, Eliza B, Rachel H and Josh H all the best for the division round on Wednesday. A big thank you to all the parents who came to help out and support the children and to Mrs Armiento and Mr Marinelli for their help on the day.

Inter School Sport
Last week we had an away game against Ivanhoe Primary School. A very tough school to play as they are a big school with a strong sporting background. Well done to all children who played. I’m certainly seeing an improvement in motivation and skill level each week. Keep it up! Well down to the volleyball teams and cricket team who won! Unfortunately, the softball teams both lost by a few runs. The bat tennis girls are improving their fight and determination each week.

Winter Sport
If you are interested in helping out with the netball teams for Winter Inter School Sport for Term 2 Friday afternoons from 1.30-3pm please email me at sdoutre@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

Have a wonderful week!
Literacy News - Carmel Armiento, Literacy Coordinator

Teachers’ Professional Learning
The Catholic Education Office supports our schools through many professional learning programs. This year, we will participate in two literacy programs that aim to support teachers by building knowledge, skills and understandings. Specifically, the programs take into account students’ needs in writing; creating and producing texts.

To assist us in gaining further insights into our students writing habits, we would like you to complete the “Parent Questionnaire”, that seeks to further inform St Johns’ context. The questionnaire has been sent home today. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete it and return it to school by Tuesday 10th March.

Prep Information Evening
Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the Literacy and Mathematics Prep Information Evening last week. Whilst the evening provided information about beginning reading, writing and number, it was also an opportunity to share your experiences.

Classroom Helpers Prep, Year1 and Year2
Over sixty parents have offered to assist during literacy teaching in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. Your involvement is most appreciated and valued.

Reading at home.
Reading at home is an important practice. Make time to sit and read together. Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students borrow from the class take home book libraries on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and all students borrow weekly from the schools’ library. Encourage conversation before, during and after reading; share predictions and opinions. Enjoy reading and make it a habit!

Have a happy week.
Carmel Armiento
D.P. Literacy Leader

LOST ......

Fleece Zip up Jacket - Size 10
Clearly Named Ben Franzi
If found please return it to the school office - Thank you
Numeracy News - Connie Bandiera, Maths Leader

**Family Mathematics Challenge 2 - Answer**

There are 10 combinations of 3 flavours.
There are 6 combinations if one flavour is always chocolate.
There are 41 combinations all together.

**Family Mathematics Challenge 3**

How many triangles are there all together in the picture below?

Record how you do the challenge and then bring it in to school (with name and class) and post it into the Mathematics Family Challenge Box in the office by Friday.

Well done to Richard (Prep N), Maja (2D), Sierra (3W) and Caroline 5/6S and their families for taking on Challenge 1

Sustainability News - Connie Costa, Sustainability Coordinator

We need your help!

Ms Dabbous’ family has a thriving Worm Farm that needs our help in keeping it alive and squirming. The worm farm needs to be delivered to our school. We need a parent volunteer with a Ute or trailer to help by picking up the worm farm from her family home and then delivering it to our school. If you can help, please email Sandra: sdabbous@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

Thank you
FRIDAY MARCH 13

More exciting news: Prizes Prizes Prizes. To get your Golden Ticket, simply ride, sk8, scoot or walk to school on Friday March 13!!

What is the best way to ride in a group? Read the attached flyer for some ideas.

For parents who would like to be involved, please email ourgarden3084@gmail.com

This free community / not for profit event is proudly sponsored by Peak Cycles, Banyule Council, Latitude, Bicycle Network Vic & Eaglemont Fruit. Ride On!

www.bicyclenetwork.com.au
Group riding basics

1. **It's not a race**
   While it can be tempting to ride as fast as possible during a ride, it's worth remembering that it's not a race.

2. **Ride two by two**
   When riding in a large group, riding two by two will ensure order in the group. Creating a neat column of riders will ensure traffic can clear the group safely.

