

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

6:00pm Saturday Vigil

9:30am Sunday

Confessions

Saturday: 9:00am & 9:45am
& 5:45pm

Sunday: 9:15am

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

Solemn Pontifical Mass

for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis

St Patrick's Cathedral, Monday, 28 April 2025, 1.00pm

A Message From Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

As the Church enters this time of Easter filled with the light and hope of the world, it is with deep sadness that we have received the news of the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

We unite with all the People of God in praying for the eternal rest of his soul and entrust him to the tender loving mercy of the Father.

Pope Francis, who came from the peripheries of the world, has been the father of the poor, and a witness of joy and hope. May the Lord, he so faithfully trusted, now welcome him into eternal life.

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne will be open early Tuesday morning to receive those who may wish to visit for prayer and remembrance.

In the coming days, more information will be available regarding opportunities to come together in gratitude, and to pray for the Holy Father.

May he rest in God's gracious and gentle peace.

Mary, Our Blessed Mother of God, pray for him.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for him.

All Holy Men and Women, Saints of God, pray for him.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. For Palm Sunday, we received **\$2,734.16** 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

Second Sunday of Easter Year C, 27th of April 2025



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THE FONT AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH - A STORY OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

By Fermin Navascués

When the personal effects of Lieutenant Frank Paul Callinan were returned to his mother, Mary Callinan, they included a rosary and devotion book he carried throughout his service during World War I, clearly a testament to his faith. Mary's two sons enlisted and both made the ultimate sacrifice.

Mary was a new parishioner to Sacred Heart Kew. As Mary's change of address had not been registered with the Army Records Office, Army records show "A telegram reporting his death was forwarded to the clergyman at Kew on 19.05.1917". Perhaps this clergyman was able to bring some comfort to Mary rather than have her suffer the cold delivery of a telegram.

Lieutenant Frank Paul Callinan, was born 1895 in Ballarat, was single and a clerk. After enlisting 30.03.1916 he was commissioned as a lieutenant and posted to 3rd Field Artillery Brigade in France. Only three weeks later, whilst visiting his brother Laurence on 04.05.2017, he was wounded by an exploding bomb dropped from an enemy aeroplane and died two days later in Rouen from abdominal wounds, aged 22.

Frank's older brother, **Capt. Laurence Hurley Callinan**, born 07.05.1894 also in Ballarat, single and a clerk, enlisted in 1915. In 1916 he was posted to 24th Field Artillery Brigade in France and also served in Belgium in 1917. Returning to France in 1918, he was wounded from gas and died from its poisoning on 09.09.1918 in Rouen. His personal effects also included a rosary.

Mary endured a great deal of grief over the previous four years. Her husband, **John Callinan**, died in 1914. He was a miner in Ballarat East where he had a miraculous escape and then a clerk with the Way and Works Branch of the Victorian Railways when he died. He is shown on the font as having died in 1915 but in fact his death was registered in 1914 and was buried in the Coburg General Cemetery on 30.10.1914.

The font dedicated to the Callinan's service and sacrifice represents just one family in the parish marked by turbulent times. There are three other fonts in our Church with dedications yet to be brought to life.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

We will remember them" (Laurence Binyon, "For the Fallen").

First Reading**Acts 5: 12-16**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 117**

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R.**

Second Reading**Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19**

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 20: 19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

We Welcome Newly Baptised Children

- Rocky Holland
- Sonny Holland
- Alena Isabelle Tan
- Slade Russell Bruce Walter

Our Garden Volunteers are looking for a Whipper Snipper. If anyone has one that they would like to donate the church, please contact the parish office.

Australian Catholics mourn Pope Francis

Responding to the news of Pope Francis' death on 21 April, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB remembered the late Pope 'as a man of simplicity, humility and compassion', calling Australian Catholics to pray 'that the mercy and compassion of God which he proclaimed to the world will now embrace him as he enters into the mystery of eternal life'.

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Albert Leung, Alida Cairo, Elizabeth Rossiter and Sureiya Highman

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis, Denise de Gruchy and Sylvia Tnay

Anniversaries: Mary Kennedy, June McHale, Brendan D'Arcy, Ronald De Sousa, Peter Dien, Peter Nhan, Peter Cai, Phanxico Xavier Tam, Vincenza Siragusa.

Mass Intentions:

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

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

'The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. Thanks to Christ—crucified and risen from the dead—hope does not disappoint! ... Christ is risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life.'

Pope Francis proclaiming our Easter hope in his his 'urbi et orbi' address, which was read to the crowd gathered in St Peter's Square on Easter Sunday, the day before he died.

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.