

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

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.)

N.B: Those who are under the age of 18 are required to attend with their parents or guardians.

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

Third Sunday Of Lent Year C, 23rd of March 2025



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In the first reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C, God promises to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. This powerful message shows that God is always working to set us free from our own struggles and sins. Just as He heard the cries of the Israelites, He hears our cries too.

God's promise to free the Israelites reminds us that He is always aware of our difficulties. He sees our hardships and is ready to help us. This reading encourages us to trust in God's plan for our lives.

We often feel trapped by our own sins and problems. Like the Israelites in Egypt, we might think there is no escape. But God's promise shows that there is always hope.

God's action in freeing the Israelites is a reminder of His constant love and care. He did not forget His people, and He does not forget us. We are called to trust in His timing and His ways.

Reflecting on this reading during the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C helps us remember that God is always at work in our lives. He wants to free us from whatever holds us back. We are encouraged to place our trust in Him and follow His lead.

In the second reading for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C, Paul warns against idol worship and turning away from God. He reminds us to stay faithful and avoid anything that takes us away from God. This message is crucial for our spiritual journey.

Paul uses examples from history to teach the Corinthians. He reminds them of the mistakes their ancestors made. This helps us see the importance of learning from the past.

Idolatry is not just about worshiping statues. It includes anything that we place above God in our lives. This could be money, power, or even our own desires.

Paul's warning is a call to examine our lives. We need to identify and remove anything that distracts us from God. Staying faithful means putting God first in everything we do.

Reflecting on this reading during the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C encourages us to remain true to our faith. By avoiding idols, we stay focused on our relationship with God. This helps us grow spiritually and live a more faithful life.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me for I am alone and poor.

First reading

Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102: 1-4,6-8, 11

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings? R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. R.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. R.

Second reading

Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that

followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13 1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices.

At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, it for ever singing your praise.

We sincerely thank all the volunteers. With your cooperation, we are able to successfully manage and nurture our parish together.

Funeral Mass
for the soul of Scott Nunan
on 26th March at 11am
at Sacred Heart Church

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Alida Cairo, Elizabeth Rossiter and Sureiya Highman

Recently Deceased: Scott Nunan, 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:

25th (Tue): the Annunciation of the Lord