

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

The Ascension of the Lord, 12th May 2024

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.



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KEW VICTORIA

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Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.
Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

From Fr Trevor

Forty days after his wondrous resurrection, the Lord Jesus was “taken up” in their sight, taking our human nature with Him into heaven. We say in the Creed that He “ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.” Pope Benedict XVI explained that this expression conveys that through the Ascension “the human being has entered into intimacy with God in a new and unheard-of way; man henceforth finds room in God forever.” Even while still on earth, we celebrate that a place has been prepared for us in heaven, where on the last day we hope to dwell body & soul.

But before that, this month we’re doing a **parish census**. We need an up-to-date data base so we can know you and your family, and keep you informed about what’s going on at Sacred Heart. You’ll find a census card on your pew and at the entrance. Please take one per family and fill it out and returning it to me or the parish office. Outside of hours they can be left in the office front door mailbox.

I wish the Mothers at Sacred Heart a very happy Mother’s Day. It’s no coincidence that Mother’s Day falls in May. This is the month especially devoted to Mary the Mother of God. She too was taken up into heaven body and soul in “the Assumption”, a great event which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Pope St John Paul II said, “From Mary we learn to surrender to God’s will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God.” *Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ, promises which include the assumption of every repentant person, one day body & soul, into the great halls of the heavenly kingdom! Amen.*



MASS TIMES

Weekdays 9:15am Tues - Sat

Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday Vigil
9.30am Sunday

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday mornings (before and after 9:15 Mass)
Or upon request

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

Baptisms

Last Sunday of the month.
Please contact the office

First Sacraments

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

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NOTICES

Hearts for Christ is a faith formation, food & fellowship group for *young people* in years 7-12. For now the evenings are every second Friday 6pm-7:30pm & run by Fr Trevor & assisted by adult volunteers. The next date is Friday May 24.

Holy Hour for vocations Friday 17th May 7-8pm in the church, with adoration, vespers and benediction.

The funeral Mass for the eternal rest of Brian Rush will be 1:30pm on Tuesday (14th May).

Lectio Divina: Praying together with the Scriptures. You are invited on the first Wednesday of each month (June 5) 7-8pm in the church. Please bring a Bible.

RCIA. If you’re interested in becoming a Catholic, please speak to Fr Trevor after Mass or contact the parish office to register your interest in a regular group.

The Annual Mission Dinner 2024 of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver is on Sunday 16th June 1pm. Flyers are in the church foyer, please RSVP by Friday 7th June.

Parish Talk. On the 4th of June, Fr Trevor will give a talk on the Church’s *Liturgy of the Hours*, commonly known as the *Divine Office*. The evening is 7-8pm & will end with night prayer.

St Leo the Great said that “a generous spirit is itself great wealth.”

1st Collection— For the running of and upkeep of our parish.
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Reference: Full name

2nd Collection— To support Fr Trevor, Priests of the Archdiocese & Archbishop Peter.

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We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled \$2,279.61. Unfortunately our running costs at the moment are reaching almost 5,000 per week. Please help us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running. Thank you for your generous support.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

R. *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Second reading

Ephesians 4:1-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Mothers Day

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary the *Mother* of God. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. As St Thomas of Villanova said, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

A prayer for Mothers

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Bertha Effendi, Esther Chong, Elizabeth Rossiter, Margaret Hogan
Recently deceased: Bryan Rush, Ruby Soosay
Anniversaries: Mary & Paul Fitzgerald

Mass Intentions:

14th Ruby Soosay (RIP)
15th Bridie Wood
16th Victor Soto (RIP)
17th Tavella family
18th Martin family
6pm Vigil: All parishioners
19th Private Intention

Upcoming Feast Days:

13th (Mon) Our Lady of Fatima
14th (Tues) St Matthias, Apostle
18th (Sat) St John I, Pope, Martyr
19th (Sun) Pentecost

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