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MASS TIMES

Sundays Saturday Vigil 7pm Sunday 9am & 11.00am

 Exodus Community, 12 Noon in the shed at 273 Liberty Pde, Heidelberg West

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

PARISH WEBSITE - pol.org.au/heidelbergwest

*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*.

 PLEASE LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN WHILE MASS IS IN PROGRESS

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023. Services will be held at 9.00am & 7.00pm.

 It is a day of fast and abstinence from meat.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place every Friday, starting 24 February at 7.00pm in the Church; following March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Easter Sunday** **is on 9 April 2023**

***Reflection:*** *“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you…”MATTHEW 5:44*

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy. “When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

**Next Sunday**: February 26th

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|  | **Reader** | **Special Ministers** |
| Saturday 7:00pm | Teresa Daws |   |
| Sunday 9:00am | Br Barry Lamb |  |
| Sunday 11:00am | Jennifer Lim  |  |

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READING – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7: Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17: Rom 5:12-19: Mt 4:1-11

**SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKES**

Pancakes will be served in the Parish House after 9am Mass Tuesday 21st February (Pancake Tuesday). Please join us. All Welcome!

**SENIORS GET TOGETHER – MARCH**

***All seniors (over 55) are more than welcome to join us at our monthly gatherings***. Our March outing is another road trip to a nursery & café on Wednesday March 15. More details to follow.

**PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY**

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and ***For All Future Generations****.* With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available in the church foyer, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023**

**World Day of Prayer local services will be held Friday, March 3.** This year, Christians around the globe will be praying for Taiwan and the theme is **‘I have** **heard about your faith’** The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. **You can attend: St Pius X Catholic Church @ 10.30am or Ivanhoe Baptist Church, 1 Livingstone St, Ivanhoe @ 1.30pm.**

**ST PIUS X EASTER FAIR**

***Sunday 26th March 8.30am – 2.00pm***. If you would like to be a stall holder and promote your goods i.e. Art, Craft, Plants, Baked Goods (labelled with ingredients), or provide an activity for children, please contact Junia 9457 5794.

**PASTORAL CARE APPEAL (CHAPLAINCY)**

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

**LENT 2023 MCKINNEY LECTURE**

****A public lecture sponsored by Banyule Churches Together featuring Brother Peter Bray FSC Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University. Thursday 23 February, 7.30pm at the Cunningham Centre (opposite St Bernadette’s School) 53 Stanley St Ivanhoe. The theme of this year’s lecture is: ***Standing in Solidarity with the suffering and injustice of the Palestinian People.*** For furtherinformation please refer to the poster in the Church foyer or contact Bill Edebohls 0427 879 733 or***bill.edebohls@cam.org.au***

***Prayers for the Sick***: Italo Di Giovne

***For the recently departed:*** *Pauline Curlis*

***Anniversary of Death***:John Rose