OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MASS  
FRIDAY 6th February  
STARTING time: 6.00pm

You are warmly invited to the Beginning of the  
2015 St John's School Year Mass  
Including Induction of School Captains, Blessing of new families and  
Commissioning of school staff.

**ALL** children are required to wear their summer school uniform

Children to be seated with their classes by 5.50  
EVERYONE to be seated by the start of Mass

*Feel free to stay on afterwards and have a family picnic.  
(School BBQ's will be available for use)*
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our families and students. It has been an excellent and very smooth start to the 2015 school year.

I would like to congratulate all the children on the way in which they have settled in so quickly, especially the Prep children on how well they have commenced this new journey in their lives.

On behalf of our community I’d like to welcome the following Prep children to St John’s:


I am also delighted to welcome the following children and their families who have also joined us at St John’s this year. We hope that their association with our school will be a joyful and successful one.

Juliano L 1L, Maja R 2D, Ella F 2D, Ben A 5/6C, Caroline T 5/6S, Anjana V 5/6S and Bianca S 5/6B.

**NEW STAFF**
A very warm welcome to Miss Angela Pope who will be teaching Year 2, Mrs Rosemary Jones who will be teaching Year 4F on Thursdays and Fridays and Mrs Teresa Mattei, School Administration Officer.

**WELCOME BACK**
Returning to St John’s this year we have Ms Clare Jenkinson who will be teaching Year 1D on Fridays.

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2015**
I am delighted to announce that this year’s School Captains are:

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These House names are named after famous Australian painters who all spent time painting in the Heidelberg area.
All children currently in Year 6 delivered a speech late last year whereby they presented and offered themselves as a potential School Captain. The speeches were delivered confidently to their peers and reflected the learning experiences and opportunities that the children have had in the past.

All Year Sixes and Year Fives listened to the speeches and then voted for whom they thought should be the School Captains for 2015.

These votes were then tallied and then ratified by the 2014 School Leadership Team.

Lucy, Olivia, Julian and Max have now undertaken a very significant leadership role as they will represent the entire school throughout the many internal and external events over the year ahead.

The role requires them to be leaders within the school and also to be ambassadors for our school.

At Friday’s Beginning of the School Year Mass, our new Captains will be officially inducted and on behalf of our entire school community we congratulate them and wish them a wonderful year in their new responsibilities.

“...Lord, strengthen these children in their role as leaders within our school.
Let your spirit enlighten their minds and guide their actions.
May they always be encouraged to use their gifts in service. ...”

2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR
Attached to this newsletter is a calendar which provides you with an overview of dates for Term 1 of the school year. There are many Key dates but some dates may change over the next few weeks and you will be informed of these changes.

‘NO FOOD SHARING’ RULE
Within our school community we have children who can have severe allergic reactions to a number of allergens such as nuts, peanut spreads, seafood, dairy products and/or certain insect bites. This is often defined as anaphylaxis. These reactions can be severe and sudden. Reactions usually begin within minutes of exposure and can progress rapidly over a period of up to two hours or more.

Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response. Fortunately anaphylactic reactions are uncommon and usually preventable.

To support this situation we do have a strict policy of ‘NO FOOD SHARING’. I would encourage you to also discuss and remind your children of this school rule.

DANCE PROGRAMME
One of the many extra programmes we conduct at St John’s is a ballroom dancing program. Preps to Year 2 have their lessons with Mr Ken Marshall commencing tomorrow, Thursday, 5th February throughout Term 1 and Term 2. (A teacher attends the dance lessons with their class.)

All other grades will commence their lessons in Term 2.

The Dance Programme culminates at the end of Term 2 at the School Ball where all the children display their skills to the community. The Prep children are also formally presented to the school community on this evening. A teacher attends the dance lessons with their class.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY
A reminder that school assemblies are on Monday afternoons commencing soon after 2.30pm.

Those parents who collect children after school may wish to come a little earlier and come along to the assemblies.
PARENT INTRODUCTORY MEETINGS – ONLINE BOOKINGS
ON-LINE BOOKING for this year’s Parent/Teacher Meetings Introductory Meetings will again be used. You will all have received an information sheet yesterday which describes the process of booking.

Bookings are now open and close tomorrow, Friday 6th February at 12pm.

Meetings are strictly timetabled and teachers are not in a position to extend these meetings beyond the allotted time; doing so will affect the overall scheduling throughout the school. All teachers, however, are more than happy for you to arrange another time to meet if required.

A bell will sound every 10 minutes as a reminder that the meeting must be brought to an end; your cooperation in staying within the allocated time would be greatly appreciated.

