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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 Coin,

For the past number of weeks we have read the parables of Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel. Jesus has been on the front foot. This week there are those who seek to bring about Jesus’ demise. They are out to trick Him, to trip Him up and they use the subject of taxes to do so. It is obvious that they haven’t listened or understood that the parables over the last weeks were about them, the offending characters and barriers to the Kingdom of God. Other wise they would not now be trying to bring Him down. They ask Jesus is it lawful to pay taxes. If Jesus says it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar (Rome’s ruler), He is seen as a traitor to the Jewish religion. If He says it is unlawful, then He could be denounced as inciting rebellion against Rome. The Chief priests and elders think they have Him trapped in a no-win situation. Jesus is too smart for them. He asks them for a coin, a denarius, and asks them who’s face is on the coin. It is Caesar’s face they reply. He answers them by saying ‘then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and what is God’s give to God’. Jesus sees no contradiction in abiding by the laws of the land - its rights and responsibilities - and obedience to God. To the state (the elected government) as citizens we pay taxes for the benefits we receive: law and order, public services, welfare. As Christians we respect and abide by our responsibilities to the state. As Christians we are also citizens of the Kingdom of God. Christians are called to succeed in their duty to God and to their fellow men and women. Sometimes we are called to speak up for the rights of others who feel they don’t have a voice; or work to bring about change; to change unjust laws, to help create laws that are of benefit to all . To be in the world he or she is God’s servant and Caesar’s too. However our first and deepest loyalty is to God. There are so many little Caesars vying for a piece of our conscience. The world can be very confusing at times and very demanding. How do I navigate what is good and right for myself and others. Am I a good citizen by participating in the world, exercising my rights and responsibilities? Am I a Christian in the world, do I actively share in bringing about God’s Kingdom? God expects both.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

This year’s Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the important work of the Church in Cambodia, which aims to reach out to those who have been affected by disability, and give them hope and support to live a fulfilling life. Today, in the midst of this Extraordinary Missionary Month celebration, your one-off gift is very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

**Freecall: 1800257296 catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia**

**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***; Mary-Anne Stewart, Fr Jim Scannell, Margaret Dixon, Brian Bourne