

### **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  
9:45am Saturday morning  
(before and after Mass)  
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

### **First Sacraments**

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

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### **NOTICES**

#### **Friday Stations of the Cross for Lent**

7pm in the church every Friday

#### **Lectio Divina for Lent**

Our final Lenten lectio divina prayer group is 7-8pm in the church on Wednesday March 20.

#### **Hearts for Christ: Teenagers years 7-12**

After Easter, we want to have a fortnightly faith formation and fellowship group for teenagers. The evenings would be every second Friday 6pm-7:30pm and run by Fr Trevor.

Please can we have two more adult volunteers to assist just once a month. Also, any young adults who've finished high school, please approach Fr Trevor if you'd be interested in getting together on the other Fridays of the month for a separate young adults group.

**Collections** The first collection will now be taken after the homily/sermon, and the second at the offertory. This is to allow time for thought after the homily and for prayer after Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Working bee:** Please lend a hand at the parish working bee next Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>), at 10am after the morning Mass. Many hands make light work! There's work to be done in and around the church grounds.

**St Leo the Great said that "a generous spirit is itself great wealth."**

**1st Collection**—To support Fr Trevor, Priests of the Archdiocese & Archbishop Peter

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**2nd Collection**—For the running of and upkeep of our parish.

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We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. This week, we received **\$2,238.96** in donations. As we move towards meeting our everyday running costs of approximately \$4,000 per week, please help us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running. Thank you for your generous support.

## **Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024



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**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Communion Antiphon:** Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

### **From Fr Trevor**

Hello! If you're new at Sacred Heart, welcome! It's great to have you here. If you've been away and are just coming back, welcome back! The church which Christ Jesus founded is not just for the perfect, but she is meant to be a beacon of light and hope, a haven of safety for souls on their often-rough journey through life. Have you thought to try and invite someone back to Mass or have you ever tried to share your faith with someone? It isn't easy but if what we believe is true, and I think it is, wouldn't we want to share that with everyone?

Speaking of welcoming people, last Thursday the night of prayer and reconciliation was a beautiful evening in the church. I think those who came will agree that it was a time of grace and great peace. A big thank you to Fr David Cartwright who came to help me hear confessions. Father was parish priest of St Fidelis in Moreland for many years, and has been a support to me through my formation and early years of priesthood.

I was at school assembly Friday and it was great to see the children and teachers, many wearing a bit of green ahead of St Patrick's Day this Monday! It was so nice to visit the Catholics at Kew Gardens aged care this week too. Next week, on Tuesday, we have the requiem Mass of Ian Rossiter at 11am. Ian was husband to Elizabeth Rossiter, a faithful parishioner of Sacred Heart from some years back. May Ian rest in peace, *requiescat in pacem*. It is important to remember all our beloved dead in prayer and to have Masses offered for them. Many of the holy souls have no one to pray for them that they might reach heaven.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Thank you to those who helped pay for the printing of new stations of the cross booklets! Please come to our working bee next Saturday morning at 10am to get the church and grounds ready for a beautiful and sacred Easter Triduum at Sacred Heart!

## Liturgy of the Word

### First reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

**R.** *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

### Second reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

### Gospel Acclamation (John 12:26)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

*If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.*

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### Gospel

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,  
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;  
but if it dies,

it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;  
anyone who hates his life in this world  
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,  
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;

now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



## Easter & Holy Week Mass Times

**Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**6pm Vigil Mass Saturday**

**9:30am Palm Sunday**

**Holy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**10:30 am Station of the Cross**

**3pm The Lord's Passion**

**Easter Vigil 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**8 pm Saturday Vigil Mass**

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**9:30am Mass and 11am Mass**

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Unwell:** Bertha Effendi, Esther Chong, Elizabeth Rossiter, Margaret Hogan, Nicola Cimino

**Recently deceased:** Margaret Pereira, Mrs Bui Thi Yen, Ian Rossiter

**Anniversaries:** Mary Yong Len Tshin

### Mass Intentions:

19<sup>th</sup> Martin McMurrough RIP  
20<sup>th</sup> Leonard Maguire RIP  
21<sup>st</sup> George Sneddon RIP  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Yong Len Tshin (anniv.)  
23<sup>rd</sup> John Lowrie (9:15am)  
6pm All parishioners  
24<sup>th</sup> Intention of donor

### Upcoming feasts & memorials

18<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of St Patrick (Mon)  
19<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of St Joseph (Tues)