INTER-SCHOOL SUMMER SPORT (senior classes)
The Ivanhoe Districts Inter-School Sports Competition commences this Friday. St John’s is hosting the morning against Alphington Grammar with competition commencing at 9.30am at the following venues:

Cricket: Heidelberg Park
Softball (Girls): St John’s School
Softball (Boys): Heidelberg Park
Volleyball (Girls): St John’s Primary School
Volleyball (Boys): St John’s Primary School
Bat Tennis: St John’s Primary School

For many of the children this will be their first experience of competitive sport, so we wish them a very enjoyable morning and I’m certain they will all represent our school with great pride.

On competition days in Term 1, games commence at approximately 9.30am and finish at about 11.00am. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

CONDOLENCES
I am sad to inform you of the recent death of Peter Jones. Peter was the husband of Mrs Pat Jones, former Principal of St John’s. (1991-2003).

Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences are extended to Pat and the family and may God’s love comfort them this time.

IT’S A NEW BABY
What fantastic news regarding the recent birth of Caoimhe, baby sister for Lara E (1T). We congratulate Jalayne and Kevin on the birth of their beautiful daughter.

ST JOHNS ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Information and nomination form seeking representatives for the School Advisory Council will be sent home tomorrow, Thursday, 5th February.

The Council acts in an advisory capacity in a range of matters relating to education and operation of the school. It supports and provides an opportunity for Father Mario and myself to seek support and share information in the formation and development of school policy.

This is a great opportunity to be involved in school life and assist in developing and advising in future directions of your school.
We are all thrilled by the progress that Adam is making at the Royal Children’s Hospital. Adam’s mum and dad, Karina and Michael have asked me to pass on their thanks for your prayers and support.

ADAM’S SCHOOL DAYS START IN HOSPITAL

IDENTICAL twins Adam and Rafael climb up poles like monkeys together.
They talk to each other until the moment they fall asleep next to each other. They are inseparable.
But one of their biggest milestones — the first day of prep — the boys had to experience alone.
While Rafael donned his uniform and walked through the school gates with elder brother Aaron, Adam started his first day of school at the Royal Children’s Hospital.
The five-year-old is being treated for a stroke, after a staph infection in December led to endocarditis, an infection of the heart valves.

"He’s in the rehab stage now," mother Karina Piia said. "He has to think about using his left arm, it’s not as natural as the other one."
Adam was wheeled to a back-to-school session, one of 40 classes run a week by the RCH’s Education Institute. Learning plans are developed for each child, and the program’s 11 teachers liaise with the child’s school to help their transition once they leave hospital.
Adam will be in hospital for another month.
Mrs Piia said living in hospital with Adam has taught her so much.
"I’ve learnt he’s so resilient," she said. "He’s come so far, and lost none of his cheek."
MUSIC PARTNERSHIP WITH OLMC - BRIEFING IN LRC (Library) 3.30pm Monday, 9th February

Towards the end of last year I was approached by the Principal of OLMC, Julie Ryan and the OLMC Instrumental Music Coordinator Mr Dean Hughes, regarding an opportunity to link our two schools in the area of music.

Not only would this help to create greater links between to the schools. It will also assist in the establishment of St John’s instrumental ensembles allowing students to apply what they are learning in their lessons. Unfortunately, to ensure ease of coordination, undertaking this opportunity would mean that we could no longer continue in using the teachers provided by Christian Nativo Music as we would be using the instrumental music teachers from OLMC, ensuring that they can prepare the students for assembly and other performances.

Children who wish to undertake a percussion instrument will have their lessons at OLMC, whilst those children who wish to learn or continue their lessons with guitar and piano will have their lessons conducted at St John’s.

The OLMC Music program will offer instrumental music lessons on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, percussion/drums, guitar, piano and voice.

** The St John’s Band will continue to be run at OLMC and new students to be part of the OLMC training Band.

For non-band instruments, and numbers permitting, an ensemble option will also be explored for students. Students will have 14 lessons per semester timetabled around school commitments.

Group lessons will cost of $25.20 per lesson per student for 2015. Cost per semester is $352.80.

Individual Lessons will $39.20 per lesson. Cost per semester is $548.80

A music performance by some former St John’s students will be conducted at assembly on Monday, 9th February. An Information briefing with Dean Hughes and myself will be conducted at 3.30pm in the L.R.C (Library).

I know that this will be a great opportunity for our children and I am very excited by the opportunity that this partnership will provide.