3. **Brake carefully**
   Staying off the brakes is key to making sure the group rolls along smoothly. If you're feeling nervous or you are inexperience, leave some distance between you and the rider ahead.

4. **Be predictable**
   Making sudden movements or changing direction in a large group can cause accidents. If the pace is too fast, slowly peel off to the side and make your way to the back of the group. Refer to point 7 on tips of how to peel off or move to back of the group.

5. **Half-wheeling**
   This simply means the rider next to you is half a bike wheel in front of you. Overlapping wheels with other riders is one of the most risky things that you can do in a group ride. If you suddenly need to change direction to the side, an accident could be caused. Either ride beside or behind another rider.

6. **Maintain speed**
   Altering the speed of a big group can be annoying and also dangerous. Keeping the speed smooth and consistent will ensure fewer surges, reduce braking and lower the potential of an accident occurring.

7. **Rolling from the front**
   Rolling from the front of the group to the back will ensure that you don't completely exhaust yourself on a long distance ride. Distributing the workload amongst other riders in the group will ensure a smooth and steady pace is maintained.

8. **Obey the road rules**
   There is nothing worse than a large group of cyclists who disobey basic road rules. There has been plenty of focus on cyclist riding through red lights, ignoring the rules will not only endanger yourself but the rest of the group behind you.

9. **Don't yell**
   Yelling or screaming may get the attention of a group but may not always show them the hazard you are trying to point out. A simple hand signal is much more effective: a quick wave should be seen by the rider behind and filter through to back of the group.

10. **Enjoy**
    The most important tip we can give is to enjoy the experience. Understanding all these basics of group riding will ensure an enjoyable and memorable experience.

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Further information
For more information, go to the Ride2School resources page at ride2school.com.au
Dear Parents,

Being a part of the Mothers Day Stall preparations is a great way to support **all students** at St John’s Primary. There is no greater delight than a child being able to present their mum with a special ‘home made’ item selected by them to celebrate this very important day. So if you are interested in baking, (basic) sewing, art & craft, painting or are just happy to help out in a small way, we’d love you to be a part of our team!

We are holding our first meeting to discuss possible items to make for the Mother’s Day Stall held in May. If you are able to give a little of your time, we would really appreciate it! Details of our first ‘planning’ meeting are:

**When:** Friday 13th March 2015

**Time:** 9:00am – 10:00am (straight after drop-off)

**Where:** Osh Club/PIC Meeting Room (portable)

**Agenda:** Come and meet other parent volunteers at our Mothers Day Gift Ideas planning session. Over a cup of coffee, we will be:

- Discussing ideas for possible gift items
- Agreeing who can create each item (either individually or as part of a team)
- Determining what materials we need and how we can access them

**What to bring:**

Please bring along your ideas or suggestions for ‘home made’ Mothers Day gifts (these can be things you’ve previously made or bought, something you’ve been given in the past or something you would really like to get!)

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

Julie Thorn (0419 564 622)
Dear Parents,

St John’s Primary School will be running our Easter Raffle again for the students. All money raised from this raffle will go toward purchasing resources and materials for the children.

We are requesting Easter Egg donations from each family so that we can make up raffle prizes for each class!

If you are able to assist us, can you please place your donation in the Easter Egg Donations box in the office by Friday March 20.

Any questions, please contact Gabby Vincent 0414 247 260 or Kylie Gazzola 0412 529 204.

