######  *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)

**WINNING TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN 26 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**PUBLICATION OF WINNERS DATE:  30 SEPTEMBER 2020. GOOD LUCK!**

**STAGE FOUR RESTRICTIONS!**

 All Churches **ARE CLOSED FOR MASS** and private prayer. Therefore, there are **NO MASSES within the Parish.**

 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) or our Facebook page **ST PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**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.

***Prayers for the Sick***; Josephine Fenech, Leo Fenech, Alan Crabbe,

Pauline Lambert, Will Anderson

***For the Recently Departed****; Alex Farkas*

***Anniversary of Death***; Sebastiano Di Benedetto, Maria Di Benedetto,

Evelyn Stent, Vera Bevilacqua, Felix Scicluna, Sheila Todd

**We do not hear of ships capsizing often, so let us pray for the crew of the Livestock Ship that went down off the coast of Japan.**

***Fr Wayne,***

My Brother’s Keeper. There is a great truth in the adage ‘I am my brother’s keeper’. The God of heaven and earth created us, and to be in relationship with each other. We are called to love each other and to look after one another. When a brother or sister is in need and they need our help. So too when they are found wanting they need fraternal correction. Such is the profound nature and message of the readings today, and particularly the Gospel of Matthew. There is a tendency to look upon the world as my domain and my role in it. While there are great opportunities to shine, to achieve what I want, there are even greater ones in looking out for the other. Certainly, in this part of the world and in countries that have enough food, shelter, and health care do we think about the people who do not have those things. Are we the ‘me’ generation? Jesus is warning us about being selfish; He was warning the people of His time. As a Christian, we are called to consider the other. We need to encourage and extol the good deeds of people. No less we need to warn people when they go astray, when they hurt others and themselves, correcting them when they do. Do we love people enough to do so? This is the love Jesus is talking about and it is a tough love. As St, Paul writes in his letter to the Romans: ‘Love is the only thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.’ Often we confuse freedom with doing what we want when freedom is actually making the choice to do what is right even when it is at odds with what I want. In these trying times of isolation and lockdown there are many people finding innovative ways to stay connected with one another. There are some who want to protest against the lockdowns and restrictions placed on society. They cannot comprehend or are unwilling to believe that if they rally as a group or crowd they run the real risk of putting us all in danger. The police have said that if these protesters do rally then they will be arrested. I do not believe Jesus wants us to be extreme with people who are planning a dangerous path. He offers brotherly advice for both our brothers and sisters. Jesus asks us to be responsible for one another. Genuine love includes sometimes confronting and correcting. In the response to the psalm, we repeat the words: ‘O that today you would listen to His voice. Harden not your hearts.’ God is calling us from the error of our ways and into a closer friendship with Him and with one another.



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