

## 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

\*\*no weekday Mass

January 1-20\*\*

**Weekend Mass Times**

6pm Saturday Vigil

9.30am Sunday

### Confessions

Saturdays 9:45am

\*\*after Jan 25

### Adoration:

To Be Confirmed Feb

### 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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Kids Corner Answer: **Moses**

### NOTICES

**ROSARY GROUP:** A warm welcome to everyone after Mass on Friday mornings to pray the Rosary. **(From Jan 24)**

**January Weekday Masses** Please note there are no weekday 9:15am Masses until Tuesday 21 January (To Be Confirmed)

**Thank You** to Fr Brian Glasheen, Isaac Zaki & Stephen Hannah for generously helping our parish before Fr Michael Kong arrives on 14 February 2024. We are truly blessed 😊

**We are Seeking Out Volunteers for Children's Liturgy (roster every school term) Sunday Mass.**

**Please see Niccolo or contact the Parish if you are interested**



**Thank you for everyone who helped, contributed and stayed last Sunday for Fr Trevor's last Mass with us as our Parish Priest. He will be missed!**

"It is better to give alms than to store up gold. For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin. Those who regularly give alms will enjoy a full life ..." Tobit 12:8b-9

**1st Collection**— For the running of and upkeep of our parish.

BSB: 083 347 Account #: 682 606 383 Reference: Full name

**2nd Collection**— For Fr Trevor & Priests of the Archdiocese

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A big thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled **\$2,718.55**, which is a bit more than half of our running costs of about 4K per week. Thank you for helping us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running.

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

Epiphany of the Lord, 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2025



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**Entrance Antiphon:** Arise, Jerusalem and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

**Communion Antiphon:** The brightness of God illuminated the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

## From Fr Trevor

Happy feast of the Epiphany, and happy new year! Unless something has changed, you should be welcoming Fr Brian Glasheen at Masses this weekend. For the following two weekends (11th/12th and 18th/19th) Fr Isaac Zaki has kindly agreed to offer the Masses. Speaking of other Priests, Fr Michael Rafter wrote a poem about this wonderful feast of the Epiphany. You'll remember that he was Parish Priest of Sacred Heart 1977-1995 and dearly loved. He entitled it "An Epiphany Carol." The final crowning stanza is my favourite.

"O where is the King of the Jews?" they said,  
"O where is the King of the Jews?  
We have come from the east though the ways  
were wild,  
We have regal gifts for the royal child,  
And we would speak with his mother mild.  
O where is the King of the Jews?"  
"You will find him in Juda, at Bethlehem," Said  
Herod, "at Bethlehem.  
And when you have found him I beg of you To  
hurry back here ere aught else you do, For I would  
come and adore him too In Juda at Bethlehem."  
They followed the star and they found the King  
Asleep in his mother's arms.

And they offered their myrrh and their  
frankincense  
And gold, which they bought at their own expense,  
As well as the love which it represents To the King  
in his mother's arms.

And they spoke with his mother, the  
maiden mild, With Mary, the mother-maid;

And she told them that one of the reasons  
that she Was the mother of God, who was on her  
knee, Was that God had regard for humility  
That's why she's the mother-maid.

Then they left for their home in the eastern  
land, For their home in the far-away east.

And they didn't tell Herod just where or  
when The Child had been born, which will show  
again That we're right when we call them the three  
wise men

Who came from the far-away east.  
And everyone must follow the star That leads to  
the infant King.

The ways can be wild and the roads can be  
rough And Herod will try us with banter and bluff,  
But the price that we'll pay will be little enough For  
a glimpse of the infant King.

When you read this I'll be on my way to my graduation in Durham (UK). It's often about zero degrees about this time in Durham so pray I don't freeze solid! After the UK I'm off to Rome for a conference and some shopping!

## Liturgy of the Word

### First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover your and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71:1-27-8, 10-13

**R.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The Kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

### Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East.

And have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child', he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the fifth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the twentieth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the first day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the eighth day of the same month, the feast of Pentecost. On the twenty-second day of the same month, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the thirtieth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Unwell:** Denise de Gruchy, Elizabeth Rossiter  
**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Hogan  
**Anniversaries:**

### Mass Intentions:

11<sup>th</sup> 6pm Vigil: All Parishioners  
12<sup>th</sup> Holy Souls

### Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

7<sup>th</sup> (Tue) St Raymond of Penyafort

### Kids Corner:

I led Israelites out of Egypt and went up Mount Sinai alone. I came back down with 10 commandments written on two tablets of stone. Who am I? (Turn Over for Answer)



Just a reminder that there are no 9:15 am Weekday Masses until Tuesday January 21 (to be confirmed) and there is also no Rosary Group on Friday's until Friday 24 January (to be confirmed). Thank you for your understanding and patience 🙏

### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

*Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*