

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday Easter), 7th April 2024

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.



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Entrance Antiphon: Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.
Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



From Fr Trevor

It was so wonderful to see so many people at church over Easter. Good Friday was a moving experience for many of us. In the excitement of the risen Jesus, and in the confidence that our Lord is not dead, but lives and still dwells among us, Catholics celebrate Easter Sunday for an “Octave”, eight days from Easter Sunday through to Divine Mercy Sunday. Even then we live through Eastertide all the way up until the feast of Pentecost Sunday the 19th of May. So today we can say to one another once more, happy Easter! *He has risen* and has appeared to the early witnesses. They could not contain what they had seen and heard, and many confirmed their testimony with their own lives, including

Saints Peter and Paul in Rome.

In the week ahead I begin teaching again at Catholic Theological College. This semester I co-teach the introduction to the Old Testament unit and in semester two a whole unit on the Prophets and Prophetic literature. To most of us, the Old Testament is shrouded in mystery, and it’s important to read these ancient texts with caution. As with any part of Sacred Scripture, we may not grasp its full meaning at first, and wouldn’t want to miss the richness of God’s inspired word because of our own hastiness to jump to conclusions or set aside what we do not understand. A large part of the Apostolic preaching was explaining how Christ Jesus fulfils the Scripture, which at that time, was what we know to be the Old Testament. Understanding the prophecies and recognising their fulfilment in Jesus was what increased faith and gave growth to the Church. Is there a message there for growing your faith and increasing the members of this house of worship? I’ll keep you posted as the lessons progress!

MASS TIMES

Weekdays 9:15am Tues - Sat

Weekend Mass Times
6pm Saturday Vigil
9.30am Sunday


Reconciliation/Confession
Saturday mornings (before and after 9:15 Mass)
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
Please contact the parish office or see our website
<https://shkew.org.au>

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NOTICES

Hearts for Christ is a fortnightly faith formation and fellowship group for teenagers years 7-12. The evenings are every second Friday 6pm-7:30pm **starting April 12** and run by Fr Trevor and assisted by adult volunteers.

Parish office hours: Michele will be away from the office Wednesday April 3 to 17. We will divert the parish phone to Fr Trevor’s mobile so we can still take or return your calls.

Tea & Coffee will be shared after the Sunday morning Mass April 14, as well as at our wonderful morning tea at the end of the month April 28. A big thanks to those generous volunteers for helping people in the parish connect & get to know one another after Mass.

Children’s Liturgy starts again Sunday April 21.

Project Compassion Boxes can now be returned to the parish office or to the sacristy before or after Mass.

Daylight savings ends 3am Sunday April 7. Enjoy the extra sleep!

Please note that we have installed security cameras in the church.

St Leo the Great said that “a generous spirit is itself great wealth.”

1st Collection— For the running of and upkeep of our parish.
BSB: 083 347 Account #: 682 606 383
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We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Our everyday running costs are approximately \$4,000 per week. Please help us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running. Thank you for your generous support.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118)

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

Second reading

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world –

our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia,

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

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

Alleluia, 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.

Easter Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Please remember to return your Project Compassion Boxes Thank you!

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Bertha Effendi, Esther Chong, Elizabeth Rossiter, Margaret Hogan, Nicola Cimino

Mass Intentions:

- 9th Mary Burns RIP
- 10th Anne Jennings RIP
- 11th Paul McMullan RIP
- 12th John Clenaghan RIP
- 13th Margaret Brady RIP
- 6pm Vigil: All parishioners
- 14th John Lowrie RIP

Upcoming Feasts:

- 11th Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr
- 13th Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr

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