KEY ENROLMENT DATE FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Please note, that if you are enrolling your child to a Catholic secondary school you must apply directly to that college.

The CRITICAL DATE that applications close to a Catholic Secondary College is the 27th February.

Parents are usually notified of offers during April.

Applications to Government Secondary Schools are made directly from the Primary School and follows a different timeline to those followed by the Catholic Secondary Schools.

Applications for Government Secondary Schools are provided to Primary Schools in the first two weeks of March and will be distributed to ALL Year 6’s once they are received.

Yours sincerely

Nick Marinelli, Principal
Beginning of the 2015 School Year Mass

You are warmly invited to the
Beginning of the 2015 St John’s School Year Mass
and
Induction of the Student Leaders.
Friday February 6th 6.00pm
Lower school playground.

Sacramental Dates for 2015
Confirmation  Grade 6 - Sunday June 14th, 2.30p.m. St Patrick’s Cathedral
Eucharist  Grade 4 - Saturday August 29th, 11.00am OLMC
Reconciliation Grade 3 - Thursday August 6th and Thursday August 13th, 7.30p.m.

Leadership Team Commissioning
Last Sunday the Leadership Team of St. John’s School attended the 10.30am parish mass at which they were commissioned and blessed by Father Mario.
Christmas Eve Family Mass
Great to see so many families from the school at the Christmas Eve Family Mass. Thanks to those children who read or sang in the choir on the night. Following mass the children were visited by Father Christmas.
St Vincent De Paul Christmas Toy Appeal
Thanks for your generous response to this appeal.

God bless you and your family.

Elizabeth Williamson
(Education in Faith Leader)

Sport News - Steph Doutre, Physical Education & Sport Teacher

Welcome to term one everyone! What a busy and fun term it will be! A reminder that term 1 and 4 are our SunSmart terms and all children must have a hat and please bring a drink bottle to all Physical Education classes.

Swimming
For children in year 3, 4, 5 and 6 you will have the opportunity to trial for the school swimming team where you will compete at the Ivanhoe District Swimming Carnival later in the term.

To trial you must be able to swim 50m comfortably in your two preferred strokes. Trial information will be handed out to those students interested during their physical education classes this week. A reminder, this is not a compulsory event, it is for students who are interested.

Inter School Sport
Inter School Sport starts this week for Years 5 and 6. It is always an exciting time, in term 1, games will be on Friday mornings from 9.15am -11am. Volleyball, bat tennis and girls softball are ‘home games’ held on the school grounds with Cricket and boys softball held at Heidelberg Park. This week we have a home game against Alphington Grammar. Good luck to all those involved, have fun and be good sports.
Component 1: Positive School Community

At St John’s Kids Matter provides a framework that guides our whole school approach to good mental health and wellbeing.

This term we have begun implementing the first component of KidsMatter: Creating a Positive School Community – where every face has a place, every voice is valued, and everyone has something to contribute.

One of the first staff development days last week was devoted to KidsMatter professional learning where teachers developed a shared understanding of mental health and wellbeing. The staff explored the link between wellbeing and learning and how developing a child’s sense of belonging improves mental health, wellbeing and learning.

Getting To Know You: One example of how St John’s builds this sense of belonging is through our “Getting to Know You” program which is conducted in each class during the first two weeks of Term 1. The purpose of this program is to establish a positive and inclusive classroom environment and to build teacher knowledge of the students in the class.

Activities include:

- Getting to know you and team building games
- Circle time activities
- Explicit teaching of the interpersonal skills needed to work cooperatively eg. listening skills, working in groups etc.
- Designing classroom rights and responsibilities

The Parent /Teacher introductory meetings which are being conducted next week are an important component of the “Getting to Know You” program.

Included in this newsletter is a KidsMatter information sheet “Belonging at school makes a difference”

The KidsMatter website for families has some excellent information and resources: http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families

The “Welcoming Families to KidsMatter” video can be accessed here: http://bit.ly/1t2A8zE

If you have any questions or suggestions for adding to our positive school community please email cwalsh@sjheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

Wishing all our families a very happy and successful year.
Carolyn Walsh
Student Wellbeing Leader
Belonging at school makes a difference


Aunt Sue also talked to Tommy’s friend, Lulu, who had come over to play. “What about you, Lulu? How do you like school?” “It’s good. If I need the teacher then I have to put up my hand. But if I need help at playtime I can ask Jackie,” said Lulu. “Is Jackie your friend?” “Jackie’s my buddy. She’s a big girl.” “What does a buddy do?” “She helps me if I don’t know where to go or other stuff. She helps to look after me ‘cos she’s big and I’m new.”