We appreciate your generosity and support!
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<td>PN</td>
<td>For being an excellent listener and thinker. Very impressive Charlie!</td>
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<td>Patrick G</td>
<td>PV</td>
<td>For your fantastic writing about your favourite thing. Well done for listening for sounds in words.</td>
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<td>Zahra J</td>
<td>PV</td>
<td>For being a good listener and following instructions carefully. Great job!</td>
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<td>For his quick thinking and problem solving in Numeracy and for challenging himself during 'Number Mastermind'.</td>
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<td>Anny L</td>
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<td>For being such a conscientious and hard working class member. You try so hard everyday. Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>Sam I</td>
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<td>For always having a positive attitude and giving everything a go. Great job!</td>
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<td>Sienna A</td>
<td>1T</td>
<td>For always demonstrating kindness to other students. We are so lucky to have you in 1T.</td>
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<td>Angelina V</td>
<td>2D</td>
<td>For your brilliantly written snapshot about an iPod. I love all the interesting words and thought out sentences capturing your audience. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Will F</td>
<td>2D</td>
<td>For your amazing start to the year. I'm very impressed with your hard work and dedication so far. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>Jack V</td>
<td>2P</td>
<td>For the positive way he has conducted himself this week. Your contributions to our discussions and the way you have showcased your learning is outstanding. Well done Jack.</td>
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<td>Isabella L</td>
<td>2P</td>
<td>For her enthusiasm for learning and the positive way she conducts herself in all group activities. You're a terrific leader Isabella.</td>
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<td>Niamh C</td>
<td>3P</td>
<td>For having such a positive and eager attitude. You always respond to questions and have a go at everything.</td>
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<td>Trung N</td>
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<td>For expressing his ideas clearly and informatively. You make things easy to understand for us. Well done.</td>
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<td>Zac H</td>
<td>3W</td>
<td>For his faithfulness and responsibility in daily watering Mrs Tancredi’s memorial plant! Very impressive Zac!</td>
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<td>Darcy P</td>
<td>3W</td>
<td>For his well designed art piece of the Sydney Opera House and for his skill and perseverance in its completion.</td>
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<td>Grace L</td>
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<td>For the fabulous art she did when creating Australian landmarks and icons. What a champ!</td>
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<td>For her fabulous week in Grade 4C last week - swimming, dentist, bossy teacher, hard work - and always a smile!</td>
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<td>For his great mathematical thinking he displayed in ALL our pre tests - what a thinker you are David! Well done.</td>
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<td>For her wonderful work on a written tourism piece about Queensland. Great visuals and sentence structure, Bridget! Made us all want to go on holiday.</td>
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<td>For demonstrating great responsibility and a willingness to learn and help wherever he is in the school. Keep it up Alastair.</td>
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<td>For his enthusiasm in sharing and reflecting on his learning in particular during mathematics. Keep it up Anthony!</td>
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<td>5/6C</td>
<td>For always leading by example and being a wonderful friend. You are always fair and responsible. We are so lucky to have you in our class this year.</td>
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<td>Kiran T</td>
<td>5/6C</td>
<td>For your clever thinking during maths by finding a pattern and using multiplication to solve the worded problem of the day.</td>
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Hi everyone,

This week at OSHClub we’ve gotten up to so much fun! We made some banana bread, we painted colour wheels (it was amazing to see what colours mixed to make other colours!), we made some play-dough in lots of different colours and we made our garden even better by planting snow-peas and parsley!

If your child/ren are absent from school or other arrangements are made for them, could you please let us know that they will not be attending afterschool care.

On the day cancelations/bookings must be made with a phone call or text to the program number on 0401 333 932.

You will not be able to make online bookings or cancelations on the day. Online bookings or cancelations can be made up until midnight the night before.

We hope to see you at OSHClub! Enjoy the rest of your week 😊
Father Mario’s Sermon
01 March 2015 (Second Sunday of Lent, Year B)
Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Psalm 115:10,15-19; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10.

His clothes became dazzlingly white!

Last Sunday we encountered Jesus in the wilderness where he was driven by the Spirit to be tested. During Lent the Spirit drives us into our own wilderness where we are invited to make space in our life so we can encounter God in prayer and in our sisters and brothers.

This Second Sunday in Lent takes us up on a high mountain where we are confronted with a mystical experience of Jesus who is transformed in the presence of three of his disciples. Do I believe that Jesus is transformed in me and in my sisters and brothers? Do I believe that God takes up our human form to make it easier for me to relate with him in the same way as I relate to my neighbour?

