

## 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

### Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday Vigil

9.30am Sunday

### Confessions

Saturdays 9:45am &

15 Minutes Before

Saturday & Sunday Mass

### Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays 9:45am

### Baptisms

Last Sunday of the month.

Please contact our office.

### Other Sacraments

Please contact the parish  
office or see our website

<https://shkew.org.au>

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Parish music licence no. A-739406

### NOTICES

**Stations of the Cross** during Lent: Friday at 7pm

### April 6 (Sunday) Parish Pilgrimage and Picnic Day

Meeting Time and Place: 11:00 AM in front of Sacred Heart church

Transportation: Take Tram No. 109

Destination: St Patrick's Cathedral

Our parish will hold a Parish Pilgrimage and Picnic Day on **Sunday, April 6**. Please refer to the schedule below and join us for this special event.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: **Parish Picnic** at Fitzroy Gardens in front of the cathedral (BYO Lunch will be enjoyed freely)

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: **At St Patrick's Cathedral** - Prayer and **Holy Door** Passage Ceremony in commemoration of the Jubilee Year 2025

A **plenary indulgence** can be offered for the intention of one soul only once a day, or oneself for once. Participants may receive a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the following conditions:

- Participation in Confession and Holy Communion
- Praying for the Pope's intentions, reciting the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, and Hail Mary

✂ We recommend attending Confession before the event for smoother participation. (Please refer to the parish confession schedule.)

We look forward to your participation!

**1st Collection:** For the running of and upkeep of the Church  
BSB: 083 347 Account #: 682 606 383 Reference: Full name

**2nd Collection:** To maintain parish house & support Fr Michael  
BSB: 083 347 Account #: 663 832 561 Reference: Full name

A big thanks for your generous contributions to our parish!  
Thank you for helping us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running.

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

Second Sunday Of Lent Year C, 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2025



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Sometimes we are too attached to our own expectations to see it. We might be too set in our ways, unwilling to let God change us. But God's glory shines through when we let go and let Him work in us.

We often miss God's glory because we are focused on ourselves. We want to project a certain image to the world. But this blocks others from seeing God's work in us. The readings teach us to have faith in God's promises, like Abraham did. When God told him his descendants would be as numerous as the stars, Abraham believed even though he couldn't see it.

The 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C calls us to let go of our own plans. We need to trust God's vision for our lives. Abraham's faith is an example for us. He believed in God's promises even when it seemed impossible. We are called to have the same faith.

As we reflect on these readings, we are reminded to look for God's glory in everyday life. It might be in small acts of kindness or moments of peace. When we open our hearts to God, His glory shines through us. We need to let go of our own image and let God's light be seen.

Applying this to our lives means being open to change. It means trusting God's plan and believing in His promises. On the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C, let us commit to letting God's glory shine through us. This Lent, may we grow in faith and openness to God's work in our lives.

As we reflect on the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C, we are called to deepen our faith in God's promises, live with an eternal focus, and let God's glory shine through us. These reflections guide us to trust God more fully and live as true citizens of heaven. Let us embrace these lessons and continue our Lenten journey with renewed faith and hope.

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

**First reading**

**Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18**

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.'

'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: "To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 26: 1,7-9, 13-14**

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

**Second reading**

**Philippians 3: 17-4**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

**Luke 9: 28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at the time, told no one what they had seen.

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

## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SATURDAY MUSIC MINISTRY**

It is on during Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm. We would like people who can type the lyrics on Power Point Slides (before mass) and work on the screen during mass. This will help our congregation to see the lyrics and sing together during mass.

### **Please Remember in Prayer**

**Unwell:** Alida Cairo, Elizabeth Rossiter and Sureiya Highman

**Recently Deceased:** Philip Brady, Julia Chamberlin, Margaret Hogan

**Anniversaries:** Teresa Martina Duffy, Vin Smith, Ian Rossiter, James Tehan, John Patten and Mary Yong Len Tshin

### **Mass Intentions:**

*If you would like to offer Mass for anyone, please let us know in advance.*

### **Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:**

17<sup>th</sup> (Mon): St Patrick

19<sup>th</sup> (Wed): St Joseph, Spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary

### **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.***