Belonging improves mental health, wellbeing and learning

All children need to feel that school is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging at school. Belonging is very important for children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Children who feel that they belong at school are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than other students. They are also more motivated to learn and be more successful with their school work. Research into children’s mental health has found that a sense of belonging and connectedness at school helps to protect children against mental health difficulties and improves their learning.

Making friends and having positive relationships with teachers helps children develop a sense of belonging at school. Having older ‘buddies’ to turn to helps younger children feel that school is a place where they can get help if they need it. Looking after younger children encourages caring and helping in older children and helps to reduce conflicts and bullying. These are some of the ways that children’s sense of belonging at school can be supported.

Starting school is a big change for children

Not only do they have to cope with schoolwork and teachers, but they also have to get used to being part of a class and a whole school. A lot more is expected of children when they start school and there are lots more people to get on with. It helps children to know that there are people at school who will look after them and care about their needs.
More ways schools can help create a sense of belonging

As part of KidsMatter Primary, schools look closely at ways they can continue to build strong positive respectful relationships with all students and families. This includes things like:

- making the school environment welcoming for all students and families
- encouraging teachers to get to know all their students and their families
- identifying ways of improving communication with families
- focusing on child and family strengths
- making sure that school policies on safety, welfare and discipline are clearly communicated and support a sense of belonging for children and families.

All children need to feel that school is a safe place.

How parents and carers can help

Parents and carers can work with school staff to help create a bridge between home and school. When the adults responsible for children take a positive interest in what happens at school it helps children feel at home. It also makes it easier to pick up any problems early when they are easiest to resolve.

- Find out about the school and what your child is learning; participate in information sessions.
- Make time to listen to your child tell you about what he or she is doing at school.
- Let your child’s teacher know if he/she is having difficulties and discuss what kinds of things you can do at home and school to help.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au
ST JOHN’S NETBALL CLUB

We are asking for any interest from students who would like to play netball with the St John’s Netball Club.

We are looking to increase the number of teams therefore boys and girls are welcome. Children in Grade 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to develop their skills.

Hopefully we will begin in either Term 2 or 3 however there are some places available now in the Grade 4 team on a Saturday.

Competitions are on Saturday mornings and Tuesdays after school.

Please let me know your interest by email at juliethorn99@hotmail.com or on 0419564622.

Next PIC Meeting - Tuesday, February 10 at 7.30pm - OSHClub

Welcome everyone to the new school year. We are very excited that the PIC has been reformed after an absence of two years. We hope it will be an exciting year and raise lots of money for St John’s which will enhance our children’s learning and enjoyment.

Please note the next meeting will be held in the evening for those who work during the day and as a result are unable to attend the meeting. All parents are welcome as this is an opportunity to assist the school. You do not need to be a member of the PIC core committee to attend.

We especially welcome new families and Prep families to come along. Hope to see you there!

SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book Club
Please return all orders by Tuesday, February 17.
Alternatively, you can place your order using 'LOOP'

BIRTHDAYS

February 4  Ava T 3P
              Joseph V PrepV
February 5  Luca F Prep N
              Max F Prep N
February 6  Alison B 5/6C

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday    Feb 6    Opening School Mass 6pm
Monday & Tuesday Feb 9 & 10 Parent/ Teacher Interviews
Tuesday    Feb 10    PIC Meeting 7.30pm
Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a fantastic break and enjoyable holidays and are ready to start the new year at school! I’d like to start off by reminding everyone that as it is Term 1, it’s time to slip, slop, slap! We require all children to have a hat with them at the program if they wish to play outside and we will provide them with sunscreen. If your child is allergic to a particular type of sunscreen, please let me know!

Last Friday we had our first day back to school and although the group was small, we still had a heap of fun! We cooked chocolate chip cookies (which were delicious!) and had a dress up activity where the children dressed up and acted out their roles.

If your child/ren are absent from school or other arrangements are made for them, please let us know that they will not be attending afterschool care. On the day, bookings or cancelations must be made with a phone call or text to the program number 0401 333 932. You will not be able to make bookings or cancelations online 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. ☺️

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**Parent Information**

OSHC program phone: 0401 333 932  
Coordinator: Trent Harkom  
Assistants: Recruiting - Stay Tuned!  
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Dear Parents,

This is one of our favourite events of the year – so we would like to encourage you, and especially our new families, to come along and be a part of this fun morning. The children love seeing you there and it is a wonderful way to meet other parents and form new friendships.

