

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Lord, may we the parishioners of Sacred Heart strive to be people of the gospel and prayer. Imprint in our hearts a deep desire for your Word and a love of the Eucharist. Motivate us to be an engaging, welcoming, and supportive community. Help us to be a people of compassion and justice for all.

MASS TIMES

Weekdays 915am Tues -Sat

Weekend Mass Times

915am & 6pm Saturday Vigil
930am Sunday

Confessions

Saturdays 9:45am
**after Jan 25

Adoration:

To Be Confirmed Feb

Baptisms

Last Sunday of the month.
Please contact our office

First Sacraments

Please contact the parish
office or see our website
<https://shkew.org.au>

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HOME WITH YOU**



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donation**

Parish music licence no. A-739406

Kids Corner Answer

A: No, just an apple.
B: It's Christmas, Eve!

NOTICES

Weekday Masses Please note that weekday Mass is back! They resume at 9:15am from Tuesday to Saturday.

Fr Trevor Tibbertsma will be celebrating Mass with us next weekend on Feb 8 Sat Vigil 6pm & Feb 9 Sunday 930am. Please come join us!



If anyone would like to read during Sunday Mass at 9:30am, please reach out to us

FLOWERS NEEDED



We are seeking some flowers please. If you have flowers at home that you would like to donate to make our church look even more spectacular, please contact the parish.
Thank you for your help.

"It is better to give alms than to store up gold. For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin. Those who regularly give alms will enjoy a full life ..." Tobit 12:8b-9

1st Collection— For the running of and upkeep of our parish.
BSB: 083 347 Account #: 682 606 383 Reference: Full name

2nd Collection— For Fr Trevor & Priests of the Archdiocese
BSB: 083 347 Account #: 663 832 561 Reference: Full name

A big thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled **\$1,940.06**, which is a bit below half of our running costs of about 4K per week. Thank you for helping us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running.

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

Presentation of the Lord, 2nd of February 2025



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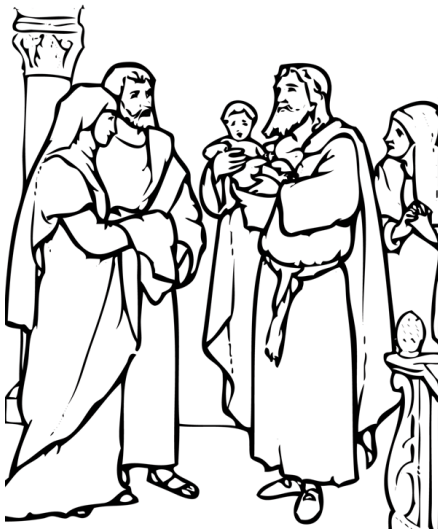
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Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the end of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

The Gospel of Luke tells the story of Jesus being presented in the Temple when He was just a baby. Mary and Joseph took Him to Jerusalem to fulfill a requirement of the Jewish law. This law said that every firstborn son should be offered to God. At the same time, the parents were to make a small sacrifice. For Mary and Joseph, this was an offering of two doves, showing their humility.



In the Temple that day, two holy people, Simeon and Anna, were there. Simeon was a righteous man who had been promised by God that he would see the Messiah before he died. He was waiting and praying for this moment. When he saw Jesus, he took Him in his arms and praised God. He called Jesus a “light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to Israel.” Simeon knew that Jesus was the Saviour sent for all people.

Anna was a prophetess, an elderly widow who spent her days in the Temple, worshipping God through fasting and prayer. She also recognized Jesus as the Messiah. When she saw Him, she began to give thanks to God and spoke about Jesus to everyone around her. Anna’s joy and faith show her love for God and her understanding that Jesus would bring salvation.

Simeon also had a message for Mary. He said that Jesus would be a “sign that would be opposed,” meaning that many people would not accept Him. Simeon also told Mary that a sword would pierce her own soul. This meant that Mary would suffer as she witnessed the struggles and suffering of her Son. This prophecy prepared Mary for the difficult road ahead.

This encounter fulfilled several Old Testament prophecies. In the Old Testament, God promised to send a Saviour to His people. Simeon’s words echo these promises and show that God was faithful. Jesus came not only for the Jewish people but for the whole world. This is why Simeon called Him a light for all nations.

The faith of Simeon and Anna reminds us to watch and wait for God’s work in our lives. They recognized Jesus because they were close to God in prayer and worship. Through them, we see the joy of knowing and serving the Lord, even if it requires patience.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23: 7-10 R v 8

R. Who is this king of Glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R.**

Second reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,

a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.



**Calling all families
with young
children! KIDS
LITURGY is back!**
**Tell all your friends
and family with
young kids to join
us at Sunday Mass
at 9:30am!**

There is a journal to write a
"thank you," note for **Fr Trevor**
at the church entrance. He will
also be saying Mass on **Feb 8**
Sat Vigil 6pm & Feb 9 Sunday
930am. Please come join us! 😊

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Denise de Gruchy, Elizabeth Rossiter

Recently Deceased: Julia Chamberlin,
Margaret Hogan

Anniversaries:

Mass Intentions:

1st 6pm Vigil: All Parishioners

2nd Holy Souls

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

3rd (Mon) St Blaise

5th (Wed) St Agatha

6th (Thurs) St Paul Miki and companions

8th (Sat) Mass of Virgin Mary

Kids Corner: **A** - Did Eve ever have a date with
Adam?

B - What did Adam say on the day before
Christmas?

(Turn Over for Answers)

Morning Mass Will Resume on Tuesday, 4 Feb 2025.
There will be Mass on Tuesday to Saturday at 9:15am!
We are truly Blessed, Alleluia! 😊😊😊

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.