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MASS TIMES

Sundays Saturday Vigil 7pm Sunday 9am & 10.30am

 [Exodus Community, 12 Noon at the Community Centre, 21 Alamein Rd

Weekdays 9am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY After 9am Mass on Saturday mornings

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER 8.30am – 4pm on school days only

St Pius X Catholic Church Heidelberg West actively works to listen to, empower and protect children, and has zero tolerance for child abuse and neglect.

**2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

The Church Piety Shop is now selling the beautiful 2021 Columban Calendars.

They are only $10 and proceeds help the Columban Mission.

**OPENING UP FOR MASS - WHERE, WHEN AND HOW!**

Under the revised COVID 19 restrictions, we are permitted to celebrate Mass **OUTDOORS** with only **FIVE** people and one Priest present.

**WHEN & WHERE?**

Saturday 7pm, Sunday 9am and Sunday 11am. Masses will be held in the schoolyard under the shade cloth. Please enter via the gate to the left of the Church entrance.

**HOW?**

**Those wishing to attend any Mass must call 94575794 to book in and register their contact details. Those attending Mass must wear a facemask at all times except when receiving communion and use the sanitizer provided.**

The **PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED** all communication should be via phone (03)94575794 or email STPIUSVIC@BIGPOND.COM

Stay up to date with our Parish News on our **PARISH WEBSITE** [**www.pol.org.au/heidelbergwest**](http://www.pol.org.au/heidelbergwest)

***RECONCILIATION IS NOW AVAIABLE AFTER SATURDAY’S 9AM MASS***

**Please call 94575794 to book and register your contact details.**

**RETURN OF WEEKDAY MASS FOR ST PIUS X PARISHIONERS ONLY**

Tuesday to Saturday @ 9am, **OUTDOORS**, **FIVE** people only, plus Father.

**Please call 94575794 to book and register your contact details.**

***Fr Wayne,***

The Wedding Feast

Feasts and banquets are the context for the first reading from Isaiah and The Gospel of Matthew. Isaiah situates the reader on a mountain where the Lord will provide food in plenty and suffering will cease to exist. From Matthew another parable of Jesus’ the Kingdom of Heaven is like… This story is about a King who wishes to invite his peers to his son’s wedding. Those who receive an invite are too busy, they have other appointments. Some RSVP their inability to come while others don’t even bother to answer. To those who don’t answer he sends his servants but his servants are harshly dealt with. The wedding does not seem as important as what they have to do. However it is a sleight to the King and dishonours him and he punishes and destroys those who cannot be bothered. To his servants he tells them to go and find and invite others to the wedding. The King comes across as very harsh in his dealings with those who didn’t come then seemed a bit tough on the man who came but was not dressed properly and while the writing might be exaggerated it has something to say about the importance of invitation and one’s acceptance. It takes on added meaning when we unwrap the story replacing the characters with the reality. God of course is the King; the Son is Jesus Christ; those who turn down the invitation the Chief priests and elders; servants the messengers / prophets of the Lord; those who initially not invited, they come filling the hall. No longer the gathering of a chosen people. It is the place where God takes possession of all peoples, Jew and Gentile alike. God’s invitation is given freely and how we respond is to be with a free response. If our response is yes but we behave like bystanders then have we really changed ready for what God wants for me? Like the man at the wedding who was not suitably dressed. Am I half-hearted about my faith? God offers us a relationship with Him but He doesn’t coerce. The banquet stands for the fullness of life to which God is calling us. It is a call to intimacy with Him and a call to community with others.

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| **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND** |
| Presbytery $805.00 | Loose$ | Thanksgiving $1410.00 |

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**

**If you would like to collect your 2020-2021 Thanksgiving Envelopes, they are available at the Parish House.**

**DAILY GOSPEL & REFLECTIONS VISIT pray.com.au**

**DAILY MASS ON DEMAND VISIT** **melbournecatholic.org.au/mass**

***Prayers for the Sick***; Alan Crabbe, Pauline Lambert, Will Anderson, Josephine Fenech, Leo Fenech, Ronald Gale, Juan Sanhueza

***For the Recently Departed****; for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed*

***Anniversary of Death***; Maureen & Pat Elvey, Denise Catherine, Margaret Coyne

**TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

<https://360.tspvic.com.au/spx3081>