**Ordering pancakes for your child(ren)**
Children can order 1, 2 or 3 pancakes with the option of having them with lemon and sugar, strawberry jam or maple syrup. This will take place between 10am and 12pm in the Hall. Pancakes are $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00.

**AS PER LAST YEAR, ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY TO PROJECT COMPASSION, CARITAS AUSTRALIA.**

If your child has special dietary requirements, please contact Joanne Newell who will work with you in ensuring your individual child's needs are met with their pancakes.

If your child would like to participate, please fill in the slip below and place it in an envelope (labelled as 'Pancake Tuesday') with your money to your child's classroom by Friday 13th February.

**We need volunteers to cook and/or serve pancakes** on the day and would appreciate your time (ideally from 9:00am – 1:00pm). 'Cooks' will need a **non-stick Electric frying pan (if possible)**, a plastic jug, a spatula for 'flipping' and an apron. 'Serving staff' will need to bring along an apron. Should you have any questions about the morning, please contact Joanne Newell on 0410698889

Thank you for your support!

**Pancake Tuesday Team**

Please complete and return this form to your classroom by Friday 13th February

Name of Child ___________________________ Grade ___________________________

Number of Pancakes **(please tick one)**

- [ ] 1 pancake ($1)
- [ ] 2 pancakes ($2)
- [ ] 3 pancakes ($2 – 3rd pancake free)

Money Enclosed $ __________

**PARENT HELPERS:**

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- [ ] Yes, I am available to help on the day – please circle: 'Cook' / 'Serving Staff'  
  (Unfortunately, due to safety reasons, parents are unable to bring pre-school/ younger siblings to this specific event)

- [ ] No, I'm not available to help on the day

- [ ] Yes, I can supply an Electric non-stick frypan for use on the day (if you're not cooking/serving at this event, can you please bring your frypan to the Front Office on Monday 16th – it will then be cleaned and available for pick it up from the Front Office on Tuesday 17th in the late afternoon)
In last week’s Gospel reading, Jesus started his preaching ministry. His message was simple: the kingdom of God is near, repent and believe the Good News. What does the kingdom of God look like? How do we know we are living in this kingdom?

In the book of Genesis we read of the sin of Adam and Eve. The first man and woman, created in the image and likeness of God, are invited to respect God’s authority by obeying his word and not eat of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. Adam and Eve chose to listen to another voice, the voice of evil represented in the serpent. This choice destroyed the relationship between God and humanity.

In today’s first reading, through Moses, God promises his people that he will send them prophets, messengers that speak his word to them, inviting them to follow and obey it. We know that often the people of Israel did not listen to God’s word. Moses’ message reaches its fulfilment in Jesus. Moses foresaw the arrival of a prophet greater than himself. In the book of Exodus, Moses received his instruction from God himself on the mount Sinai; the prophet greater than Moses could only be God himself! This prophecy did indeed come true in Jesus Christ, God made human.

The kingdom of God is near, Jesus tells us. In today’s Gospel passage first we observe Jesus preaching in the synagogue and then freeing a man possessed by the devil. To a large extent these two actions are very closely connected to each other. The kingdom of God is present among us when we listen to God’s word and act on it. The prophets of the Old Testament were messengers from God speaking God’s word; in Jesus Christ we no longer have a messenger, but the Son himself, God’s Word that comes down to meet us and live among us (pitch its tent among us). In his preaching Jesus does not need to quote teachers who came before him, he preaches from his own authority, of his own self, because he is God’s Word.

When God’s word is preached in our midst, when we hear and live God’s word, the evil spirit that causes us to sin and distance ourselves from God is overcome. God’s word exorcises the evil spirits within us and gives us back our freedom to live God’s word; we are no longer possessed, owned, enslaved by sin, but are now free to live in God’s word. Welcoming the kingdom in our midst is not always easy; it does not come without a struggle as we leave behind our actions of sin and turn to face God. Finally, the evil spirit leaves with a loud cry of defeat (in the passion we will read of another loud cry of victory over evil).

In the second reading Paul too speaks of the kingdom of God. He reminds us that our one and true vocation, is to be totally committed to God. Whatever we do in life, our aim is to build our whole life on God’s word; our focus has to be God. As an example, Paul refers to married life: the unmarried person lives out God’s will on his own, the married person reaches God with and through the spouse with whom she or he listens to and obeys God’s word. What is important is that we are always open to God’s Word that speaks with authority within us, inviting us to repent, listen and be faithful to God.

