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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

**SAINTS/FEAST DAYS FOR THE WEEK**

* *Monday 28 – St Augustine*
* *Tuesday 29 – The Passion of St John the Baptist*

***Reflection*** *“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?”-Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.

**Next Sunday**: September 3

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|  | **Reader** | **Special Ministers** |
| Saturday 7:00pm | Phoebe Davies |   |
| Sunday 9:00am | Paul Quigley |  |
| Sunday 11:00am | Felicity Paolucci |  |

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READING – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jer 20:7-9: Ps 62:2-6, 8-9: Rom 12:1-2: Mt 16:21-27

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

Inviting parishioners to donate non-perishable food items over the coming weeks. Your donations will be distributed to needy families by the local St Vincent De Paul Society conference. Winter woolies will also be accepted: scarves, socks, gloves, jumpers, blankets. Please place items in basket at foot of sanctuary.

**PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION COLLECTION**

Next Sunday 3rd September is Father’s Day and at all Masses next weekend there will be a special collection to support our retired priests.

**SENIORS GET TOGETHER – SEPTEMBER**

***All seniors (over 55) are more than welcome to join us at our monthly gatherings***. Join us on Wednesday 20th September for a road trip to the Melbourne Botanical Gardens. Seats on the bus are limited so please book yours by calling the Parish office 9457 5794. All Welcome!

**MARY MACKILLOP AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE 17/10 /23 - 28/10/2023**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, “In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop” commencing in Melbourne on 17 October 23, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023.  During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop’s life and ministry. For more information call 8912 4818 or national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday and the title of the Social Justice Statement for 2023-24 is [***Listen, Learn, Love: A new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples***](https://css.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-24-Social-Justice-Statement-Listen-Learn-Love-FINAL96.pdf)**.** It includes experiences and views shared by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) and calls for the Church – and society more widely – to listen to, engage and address the pain of First Nations Peoples in new ways, in order to bring an end to centuries of injustice. **Copies of this year’s statement are available in the church foyer.**

***Prayers for the Sick***: Hannah Steane

***For the recently departed:*** *For the repose of the souls of the faithful departed*

***Anniversary of Death***: Riccardo Calati