Mountaintops are closer to the experience of God; Moses and Elijah both encountered God on the mountain. Here the air is thinner and purer and we are not disturbed by the daily business of our life. From the mountaintop I can see clearer and further away.

Peter, James and John are trying to make sense of this mystical experience; who is Jesus? Earlier Jesus had told them that he had to suffer and be put to death; Peter had just been called a stumbling block because he could not see the way Jesus saw things. This often happens to us too; we too try to understand God in our own life, we try to look for God among the people we meet and perhaps at times fail to understand the message that ‘whatever you do with the least of these sisters and brothers of mine, you do to me!’

On the mountaintop Jesus lets his disciples experience his true form as being the Son of God; he was transformed in front of them. The dazzlingly white clothes are an expression of his real dignity as God. Elijah the prophet and Moses the lawgiver talk to Jesus. In the Old Testament both Elijah and Moses encountered God face to face. Their presence is another witness to the fact that Jesus is God. Their presence also points out to the fact that in Jesus the Law and the Prophets (the whole of the Old Testament) reaches its fulfilment. The Law and the Prophets pointed towards Jesus!

Peter, James and John did not know what to say. It is not easy to stand up in the presence of the divine! Yet Peter got it right: should we build three tents here? In the Old Testament God instructed Moses to build a tent to house the Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of God’s presence among his people. This tent, also called the tabernacle, was later replaced by the Temple in Jerusalem and was the centre of worship for the People of God. Once again Peter seems to have understood who Jesus really was and wanted to worship him.

In his first letter to the Church in Corinth (6:19) Paul reminds the Christians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit; God dwells in each and every one of us. As we look around us we are invited to worship God in our sisters and brothers.

During Lent the Church encourages us to do Charity, to reach out and touch God who lives with and around us. Fasting and prayer also lead to charity and love of neighbour. How can I reach out? What ministries of service to those who are less fortunate than me can I carry out? There are many members in the community who require my time and support. Am I ready to minister to Jesus there too?

Fr Mario
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.

28th Feb / 1st March 2015 - 2nd Sunday in Lent Yr B
Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

Lent is a time when we are invited to fast as a means of turning back to God and once again placing God at the centre of our own life. Fasting allows us to make space for God in our life.

Jesus reminds us that to love God and to love our neighbour is one commandment; we love God in and through our sisters and brothers. Prayer is an important way of connecting to God within ourselves and listening to His Word for us every day. ‘Thy will be done,’ we pray in the Lord’s Prayer. How do we achieve this?

Today I would like to write about ways we can reach out to God in our sisters and brothers through our acts of charity. In our parish we have two ministries that are particular to our parish: Heidecare and the Austin Hospital.

We realise that there are people in our community who need help to travel to visit doctors but find it difficult to find transport. Heidecare volunteers generously offer their time to take these members of our community from one place to another.

At the Austin and the Repat hospitals Mass is celebrated on the third and fourth Sundays of each month. Volunteers offer their time to bring patients to Mass and then wheeling them back to their wards at the end of Mass. Other parishioners join in the Mass in order to create community around these patients.

Can I find time to reach out to people who are less fortunate than me? Do I have time to minister to God in my weaker sisters and brothers?
Fr Mario

Making Connections
In Scripture, mountains are often the places where God communicates with human beings. Moses and Elijah both experienced God’s presence and action on mountain tops. This gospel reading has common elements with those stories - overshadowing cloud, awe and majesty, brilliant clothing, fear - to describe the manifestation of God. Here, God is manifest in the person of Christ himself!

Spend time alone reflecting on the majesty and mystery of God. Read the story of Elijah experiencing God in 1 Kings 19:11-14 and reflect on how you experience God. Is God in the great wind, the earthquake, the fire or the gentle breeze and silence?