Fr Mario
**ST JOHN’S CATHOLIC PARISH**

52 Yarra Street

HEIDELBERG

**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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**Assistant Priest:** Fr Longinus Onyechesi
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9:30am-3pm, Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri

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**Principal:** Nick Marinelli

**Hall Hire:**
F: 0417972317
5: 9am-5pm (Mon-Fri)

**Weekend Mass times:**
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

**Austin Hospital Mass:**
3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30am.

**Weekday Mass:**
9:15am

**Repatriation Hospital Mass:**
Tuesday only at 12noon

**Rosary:** Monday to Saturday after Mass.

**Praying the Gospels:** Every second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30pm, in the parish house.

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesday night at 7:30pm in the parish house. Info: Sue 9459 8604

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**
Wednesday: 7:30pm - 9:00pm; Thursday: 9:00am - 11:00am; Friday: 8:00am - 9:00am

**Reconciliation:**
Saturday at 9:45am & 5:30pm

**Baptism:** On 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.

**Parish Pilgrim statue of Mary:** In order to have the statue of Mary in your home for one week please contact Marj McBroome 9440 8885.

**If a priest is urgently needed and Fr Mario is not available, please contact Fr Wayne Edwards at West Heidelberg Parish on 9457 5794.**

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31st Jan / 1st Feb 2015 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Dear parishioners, visitors and friends,

In very brief strokes, Mark paints us a picture of Jesus’ ministry. In last week’s gospel passage we heard that Jesus’ message was simple: the kingdom of God is here, repent and believe in the Good News. Today’s gospel passage tells us what to look for in this kingdom.

In the creation story, in the book of Genesis, we are told that Adam and Eve preferred to listen to the evil spirit rather than to God’s word, destroying the relationship between God and humanity. Throughout the history of the Old Testament God who continuously tries to rebuild the bridge between humanity and himself, sends prophets who speak God’s Word to the people of Israel, as we can see from the first reading.

With the birth of Jesus, it is no longer prophets who speak God’s word but the Word itself who speaks to humanity. God has no longer any need of messengers; he speaks to us directly, reclaiming humanity for God. Jesus, the Word, speaks with authority chasing out the evil spirit from the one who is possessed; God’s Word is mightier than the spirit of evil in the world. When Jesus speaks, it is God’s own Word that is once more being spoken to humanity.

In this new kingdom of God Jesus restores humanity to its original state by enlightening it with God’s Word and by releasing it from sin, doing this by his own authority.

Let us pray that we continue listening to this Word in our own life deepening our faith relationship with God.

Fr Mario

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**Making Connections**

*Illness is frequently used in the Gospels as a symbol of the state in which all human beings find themselves. Spiritually, all of us are somehow afflicted. The healing of the sick and afflicted is a sign of how Jesus can liberate people from all that burdens them. This is not to suggest that suffering will magically disappear, but that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

Jesus challenged the evil that oppressed people in his time. This week, speak out, publicly or privately, against oppression or an evil in our world. Become part of lifting the burden from others.

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**Please Remember in your prayers**

**The Sick:** Doreen Booth, Adrian & Bernice Clifford, Geraldine Gannon, Stephen Marsh, Jason Marsi, MJ McCann, Kelvin McNaughton, Adam Piaia, Nick Snow, Paul Sullivan, Elizabeth Vardon & Bev Wales.

**Anniversaries:** Giovanni Moro, Frank Connelly, Marj Treacy.

**Recently Deceased:** Breda Foley.

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.
Rosters for the weekend: 31 January / 01 February

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Rosters for the weekend: 07 / 08 February

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Counters: 01 February - Jim Cross, Des O’Brien, Peter Peyton
08 February - Jan McGrath, Vin Sier, Garry Sproules

Collection Weekly Average for December

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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.

Australia Day Celebration: Parish Picnic this Sunday. Cricket match and sausage sizzle, bvo drinks, in the school oval after the 10:30am Mass. All welcome.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple is celebrated by the Church on the 2nd of Feb. This is a good opportunity for us to bless and thank God for children in our parish community. We will celebrate this feast and pray a prayer of blessing on our children during all the weekend Masses of the 8th and 9th of Feb.

Sacrament Reconciliation: for children in other schools, lessons start on 3rd February. For information please contact Sr Loreto on 9457066.

2015 Synod on the Family: Following the recent Synod on the family, Pope Francis and the Bishops’ Synod are again seeking input ahead of their 2015 meeting. In response to feedback during the previous process, a simplified questionnaire has been developed for our local Church. The survey can be found at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/Synod2015. A simple guide with the questions is available from the Life, Marriage and Family Office website at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily. Hard copies are also available in the church porch. Any questions about the process can be directed to the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5579.

