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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.

**COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLES 2020** (Permit No. 10722/19)

**WINNING TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN 26 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**PUBLICATION OF WINNERS DATE:  30 SEPTEMBER 2020. GOOD LUCK!**

**STAGE FOUR RESTRICTIONS!**

 All Churches **ARE CLOSED FOR MASS** and private prayer. Therefore, there are **NO MASSES within the Parish.**

 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) or our Facebook page **ST PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

Many thanks to those who have continued to support the work of our local Vinnies through donations of groceries, non-perishable food items etc. Your donations will be distributed to needy families in the area by our local St Vincent De Paul Society conference. Winter woolies will also be accepted; scarves, socks, gloves, jumpers, blankets. Donations can be dropped at the Parish House for the next six weeks while the Church is in lockdown.

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

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



***Fr Wayne,***

Forgivness of God.

God’s forgiveness is boundless and unconditional. He does not want to lose us. His plan is that we all be saved. Why would He have created us otherwise? Jesus makes it clear that if we want God to forgive then we must forgive others. It is hard to forgive. It is lovely to be forgiven. We always begin Mass by asking forgiveness for our sins and should ask for the grace to forgive those who sin against us. However, we cannot win God’s forgiveness. All we can do is plead for His mercy. We could not right the wrongs by our own efforts. We were forgiven by Jesus’ selfless giving of self. While we were forgiven once and for all there are times when we abuse the freedoms we have been given, and fail to make good choices. We need to return to the Lord and to be sorry. We trust that He will forgive us as long as we are able to forgive others. How can we expect to be forgiven if we cannot forgive another? As followers of Jesus, there is no choice but to forgive no matter how hard it might be. Sometimes we wait for the conditions to be right to forgive. Perhaps I need my pound of flesh before I will forgive. It is hard to forgive; if it were easy then it would not hold the same value. In The Sermon on the Mount, Jesus advocated no vengeance but to pass on the unconditional love of the Father. Perhaps not forgiving is the greatest vengeance of all and unhealthy for those who find it hard to forgive. In God’s ways He does not want vengeance, He wants justice, which means healing, putting things right, making people whole and holy. The Kingdom may be compared to… The servant who has no way of paying His master, the master forgives the debt. Was not the servant duty bound to forgive His fellow servant? We are the servants who cannot repay God who forgives our debt. We must now forgive others. There is no end of forgiveness in the Kingdom of Heaven. A person who does not forgive has never really experienced God’s forgiveness. God’s great forgiveness is incomparable to our miserly forgiveness. Forgive another and the forgiveness of God may enter.

****St Pius X Catholic Church is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

Find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday)

***Prayers for the Sick***; Alan Crabbe, Pauline Lambert, Will Anderson,

Anne Strachan

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

***Anniversary of Death***; Louis Catherine, Kevin Steane, Mary Bongailas,

Ang Ai Lian

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

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