

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>

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN
HOME WITH YOU**



**Make an online
donation**

Parish music licence no. A-739406

Prayer for Pope Leo XVI

O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter,
whom you set over the other Apostles,
look with favour, we pray, on Pope Leo XIV
and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor,
may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in
faith and of communion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Annual Mission Dinner

**Sunday 15th June 2025 at 1 pm at the Peter Claver Hall, 154
Cotham Road Kew. Bookings close - 6 June. Tickets \$45.00
each. Bookings 154 Cotham Road or phone - 9817 3715**

CatholicCare Victoria Appeal

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community - those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. The envelopes are located at the back of the church.

1st Collection: To maintain parish house & support Fr Michael

BSB: 083 347 Account #: 663 832 561 Reference: Full name

2nd Collection: For the running of and upkeep of the Church

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We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. For the Third Sunday of Easter, we received **\$2,454.18** 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C, 18th of May 2025



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‘Habemus Papam’: Australian Catholics welcome Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV will officially inaugurate his papacy with Mass in St Peter’s Square on 18 May. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Vatican News YouTube channel at 6pm Melbourne time.

The Pope’s first address was one of unity, missionary zeal and humble service. Speaking to the faithful gathered in Rome and watching across the globe, he called for renewed solidarity and spiritual courage. ‘We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us,’ he said. ‘The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to be reached by God and his love.’ We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue. He called on the Church to be a place of welcome and dialogue: ‘We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square, with open arms.’ Leo XIV’s pastoral tone echoed themes often heard from Pope Francis: synodality, peace and the call to go to the margins. He urged the Church to walk closely with those who suffer, and reminded the world that ‘God loves us all ... and evil will not prevail!’ Switching briefly to Spanish, he addressed the faithful in Peru, where he had served for more than two decades, directing his gratitude to ‘my dear Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, where a faithful people have accompanied their bishop, shared their faith and have given so much, so much to continue to be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ’. The new pope concluded with a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, acknowledging the feast of Our Lady of Pompeii, observed on 8 May. ‘Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole Church, for peace in the world,’ he said, before leading the square in an ‘Ave Maria’.

Pope Leo XIV brings decades of missionary, pastoral and curial experience to the papacy. A native of Chicago, he joined the Augustinian Order in 1977 and spent more than 20 years serving in Peru, first as a missionary and later as bishop of Chiclayo. He holds both US and Peruvian citizenship, making him both the first American and first Peruvian pope. He was appointed prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops in 2023 and played a key role in shaping episcopal leadership globally. As prefect, he stressed the importance of humble and relational leadership in bishops, rejecting clericalism and isolation. ‘The authority we have is to serve, to accompany priests, to be pastors and teachers,’ he said in a 2023 interview. His choice of the name Leo XIV appears to pay tribute to Pope Leo XIII, one of the most influential pontiffs of the modern era. Pope Leo XIII, remembered as the father of modern Catholic Social Teaching, issued the landmark 1891 encyclical *Rerum novarum*, which addressed the dignity of work, the rights of labourers and the moral responsibilities of employers. By adopting this papal name, Pope Leo XIV signals a commitment to continuing the Church’s active engagement with the social and economic challenges of the modern world, rooted in the tradition of reasoned faith and justice championed by his namesake.

First Reading**Acts 14:21-27**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 144 (145) 8-13**

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading**Apocalypse 21:1-5**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.*

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 13:31-33,34-35**

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.'

My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another; just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

Come join us to celebrate Our Lady, Help of Christians with Benediction and Exposition.
Saturday, 24th of May after Mass at 9:45am to 10:30am.

Please bring back the
Project Compassion Boxes
to the parish office.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution for the Pilgrim Passports. \$76 has been donated to the Archdiocese of Melbourne in the name of the Parish. Thanks also to the people who donated directly to the Archdiocese.

We have received a brand new whipper snipper for our Parish garden. Thank you for your generous donation!

Please Remember in Prayer

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

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis, Margaret Pereira and Denise de Gruchy

Anniversaries: Mary and Paul Fitzgerald, Teresa Doss, Mary Kennedy and June McHale

Mass Intentions:

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

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

24th (Sat) Our Lady, Help of Christians

Free Electric Theatre Organ

Please contact the parish office if you would like to take it.

🏠 Special Appeal for Urgent Church Roof Repairs & Security Installations – May 2025

🎯 **Goal: \$30,000**

🏠 **Raised So Far: \$8,065**

Progress:  | **\$8,065/ \$30,000**
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Guidelines for Contributing to the Special Appeal

While we are awaiting the new account details from the CDF, parishioners are kindly invited to choose one of the following two options to contribute:

1. Direct Deposit

You may deposit your donation directly into the Church account:

BSB: 083 347 Account #: 682 606 383 Reference: **"Special Appeal."**

After making your deposit, please notify the parish office so we can record your contribution separately.

2. Envelope Submission

Blank envelopes will be available at the back of the church.

Please place your donation inside an envelope and hand it to either Fr Michael or Niccolo. These contributions will be collected and deposited together.

Thank you for your generous support and understanding.