###### *St Pius X Catholic Parish Heidelberg West acknowledges the Wurundjeri people*.

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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)

Please return raffle ticket books to the Parish office ASAP.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**

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

I urge those who are not part of our Thanksgiving program to consider regularly contributing to the upkeep and future needs and projects of St Pius X through financial stewardship and commitment.

**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.

***Reflection:*** *“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field…He who sows good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.”* *(Matthew 13:24, 37-38)*

As children of God, we are all “good seeds.” God blesses us with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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

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

***Fr Wayne*,**

Weeds among the Wheat.

Three parables in the Gospel this weekend. I found a lovely definition of the parable and why Jesus told stories through parable. ‘There are no words invented by human culture and history to speak of the mystery of God. The best place for such explanation is the reflected glory of God in His creation. Thus Jesus points to the world about Him, to the experience of being in the real world of day-to-day events so that He might tell stories which both catch the imagination of the listeners and lead them close to understanding the One who sent Him.’ The parable of the weed in the midst of the wheat can be applied as much to our personal lives as to the church. We are mysterious mixtures of divine, human, of grace and free will, of divine seed, and human soil. We are good but flawed at the same time. We go to church, not because we are saints, but because we are sinners, sinners who know that we are sinners, but who are willing to strive for something better. The church would no longer be a home for us if it were perfect. Both crops – the wheat and weed – grow together. God is patient with us, and lenient in His judgements. Only at the final gathering is the separation to be made. The parables of the mustard seed and yeast tell of an inevitable growth from something small and insignificant. As the secular world takes a tighter grip on the way people think and act, we might wonder if there is still space for the Kingdom of God. God saw our potential; He sent His Son Jesus to remind us. We must not fear. Jesus Himself tells us to go on growing confidently in the midst of human ambiguity and uncertainty, trusting that it is our God who will finally reap an abundant crop.

**PLEASE NOTE HOW STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS EFFECT YOU & YOUR PARISH!**

 All Churches **ARE CLOSED FOR MASS** and private prayer.

 Therefore there are **NO MASSES within the Parish.**

 The **PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN**

Please direct any enquiry (whether it be about pastoral care, ongoing sacramental ministry to the sick, administration, or any other matter relating to our Parish) to our Parish Office 94575794 or by emailing [stpiusvic@bigpond.com](mailto:stpiusvic@bigpond.com)

### A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has recorded a message for the faithful, encouraging us to continue to pray for and support one another during this difficult time. Despite the challenges of returning to stage 3 restrictions, Archbishop Comensoli says he's been encouraged by 'light in the midst of darkness' – such as the work done by the Flemington Kensington Parish to support locals affected by the hard lockdown of apartment towers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBGkihcCE-c&feature=youtu.be>

***Prayers for the Sick***; Josephine Fenech, Leo Fenech, Shane Sheeba,

Ronald Gale, Pauline Lambert, Alan Crabbe, Steven Morrissey

***For the Recently Departed****; Pat Slattery*

***Anniversary of Death***; Denise Catherine, Lois Medley, Raymond Keays,