# 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

#### NOTICES

Weekdays 9:15am Tues -Sat

#### Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday Vigil 9.30am Sunday

#### Confessions

Saturday mornings 8:45am and 9:45am (after Mass) Or upon request

#### Adoration:

9:45am-10:45am Fri & Sat (church open 8:15-11:30am)

#### Baptisms

Last Sunday of the month. Please contact our office

#### **First Sacraments**

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

#### PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU



Make an online donation

Parish music licence no. A-739406

**ROSARY GROUP:** A warm welcome to everyone after Mass on Friday mornings to pray the Rosary.

**New Hot Water System.** We are asking for donations for a new hot water system for our Sunday morning teas. Huge thanks to those who've contributed! Just 1K needed now  $\bigcirc$ 

**Lessons & Carols | Friday 13 December 7:30pm** Sung by professional choir of sacred music *Chorus Ecclesiae*. Entry \$15 at the door.

# **Christmas Mass Times**

5:30pm Christmas Eve Family Mass 8pm Christmas Eve 9:30am Christmas Day



St Francis of Assisi said that people "lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve."

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

**2nd Collection**— For Fr Trevor & Priests of the Archdiocese BSB: 083 347 Account #: 663 832 561 Reference: Full name We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled **\$3,093.70**. Almost meeting our running costs of about 4K per week! Thank you for helping us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running.

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

Christ The King, 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2024



Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever.The Lord will bless his people with peace.

#### **From Fr Trevor**

The other day I was teaching the grade 1s a little song and we sang the line, "Our God reigns." At first the little ones laughed because it sounded like I was saying that our God *rains*! The last Sunday in Ordinary Time is the solemn feast of Christ the King. Its full title is the "Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." The end of the church's year is Christ the King because we know that in the end, on the last day, everyone and "everything will be subject to Christ so that God may be all in all" (1 Cor 15:28). In the Creed we say, "He will come again in glory to judge the living

and the dead." This feast was especially established to celebrate and reaffirm that Christ Jesus' sovereignty and Lordship extends not only to the members of His Church, but to all people of all time and places both living and dead. Indeed, the empire of our Redeemer embraces all people. The individual, the family as well as the state itself is under His dominion. This is the truth whether any of these acknowledge it or not. This year we look back and give thanks that the Lord's prayer was not supressed from the Victorian Parliament. A petition which went to the Government read, "The Lord's Prayer is a strong reminder that Parliament is not the ultimate authority for building a just and caring society and, since 1857, the Lord's Prayer has been a longstanding part of the formal processes of both Houses of the Victorian Parliament. ... Any



move to secularise parliamentary proceedings would send a clear message from the Parliament that faith has no place in Victoria." In fact, already in 1925 when the feast of Christ the King was established, Pope Pius XI urged us, "While nations insult the beloved name of our Redeemer by suppressing all mention of it in their conferences and parliaments, we must all the more loudly proclaim His kingly dignity and power, all the more universally affirm His rights" (Quas Primas 25). Today let us adopt a **prayer of St Gertrude the Great** (1256-1301), "O Heart of Jesus! be Thou my joy, my peace, my repose in this world and in the next. O Heart of Jesus! Adored in Heaven, invoked on earth, feared in Hell, reign over all hearts, reign throughout all ages, reign forever in celestial glory. Amen."

### Liturgy of the Word

# First reading

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R.** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R.** 

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R**.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R.** 

# Second reading

## Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord. Alleluia!

# Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

### Gospel

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

# Christmas Parish Dinner

*<u>7pm Saturday December 14</u>* with live band. BYO plate to share (e.g. main or salad etc).

\$20 per person via our online giving (please include name + "Dinner"). You can also pay on the night at the door, or drop into the office during opening hours.

Please write your name down & what you might like to bring on the clip boards at the entrance and an email address so we can be in touch.

# Lessons & Carols | Friday 13 December 7:30pm

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The Second Vatican Council teaches that "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as a combination of sacred music and words, it forms a necessary or integral part of solemn liturgy." (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* 112)



# 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.

Please Remember in Prayer
Unwell: Denise de Gruchy
Recently Deceased: Mrs Natty Desouza
Anniversaries:
Mass Intentions:
26 <sup>th</sup> Holy Souls
27 <sup>th</sup> Holy Souls
28 <sup>th</sup> Deceased Benefactors & Collaborators
Missionary Sisters of St Peter Calver
29 <sup>th</sup> Deceased members - Missionary
Sisters of St Peter Calver
30 <sup>th</sup> Holy Souls
6pm Vigil: All Parishioners
1 <sup>st</sup> Mrs Natty Desouza
Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:
25 <sup>th</sup> (Mon) St Catherine of Alexandria
30 <sup>th</sup> (Sat) St Andrew, Apostle