

MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses Times
Tuesday–Thursday 9.15am
Friday No Mass
Saturday 9.15am

Weekend Mass Times:
6.00pm Saturday Evening
9.30 am Sunday Morning

Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9.15am Mass or
by appointment.

Quiet Prayer

Friday 9.45-10.45am
Saturday 9.45-11.45am

Baptisms

Please refer to our website
<https://shkew.org.au>.

Sacramental Programme

Please refer to our website
<https://shkew.org.au>

Weddings

Please contact our office

Funerals

Please contact our office

Music License A-739406

Responsorial Psalm

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
Both now and for ever. **R**

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia x 2
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
You have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia x 2

The Parish has a tap and go facility to help
people contribute to the financial viability of the
parish. These are Located at the entrance of the
church and will be available
during the second collection.



Your Parish: Your Financial Support

1st Collection—

This money is to support Fr John,
Priests of the Archdiocese & Archbishop.
Bank account: BSB: 083 347
Account #: 663 832 561
Reference: Full name

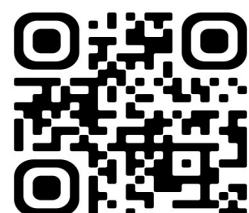
2nd Collection—

This money is used to pay for the running
of and the upkeep of our Parish.
Bank details: BSB: 083 347
Account #: 682 606 383
Reference: Full name

**1st Collection—this money is used to support
Fr John and the priests of the Archdiocese.**

**2nd Collection—this money is used to pay for the
running Costs for the upkeep of our Parish.**

**Thanksgiving for the upkeep of our parish this
week was \$. We need \$2,886.70 per week just to
meet our everyday running cost.**



Sacred Heart Parish, Kew

31st Week in Ordinary Time Year A 5 November 2023



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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.

An Evening of Joyful Conversations and Celebration

Come and join us for a splendid evening of enjoyable fun to round off our
year. Consolidate friendships and acquaintances—make new friends!!
Bring your thoughts on how we're doing and ideas for adding interest to
2024. Above all engage in conversations with our diverse community.
You'll be so glad you came along.

Date: Saturday 18 November

Time: 7-10pm

Venue: Sacred Heart Theatre

Book your seats via Trybooking or by
scanning the QR Code or book with this
link <https://www.trybooking.com/CKJQL>



A wonderful addition to the dinner will be Lin Chen's
dance performances. It will sure to bring excitement
and entertainment to the evening.





Join Our Mission: Embrace Community, Open Hearts, and Rekindle Faith!

We're reaching out to you with open hearts and arms as we embark on a mission to reopen the doors of our cherished church! After recent renovations, we are excited to open our doors and continue to serving our community. To make this dream a reality, we require dedicated volunteers. We are seeking volunteers to join us in opening our doors wider than ever before.

Why volunteer with us?

At our parish, we believe in the power of unity and compassion. By volunteering, you'll be contributing to a welcoming church where people find solace, friendships, and spiritual nourishment. By opening our doors, you'll be opening hearts, minds, and souls.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. **Open the Church doors:** Help us to keep our church open to allow parishioners to come and pray when there is no Mass. You can volunteer for 1 hour or 2 hours.
2. **Event Coordinators:** Help us organize enriching events for our parish. Your ideas and enthusiasm can make a significant difference.
3. **Children's Ministry:** Nurture the next generation by volunteering in our vibrant children's programs. Create a safe, educational, and fun space for young ones to grow spiritually and keep connected.
4. **Maintenance and Decor Team:** Take pride in ensuring our church is always a beautiful, clean, and serene place. Your touch can transform our space into a sanctuary of peace.
5. **Tech and Media Support:** Embrace the digital age by assisting with sound, social media updates, and multimedia presentations.

How to Volunteer:

Joining us is simple! Contact our parish office.

Benefits of Volunteering:

- **Forge Lifelong Friendships:** Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for community service.
- **Deepen Your Spirituality:** Experience the joy of contributing to a meaningful cause and making a difference in people's lives.
- **Make a Lasting Impact:** Witness the positive change your efforts bring to the lives of others. Be part of a community that appreciates your efforts and acknowledges your invaluable contribution.

Let's work hand in hand to keep our church vibrant, and open. Together, we can create an atmosphere where everyone feels cherished, accepted, and valued.