Pilgrimage: Departing 13th June returning 27th June 2015. Cost: $5,230. Itinerary: Barcelona, Monserrat, Zaragoza, Garabandal, Loyola, Lourdes, Avignon, Ars, Paray le Monial and Paris; extensions are possible. For details contact Trish or Francis Seymon on 9459 7413 or email fsseymon@hotmail.com. Bookings are closing so if you are interested, please ring without delay.

Day Trip to the Sandstone Sculpture Exhibition

Outing to Frankston Sand Sculptures: 19th Feb departing 9am and returning 5pm. Pick up points: Sacred Heart Clifton Gve Preston and St Pius’ Altona St West Heidelberg. Includes: complimentary morning tea stop on the way, guided tour of the sculptures, time to browse and a buffet lunch at the ‘all you can eat’ Food Park Restaurant Frankston; $45 all included. Contact Margaret Fyffe: 9484 1372 or Pauline O’Day: 9484 2445. Payment due 8th February.

“The Way” Prayer Group has a new home! All welcome to join on Thursday evenings at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry St, Eltham at 8pm for a varied program focusing on spiritual growth. Please contact Emilia 9435 7475, Rose 9434 3962 or Sandra 9434 7553 for details.

Heidecare meeting: Monday 2nd February at 7.30pm in the parish house meeting room, entrance via back door. All welcome.

We congratulate two parishioners, Marie Sheahan and Elaine Sproules, who have been rewarded a Jagajaga Community Australia Day Award for 20 years of service as Heidecare volunteers. Thank you, congratulations and well done!

Lectio Divina during Lent: As we journey through Lent to Easter, two sessions of Lectio Divina will be offered in our parish: Mondays at 7:30pm and Fridays at 10:00am starting on the 16th of February. 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. All are welcome to join.

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, parishioners are invited to return any of last year’s blessed palms / greenery. These palms will be burnt and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday. A labelled box for collection will be placed at the entrance to the church.

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.

Christian Singles invite you to an exciting and enjoyable Valentines Dinner with get to know you activities like speed dating (optional). Have a good time with DJ, delicious food & prizes. Singles’ theme Christian dating. On 14th Feb night venue in Burwood to book visit http://www.trybooking.com/GUDH or email: geraldine34@gmail.com

Free Individual Counselling: Contact Julie Jensen on 0411 241 005.

Understanding change, loss and grief: small group seminars are being held at St John’s Parish House, designed for people with an interest in learning about grief, its potential triggers and impacts, and strategies for managing and moving forward. Seminars on: Thursday 5 and 19 February. Seminars run from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Seminars will be free (a charge of $20 including a workbook is normally charged for these seminars.) Numbers limited.

Please contact Julie Jensen on 0411 241 005 or julie.jensen@optusnet.com.au.
St John's Catholic Parish  
52 Yarra Street, Heidelberg Vic 3084  
2015 YEAR PLANNER

January  
01 Feast of Mary Mother of God – (Thursday); Mass at 10.30 am  
26 Australia Day (Monday)  
28 Start of school year

February  
01 Australia Day celebrations (Sunday): parish picnic & cricket match  
06 Beginning of the school year Mass at 6.00pm  
18 Ash Wednesday - start of Lent - day of fasting and abstinence; Masses at 9.15am, 12noon, 7.30pm

March  
17 St Patrick’s Day  
26 Mass of Anointing of the Sick, (Thursday) 11.00 am  
26 First Reconciliation other schools; (one session) (Thursday) 4.30 pm  
27 End of school term one  
29 Palm Sunday  
30 Reconciliation – second rite (Monday) 7.30pm

April  
02 Holy Thursday  
03 Good Friday – day of fasting and abstinence  
05 Easter Sunday  
13 School term two starts  
25 Anzac Day (Saturday)

May  
10 Mothers’ Day  
15 St John’s Primary School grade prep applications for 2016 close  
24 Pentecost Sunday  
25 Our Lady Help of Christians - patron saint of Australia

June  
14 Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick’s Cathedral for children from all parish schools  
21 Parish Luncheon for 2015  
26 End of school term two

July  
13 School term three starts

August  
06 & 13 First Reconciliation St John’s Primary School (two sessions) (Thursday) 7.30 pm  
08 Feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop  
15 Assumption of Our Lady - holy day of obligation (Saturday)  
27 Mass of Anointing of the Sick, (Thursday) 11.00 am  
29 First Eucharist for children from all parish schools (one session) (Saturday) 11.00am

