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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.



**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH 3rd WEEK**

As 2 purple candles (**HOPE** and **PEACE**) and one rose to symbolise **JOY** are lit, we join in saying,

**‘O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at your Command, come and show us the way to salvation.’**

**Mass for the Healing & Anointing of the Sick**

11am on *Tuesday, 15 December (****no 9am Mass****)*

**Reconciliation Service**

**7.30pm on *Thursday, 17 December***

Fr Wayne will be available after the service for confessions

**Christmas Eve Thursday, 24 December**

**6pm** Family Mass

**12am** Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

**10am Mass on Friday, 25 December**

**New Year’s Day**

**10am Mass on Friday, 1 January 2019**

**Solemnity Mary Mother of God**

***Prayers for the Sick***; Alan Crabbe, Pauline Lambert, Will Anderson, Josephine Fenech, Leo Fenech, Ronald Gale, Norma Gale, Di DeBrincat

***For the Recently Departed****; Victoria Xureb*

***Anniversary of Death***; Dominic Cotroneo, Phillippe Catherine, Bob Lennox

*Reflection:*

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus  for you.”  – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship.  “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need.  “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day.  “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God.  Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16: 25-27; Lk 1: 26-38

We welcome **Jonah Steven Cadd and Samantha Blythe Bedania** into the faith community of St Pius X Parish this weekend. We welcome family, relatives and friends who have come to share in this special occasion

**MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL**

Thank you for your support which has, over the years, made it possible to fund many projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan, Palestine and the many Islands in the Pacific. Some $200,000 has been provided in clean water, health, education and improved living stands to people who would not otherwise have had this opportunity over the last year. This is especially in the areas of MOM activity, where the effect of the pandemic has been devastating. *Please visit* [*https://mom.org.au*](https://mom-org-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1ofQ46W53KbSTe1908jpd39bmWh6N-ZDrfukdjIMBfq4-0&key=YAMMID-92042273&link=https%3A%2F%2Fmom.org.au) *for more information or to donate*

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**

2020-2021 Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection in the Church Foyer. We thank you for your generosity.

![C:\Users\Parish\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\HZIJCO69\12614-illustration-of-a-decorated-christmas-tree-pv[1].png]()**ST PIUS X GIVING TREE TO SUPPORT ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Please support our Giving Tree again this year, which assists St Vincent de Paul here in Heidelberg West. You are invited to take home a card/decoration from the tree, and purchase non-perishable goods for hampers for those in need in our local area. New toys for children are also welcome!

**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.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Christmas cards are available for purchase in the Church foyer. $2.95 for a packet of eight beautiful cards.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS**

Tickets are on sale at all Masses for $.50 a ticket.

Thank you for support!