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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 by 7th August 2020

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**

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

**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**

**NEXT WEEKEND IS THE CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY APPEAL**

As our parish’s social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community. Please donate to CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help break barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities to live life to the full.

**You can donate online at www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal or call (03) 9287 5513.**

***Fr Wayne*,**

Miracle of Loaves and Fishes.

Jesus needed to grieve the death of John the Baptist and yet the needs of others compelled Him to address their needs rather than His own. This is the setting for the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. His concern for the people is not entirely shared by His disciples. After being with the crowd instructing and healing many (Liturgy of the Word), the day is drawing to a close. Jesus’ disciples want to send the people home or at least to nearby villages to get some food for themselves. It may be safe to presume that the disciples are tired or felt they had little or nothing to offer. Are we at times like the disciples who feel we have nothing to give? Are we overwhelmed by the task? However, Jesus tells His disciples to give the people something to eat. He had been unable to take the disciples into a lonely place to instruct them, but He will instruct them by calling them to a broken and needy people. The disciples can only reply in terms of the poverty of their possessions: ‘All we have with us is five loaves and two fish’. However, Jesus asks them to come to Him with the little they have (Offertory within the Mass). He accepts their poverty, blesses it (He gives thanks to His Father) and breaks giving it back to them changed but different, transformed (consecrated). Jesus Himself then commands His disciples to distribute the loaves and fishes to the crowd. Jesus has healed and nourished. Yet it is not only Jesus who is involved in the task. He has intimately associated His disciples, and thus those of us who form the Church today, with His Life-giving mission. We are commanded to feed those in need. Jesus takes what little we have to offer, blesses it, and gives it back to us so that we might bring fullness to those lives we touch. The miracle involved a lot more than giving food to people. It expresses the care and love of God for His people.

**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

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| **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND** |
| Presbytery $1130.00 | Loose$0.0 | Thanksgiving $1495.00 |

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

Ronald Gale, Pauline Lambert, Alan Crabbe, Steven Morrissey, Juan Sanhueza, Des Patterson

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

***Anniversary of Death***; Peggy Burton, Horace Burton, Peter Burton,

Marie Burton, John Pandelis, Jack Opie, Rina Severo, Marcello Pasqualini, Christopher Hansen