

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

Tuesday – Saturday
 9:15am

Weekend Mass Times

6.00pm Saturday Evening
 9.30 am Sunday Morning

Reconciliation/Confession

8:45am Saturday morning
 5:30pm Saturday evening
 Or upon request

Church open for prayer:
 10am-11.30am Friday
 10am-11:30am Saturday

Baptisms

Last Sunday of the month.
 Please contact the parish office

The information on our website is under review
<https://shkew.org.au>

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU



Notices

Friday Stations of the Cross for Lent

7pm in the church every Friday

Lectio Divina for Lent

You are invited Wednesday evenings in Lent pray together with the Sunday Scripture readings, led by Fr Trevor. It's 7-8pm in the church, and the next dates are Wednesday 28th of Feb, and the 6th, 13th and 20th of March. Please bring a Bible.

Vocations

The people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne are delighted to welcome eight men into **Corpus Christi Seminary this year for Melbourne**. Please pray for them and pray for vocations.

Please take a project compassion box for Lent

We are looking for volunteers to help provide tea & coffee after Mass. We need a hand setting up and serving on a monthly roster. Please sign up on the clip boards the entrance to the church.

Your financial contributions

- 1st Collection**—for the support of Fr Trevor and the priests of the Archdiocese.
- 2nd Collection**— for the upkeep of the church and running costs of our Parish.

Thank you so much for your generosity, as we try to meet the everyday running costs of our parish.
 Scan the code for online giving

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B, 25th February 2024



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Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

From Fr Trevor

We've been trying to organise the parish's first Sacraments program with the school and are coming close to finalising a plan for the second half of the year. Providing the necessary preparation, we want to welcome as many people as we can to receive the Sacraments here because they are the ordinary channels of grace which God has given to His Church. In other words, to the best of our knowledge they are the surest way to help people get to heaven! They are therefore a vital start to building our pilgrim community too.

Mass Intentions

A beautiful tradition to return to in Lent is having Masses offered for loved ones, living or deceased, and for various intentions. 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. This is why we also call it the "holy Mass." This is an image of the envelopes available at the entrance of the church. One or more can be completed and placed in the collection or given to the priest or to Michele in the office. A customary offering is made to the priest who says the Mass (anything from ten dollars), and you can make the request anonymously if you wish, and tick whether to have the name published in the weekly bulletin. The bulletin would say something like, "please pray for ...". As we return to prayer during Lent, please consider the potential fruitfulness of this time-hallowed tradition.

MASS INTENTION

Dear Father,

PLEASE OFFER A MASS

FOR.....
(NAME OF PERSON/S)

INTENTION.....
(RECENTLY DECEASED, ANNIVERSARY, SICK etc.)

REQUESTED BY.....

NOT FOR PUBLICATION Please tick (if applicable)

Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:10,15-19

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second reading

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



Easter & Holy Week Mass Times

Palm Sunday 24th March

6pm Vigil Mass Saturday

9:30am Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday 28th March

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 29th March

10:30 am Station of the Cross

3pm The Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil 30th March

8 pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 31st March

9:30am Mass and 11am Mass