Thank you for considering this heartfelt invitation.

Assistance with Working with Children Card Applications

Ensuring that our volunteers have the necessary clearances is a vital step in maintaining a safe and secure environment for all.

The Safeguarding Committee, Lucy, Tony, and Amanda, will be available to provide assistance for those who need support with their Working with Children Card applications. Come along **after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 19th November, in the church.** Bring along your ID documents (such as passport, drivers licence, Medicare, seniors card).

We appreciate your commitment to this process and the welfare of our community.

Thirty First Sunday of the Year: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12

We all need authority in our lives and these readings can help us get some things right about it and how it should be exercised. Our English word comes from the Latin *auctoritas*-source or origin. An 'auctor' or author begins or originates something. The reason we all need authority is at base very simple: we are not the originators of our lives and generally, we do not end them. As well as this, we have to rely on authorities (auctores) for our life's journey: we are limited human beings and cannot monitor or assess all the phenomena or a single life, let alone humanity and its history. Authority therefore involves faith: in order to live we have to trust the information and judgement of others in a host of areas.

The Bible claims that the only one who is able to monitor and assess everything in creation is God because God, being outside creation, can 'see' it all. Because God is the only true 'auctor' or author of life we are all God's sons and daughters. Therefore, we should treat one another as brothers and sisters. This is what Jesus teaches in the reading from Matthew and what the reading from Malachi appeals to: 'Have we not all one Father?'. It seems so obvious that everyone will see it and act accordingly, but of course we don't. Why not?

One reason, within the Jewish-Christian tradition, is the Bible's teaching that God acts through intermediaries to whom authority is delegated. God does not impose this mediation, it is an invitation and challenge to which people are free to respond. If it was imposed then it would not be biblical. Hence hierarchy or structure is an integral part of the Bible message. But once you bring temptation prone authority figures into contact with temptation prone subjects then things can go wrong. The call to true freedom within the context of God's law can be shewed by the figures in authority; the response to the call can be skewed by a distorted perception of freedom. The passages of Malachi and from Matthew charge the figures in authority with abuse of their role but there are other passages in the Bible that are equally critical of the people. In both Malachi and Matthew the charge is that the delegated authorities have not only failed to represent their authority, God, but they have distorted God's message as well. The passage in Malachi issues a warning to the priests as if there is still time to repent and change: 'if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name.' In contrast Jesus sees that the distortion perpetrated by the scribes and Pharisees is so bad people need to be warned about it: 'do not be guided by what they do; since they do not practice what they preach'.

The reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians provides the model by which all authority figures in the community should operate. Attitude is a key: Paul and his co-workers came to Thessalonica not to dominate but to love (and love is always free), not to take but to give (to hand over to you not only the Good news but our whole lives as well). They were able to do this not because of winning qualities in themselves but because of the grace of Christ working through them. What Paul is really relieved about is that the Thessalonians heard their preaching as 'God's message' rather than their own thoughts and words. This means that, thanks again to the grace of Christ, their presence and their work pointed not to themselves but to Christ, the true 'author' of all that they did.

The point of the readings may be enhanced a little if we compare their notion of authority with alternatives that humanity has tried over the centuries. One is the individual who claims to be the source of all authority— whether it be kin, tyrant, priest, prophet or 'president for life' figures. The claim is illogical because this person is just another human being after all, not a true 'auctor'. Another is the group or party that takes control and claims all authority, modern examples being Nazism/ Fascism and Communism. Even though these movements mouth the slogans that 'we are all brothers and sisters', reality is generally the complete opposite. Members of the party may enjoy some brotherly and sisterly status, the rest are merely servants of the machine. The third is the very modern one of the individual who does not wish to impose on anyone else or be responsible to anyone else. This person claims to exercise authority only over his or her own life. This may be well intentioned but in my judgement it too is illogical as well as unreal. Not only does it suffer from the same flaw that a person is not his or her own 'auctor', but one can only be an individual 'I' by contrasting oneself with others who are not 'I'. The others are there whether an individual likes it or not and it is unreal and dangerous to try and ignore them. The individual will have an impact on others and vice versa. In contrast, the Christian attitude should be: our greatest dignity is to live as creatures of our creator, our greatest temptation is to try and become creator. **Fr Mark O'Brien O.P.**