

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
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

The information on our website is under review
<https://shkew.org.au>

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Online donation

NOTICES

Friday Stations of the Cross for Lent

7pm in the church every Friday

Lectio Divina for Lent

You are invited Wednesday evenings in Lent to pray together with the Sunday Scripture readings, led by Fr Trevor. It's 7-8pm in the church, and the next dates are Wednesday the 6th, 13th and 20th of March. Please bring a Bible.

A night of prayer and reconciliation

From 7-8pm on Thursday March 14 we will gather for the second rite of Reconciliation with confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a visiting Priest to help.

We are looking for volunteers to help provide tea & coffee after Mass. This is separate to our wonderful morning teas on the last Sundays of each month. It would involve setting up and serving on a monthly roster. Please sign up on the clip boards the entrance to the church. Thank you, those who have expressed their interest already.

Your financial contributions

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 **\$2,465.26** in donations. While we are grateful for every contribution, we also want to transparently share that our everyday running costs require approximately \$4,000 per week keep this beautiful church up and running. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B, 3rd March 2024



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

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, for ever singing your praise.

From Fr Trevor

The lectio divina prayer on Wednesdays has been a very nourishing experience for many of us. Last Wednesday we prayed with this Sunday's Gospel and contemplated this thought-provoking episode in the life of Christ. People have so many interesting perspectives to share and the Lord speaks to us in different ways through the Gospels. The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Gospels are the heart of all the Scriptures "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (DV 18). The one fourfold Gospel, consisting of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, holds a privileged place in the Church. We see this in the way we venerate it in the Liturgy and in the appeal it has always had on the saints. St. Caesaria said that "there is no doctrine which could be better, more precious and more splendid than the text of the Gospel. Behold and retain what our Lord and Master, Christ, has taught by his words and accomplished by his deeds.

Thank you from Fr John. Dear Parishioners and Friends, just a short note to say how grateful I am to one and all for the love, friendship and support you have given me over my time at Sacred Heart. What I enjoyed most was sharing my love of the scriptures with you, and as we learned together our knowledge became most obvious. I admired your openness to look at the scriptures afresh while appreciating the *Sitz im Leben* of the Word itself.

Of course, the morning teas speaks for themselves and I commend the people who give of their time and effort to make this a wonderful experience for all. I have not had such delicacies since. Sacred Heart is a wonderful inviting parish because of your efforts. As I said at my farewell Mass ordination does not make a priest rather it is the beginning of a journey towards priesthood. It is you the people who are ordained (priesthood of the laity), for this task. I thank you for making me a better priest due to your wisdom, challenges, and compassion. I do miss you more than I had realized. I must be getting soft in my old age!

I remember you daily in my prayers and will treasure the memories we share.

Every blessing and good wish, with heartfelt thanks, John

Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18(19):8-11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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Gospel

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



Easter & Holy Week Mass Times

Palm Sunday 24th March
6pm Vigil Mass Saturday
9:30am Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday 28th March
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 29th March
10:30 am Station of the Cross

3pm The Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil 30th March
8 pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 31st March
9:30am Mass and 11am Mass

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Bertha Effendi, Esther Chong

Recently deceased: Margaret Pereira,
Mrs Bui Thi Yen

Anniversaries: Please notify Michele in
the parish office to add names.

Mass Intentions:

5th John Graham RIP
6th Mary McKendry RIP
7th Mes' family
8th Bertha Effendi
9th Margaret Pereira RIP (9:15am)
6pm All parishioners
10th Esther Chong

Upcoming feasts & memorials

4th St Casimir
7th Sts Perpetua & Felicity
8th St John of God
9th St Frances of Rome

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