September  
06 Fathers’ Day  
18 End of school term three

October  
05 School term four starts

November  
12 Helpers’ thanksgiving Mass and supper – (Thursday) 7.30 pm  
29 First Sunday of Advent

December  
03 Mass of Anointing of the Sick, 11.00 am  
04 St John’s Feast Day at the parish primary school  
04 Bereavement Mass for parishioners and friends who lost a relative in the past 12 months – (Friday) 7.30 pm  
08 Parish Carols Night, hosted by St John’s Primary School; 6:00 byo picnic, 7.30 carols  
14 Grade 6 graduation Mass  
16 St John’s Primary School end of the year Mass; 12.00 noon  
18 Reconciliation – second rite (community preparation and individual confession) (Friday) 7.30 pm  
25 Christmas Day (Friday)  
27 St John the Evangelist – parish feast day  
31 New Year’s Eve: Mass 6:00pm
St. John’s Catholic Playgroup

Looking to meet other families from the parish & school with similar preschool aged (0-5yrs) children?

St. John’s Catholic Playgroup (SJC Playgroup), is a very casually run playgroup that has an inclusive approach, with the aim of having fun and is available to the St. John’s Catholic Parish and Primary School Community.

**When:**  Monday mornings from 9.15am to 11.00am,  during school term (commencing Term 1, 2015)

**Where:**  St. John’s Parish Hall

**Costs:**

- **Fee 1 -**  Playgroup Victoria Membership: $35.00 per family  (includes compulsory insurance)

- **PLUS...**

- **Fee 2 -**  SJC Parish Playgroup: $40.00 annual fee (per family)

**Further information:**  Contact Vanessa Javier sjcplaygroup@gmail.com or feel free to drop by the hall one Monday morning and meet our friendly group.
TENNIS COACHING
Coaching by a professionally qualified tennis coach is available before school. I have been coaching at St John’s for approximately 15 years and at other locations for 20 years. I am also available for coaching at courts in Preston. Classes commence at St John’s at 8.10am and finish in time for school.

Please contact Adrian Barry on 0413 724 196

ST JOHN’S PS UNIFORM FOR SALE
Everything in very good condition - two of everything available
Summer Dresses Size 12
Pullover Size 12
Winter Uniforms - Size 8 (but still fit in Grade 5)
(includes light blue skivvy - free)
Sport Windcheaters Size 12
Maroon Sport Shorts Size 12
School Hats - L
School Bags

Please Call Maria on 0400 854 029

Want to play basketball?
Basketball is a great introduction to team sports for kids from 7 years up.
If you would like to join the Ivanhoe Knights Basketball Club and play next season you need to register by 16 August 2014.
Summer Season runs over the final school term of the year and the first term of the following year. Competition games are held on Saturdays.
To register for the 2014-15 Summer Season you need to attend our Registration Day.
- **When:** Saturday, 16 August 2014
- **Time:** 10 am to 4 pm
- **Where:** Space Centre, Ivanhoe East Primary School, Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East.
The cost is $115 for those who register on 16 August, plus uniform costs.
For further information go to: [www.ivanhoeknights.org](http://www.ivanhoeknights.org)
YEAR 7 2016 ENROLMENTS AT MARCELLIN COLLEGE
Applications for Year 7 2016 and beyond are now being accepted. Please note it is the responsibility of each family to submit an application form, including families who currently have sons enrolled at Marcellin. Applications will not be submitted by the primary school.

The closing date for Year 7 2016 applications is Friday 27 February 2015.
A Parent Information Evening for Year 7 in 2016 will be held on
Tuesday 17 February at 7.00pm

Please contact the College Registrar on 9851 1589 to obtain an Enrolment Application Form or visit www.marcellin.vic.edu.au

Banyule City Bulls Soccer Club
Free Soccer Clinic
When: Every Monday Night
Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Where: Yallambie Football Ground.
Kardinia Drive, Yallambie
Cost: Free

All Children aged 5-8 welcome
Register now at: www.banyulecitysc.org.au
## 2015 Calendar
### Term 1
Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} January - Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} March

### JANUARY

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<td>Staff Professional Development</td>
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<td>Students begin school 8.45 a.m. - 3.20p.m  Preps 8.45am - 12.30pm PIC morning tea for Prep parents Yr 5/6 Inter school sport</td>
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<td>Ballroom dancing lessons commence (Prep, Year 1/2)</td>
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<td>Palm Sunday celebration-12.00</td>
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**Sunday March 29** | **Palm Sunday**

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