Please Remember in your prayers
Newly Married: Belinda & Anthony Brindley.
The Sick: Bev Wales, Liam Hall (Frutie), M J McCann, Umberto & Angela Selva.
Recently Deceased: Angelo Vetrone.

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.
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Heidelcare Co-Ordinator

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Thank you to everyone who supports St John's financially.

Please advise the parish office if your credit is lost/stolen or your credit card number or expiry date has changed.

Morning Tea: will be available in the Parish Hall after 10:30am Mass this Sunday 1st March. Please join us!

Easter Hamper Raffle: In aid of our parish charities. We are looking for donations of Easter eggs and chocolates to go into our Easter hamper. This will be raffled off for Easter. Proceeds go to the parish charities. Please place donations in the container in the porch.

St John's Liturgy Committee: has a very important role in the life of the parish as it works to enhance the worship of the community. Its role is to better organise our celebrations. Our Liturgy Committee is seeking new members to join and be part of this ministry. For information please contact Fr Mario.

Project Compassion - Food For Life: Please pick up a copy of each week’s story from the porch. This week we remember people in Niger.

World Day of Prayer: is being held on Friday 6 March at 10:00am at the Uniting Church, Burgundy Street Heidelberg. All welcome to join in prayer.

During Lent you can practice penance by doing one of the following: Prayer - Going to Mass, family prayer, a visit to a Church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary; Self-Denial - not eating meat, sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with family, limiting food and drink to give to the poor. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing self-denial in Australia; Helping Others - visiting someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over burdened.

Holy Thursday - Washing of the feet: Part of the Holy Thursday celebration includes the washing of the feet of twelve people. If you would like to participate in this celebration please put your name down on the sheet provided and speak to Fr Mario. Thank you.


Free Individual Counselling: Contact Julie Jensen on 0411 241 005 or julie@changesinbetween.com

NB. CHANGE OF DATE: Working Bee - Parish Gardens: Women and men who would like to get involved in a Working Bee to help maintain the church gardens are invited to join on SATURDAY 14 MARCH. We meet at the parish house at 8.00am. RSVP: Rodney 0402 898 583. All welcome.

Lectio Divina during Lent: As we journey through Lent to Easter, Fr Mario is leading two sessions of Lectio Divina in our parish: Mondays at 7.30pm and Fridays at 10.00am. During these sessions we gather to listen, reflect and pray on the Word of God, allowing God’s Word to continue to take root and influence our lives. Sessions will be at the parish house meeting room. All are welcome to join.

Stations of the Cross: During the Fridays of Lent we will meet at 7.30pm to pray the traditional prayer of the Way of the Cross, in preparation for the celebration of the Lord’s passion and death.

St John’s Parish Primary School - Enrolments 2016: To book your child for 2016 and a school tour please contact the school office on 9459 2963.

God rich in mercy - 24 hour adoration: Pope Francis is inviting us to join him in participating in a time of prayer and reconciliation with the Lord. The program includes Mass, Adoration, Prayers of the Church, Benediction, Lectio Divina and Meditations by Bishop Terry Curtin and others. Priests will also be available for Reconciliation. At All Saints Church, 174 Brunswick Street Fitzroy, from Friday 13 March at 6:00pm to Saturday 14 March at 6:00 pm.

There has been a great response to the Seasons for Growth - Understanding Change, Loss and Grief seminars with all four programs fully booked. An additional seminar has been scheduled for Thursday 12 March from 6pm to 9pm in the St John's Parish House Meeting room. Information flyers are located in the church foyer. To reserve your place please contact Julie Jensen on 0411 241 005 or email julie@changesinbetween.com

Room for rent in Macleod: for $160 per week. Contact Leonia Kulak (0417 640 196).
ST JOHN’S PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS, SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE!

We need your help to help maintaining our school grounds.

If anyone is, or has contact with fencers, electricians, landscape gardeners or anyone in the shade business, please contact me:

Ivanka Barritt on 0425 175 556 or email on ivankar@technologyoptions.com.au