

### 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** 9:15am Tues -Sat

\*Weds 8:30am until 13 Nov

#### Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday Vigil

9.30am Sunday

#### Confessions

Saturday mornings 8:45am  
and 9:45am (after Mass)

Or upon request

#### Adoration:

9:45am-10:45am Fri & Sat  
(church open 8:15-11:30am)

#### 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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#### NOTICES

**Christmas Mass times:** 5:30pm Christmas Eve Family Mass, 8pm Christmas Eve, and 9:30am Christmas Day.

**November souls:** November is the month for praying for the dead. Add names of deceased loved ones to the book. Special envelopes will be out in pews and the foyer for having Masses offered for deceased family & friends and for all the dead. Friday November 22 the 9:15am Mass will be a special memorial Mass.

**Christmas end of year parish dinner:** Please put 7pm Saturday December 14 in your calendars for an end of year social and dinner. This event will be ticketed, with more details to come. We have secured Fermin and his Jazz band!

**Hot Water & New Power circuit.** We are asking for donations toward a new hot water system and power circuit for our Sunday morning teas. Estimated costs are 5K!

**ROSARY GROUP:** A warm welcome to everyone after Mass on Friday mornings to pray the Rosary. In the words of the hymn to Our Lady of Fatima, "We come on bended knee, to beg your intercession for peace and harmony."

St Francis of Assisi said that people "lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve."

**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

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We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled **\$2,399.62**. This is a little over half of our running costs per week of about 4,000. These costs are largely due to interest & loan repayments (5K per month) and insurance (30K per annum). Thank you for helping us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running.

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2024



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**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

## From Fr Trevor

Every year the day after All Saints is All Souls Day. The Saints are those now enjoying heaven, whereas the holy Souls are those first undergoing some purification in purgatory after death in order to fully enjoy heaven. Did you know that our prayers and our sacrifices on earth can help towards the salvation of others, even those who have already died? Since Old Testament times, Jews and Christians have offered prayers for deceased loved ones. Second Maccabees says that:

*"if one were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if one was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and godly thought"* (12:44-45). God is the perfect Judge. We are not wise enough to judge fairly or accurately whether someone is in heaven. We certainly *hope* that our loved ones are in heaven, but this is not the same as judging that they are in heaven for certain – this is not our decision to make. We always trust that God is merciful and wants us to be with Him in heaven – but because we are not the judge, we pray that those who have died may enjoy heaven. This is also a comfort to us because we feel like we are still able to express our love for them.

Catholics have always had Masses offered for deceased loved ones. The Mass is the most powerful prayer we have on earth because it is the perfect offering of the Son to the Father in the communion of the Holy Spirit. It is the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, the perfect sacrifice to the Father which He cannot refuse. The Mass is of infinite value. Our prayers can make a difference and the Mass is the most powerful prayer. Please take an envelope to request a November Mass to be offered. A customary offering is made to the priest who says the Mass (anything from ten dollars), but this is not strictly necessary.

**MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS**  
Please offer Mass for the Family,  
Friends, Relatives and Benefactors of:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,  
that they may be freed from their sins."  
11 Maccabees 12:46*

**November Masses**

## Liturgy of the Word

### First reading

**Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 17(18):2-4, 47,51**

**R.** *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

### Second reading

**Hebrews 7:23-28**

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

## Archbishop Peter's Visit!

**Archbishop Peter Comensoli is coming to visit us on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** He will consecrate our altar during a special Mass. Please join us for this monumental occasion and come and meet the Archbishop of Melbourne!

## Melbourne Cup Day

Come along for our cup afternoon Tuesday November 5 in the presbytery grounds. It will be **BYO** snacks & drinks or a plate to share, & we will put on a BBQ. Come **from 1pm onwards** for the race that stops the nation, no need to RSVP. Enter via the side gate of the house next to the church bathroom block. If you can help, please see me after Mass or email the office. This is a team effort!

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Unwell:** Elizabeth Rossiter, Margaret Hogan, Suraya Higham

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Keith & Aime'e Millership, Ian, Anne and Leo Travers-Ball

### Mass Intentions:

5<sup>th</sup> All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

6<sup>th</sup> Cyril Holmes (Birthday)

7<sup>th</sup> Jim Bennett (Birthday)

8<sup>th</sup> Sisters of St P. Claver (relatives RIP)

9<sup>th</sup> Leanne & Vidu Udaya Fam. (thanksgiving)

6pm Vigil: All parishioners

10<sup>th</sup> M. & L. DeSousa (relatives & friends)

### Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

4<sup>th</sup> (Mon) St Charles Borromeo

9<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Dedication of John Lateran Basilica (feast)

### 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.***