

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
**weds 8:30am 31/07-6/11

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>

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**Make an online
donation**

Parish music licence no. A-739406

NOTICES

Counting the weekend collections is a vital part of our parish life and we are looking for one more person to be on a fortnightly counting team. Please speak to Fr Trevor.

Lectio Divina Prayer is on this Wednesday (4th) 7-8pm in the parish office meeting room. All are welcome. Please bring a Bible so that we can pray with the Scriptures.

Wednesday weekday Mass time has temporarily changed to 8:30am until November 6 since have to lecture at CTC. After that we'll go back to 9:15am. Thank you for understanding.

HEARTS FOR CHRIST is on this Thursday (Sept 5) from 6pm to 7:30pm in the church. It's faith, formation, food and friendship for young people in years 7-12.

For Michele there is a gift which we invite you all to sign at the entrance of the church. Please leave a short message too.

The parish is still taking applications for a new part-time secretary position. Please see the details at

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

The Archbishop's Campaign for the charitable work of the Archdiocese and Seminary education ends this weekend. Please think of returning one of the envelopes to me or putting it in the collection plate. Most of the donations are tax-deductible.

"For it is in giving that we receive." St Francis of Assisi

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

Reference: Full name

2nd Collection— To support Fr Trevor, Priests of the Archdiocese & Archbishop Peter.

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 **\$2,700.78**. Our weekly running costs are around 4K. Thank you for helping us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running.

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 1st of September 2024



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Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

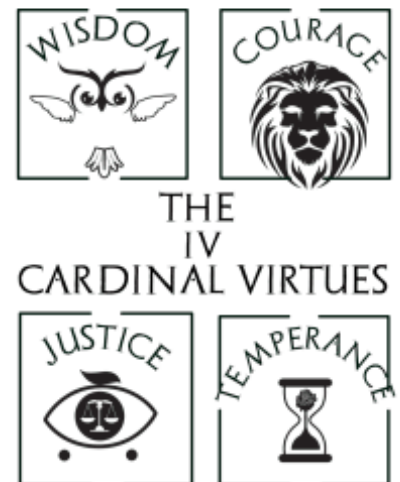
From Fr Trevor

In the Gospel of St Mark this weekend our Lord Jesus warns us against offering the Father only lip-service instead of heartfelt devotion. Our praise of God should carry over into our lives. Our actions should speak for us – “here is a Christian person!” For all of us, any good behaviour which we do regularly can become ritualised and in danger of not being heartfelt. Maybe it’s your “goodmorning,” your gift-giving, even your Sunday worship and your daily prayers. It is very very easy for us to just go through the motions. But ritualised good conduct is good conduct nonetheless, and we wouldn’t want to stop it just because it’s routine. This helps us think about good and bad habits. We call them “virtues” and “vices.” These are inward dispositions towards the good, or towards the bad. Just because it’s “only” a bad habit, doesn’t mean that it’s not still bad. We should

work with God’s grace to root it out. In the opposite way, Jesus in the Gospel today is not condemning *good* behaviours that have become habitual, as if we should stop them because they’ve become “second nature.” Catholics of all people are familiar with the usefulness of ritual! Ritual helps our hearts to catch up with what we’re trying to do – worship the living God. The four cardinal virtues of wisdom (prudence), courage (fortitude), justice and temperance are good habits. These are natural virtues, and not just “human traditions.” Their growth in our lives should be the fruit of our ritualised worship here. Their increase in each of us will guard against empty lip-service.

On Friday I had my PhD Viva exam through Durham University in the UK. It went from 11:30pm to about 1am but the time passed quickly because it was such an intellectually invigorating conversation. The examiners kindly put me at ease from the outset by letting me know that they liked my work and will be approving it for publication (with those pesky typos fixed!). Thanks be to God and to the Archbishop for giving me the opportunity! I hope he gets some return on his investment!

For one more week we continue to advertise for a part-time secretary. The Archdiocese of Melbourne is facilitating this process and several applications have already come in. The web-link for expressions of interest is in the notices.



Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14(15):2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

Second reading

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,

while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,

the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean.

For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL DADS !

"Every family needs a father — a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children, and offers them firm guidance and love." - Pope Francis

"God is a father who never abandons his children, a loving father who supports, helps, welcomes, forgives, saves, with a fidelity that immensely surpasses that of men, opening up to an eternal dimension." - Pope Benedict XVI

"Love for his wife as mother of their children and love for the children themselves are for the man the natural way of understanding and fulfilling his own fatherhood."
- Pope St John Paul II

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Elizabeth Rossiter, Margaret Hogan, Suraya Higham

Anniversaries: Francis Xavier Duffy & John Lynch

Mass Intentions:

3rd Janette Collinson (RIP)

4th Joseph McMullan (RIP)

5th Patrick Murphy (RIP)

6th Alan Price (RIP)

7th Edward Gamson (RIP)

6pm Vigil: All parishioners

8th P. Hugues (RIP)

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

3rd (Tues) St Gregory the Great