

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 until
18 Feb** (TBC)

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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donation**

Parish music licence no. A-739406

Kids Corner Answer

We Noah guy.

NOTICES

Weekday Masses Please note there are no 9:15am weekday Masses until the arrival of Fr Michael Kong. He will be arriving on 14 Feb (To Be Confirmed)



We are seeking out volunteers to read during our Sunday Mass at 930am. Please contact the parish if you are interested.

Don't forget to say "thank you" to Fr Trevor Tibbertsma if you would like. There is a journal in the entrance of the church so you may write him a thank you note.

thank you

"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

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

A big thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled **\$2,885.92**, which is above 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, 26th of January 2025



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Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

On the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we learn the importance of listening to God's word. Nehemiah showed the people that reading and understanding Scripture brings joy and strength. When we take time to listen to God's word, we find guidance and comfort. It helps us grow in our faith and live better lives.

The gospel also shows us that Jesus studied and understood Scripture. Jesus knew God's word well and used it to teach and help others. By following His example, we can also learn more about God and how to follow Him. Studying Scripture helps us know what God wants for us and how we can live in a way that pleases Him.

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourage us to not just hear God's word but to act on it. It is not enough to listen and understand; we must also live out our faith. This means helping others, being kind, and following God's commandments. By doing this, we show our love for God and others.



Living out God's word every day can be challenging, but it is what we are called to do. The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us that God's word is our guide and strength. When we listen, understand, and act on it, we grow closer to God and become better people. Let's make a commitment to read, study, and live out God's word in our daily lives.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:8-10,15

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words out of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

Second reading

Corinthians 12: 12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you’, nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

FLOWERS NEEDED



**We are seeking some flowers please.
If you have flowers at home that you would like to donate to make our church look even more spectacular, please contact the parish.
Thank you for your help.**

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Denise de Gruchy, Elizabeth Rossiter

Recently Deceased: Julia Chamberlin, Margaret Hogan

Anniversaries:

Mass Intentions:

25th 6pm Vigil: All Parishioners

26th Holy Souls

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

27th (Mon) St Angela Merici

28th (Tue) St Thomas Aquinas

31st (Fri) St John Bosco

1st (Sat) Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary

Kids Corner: When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say? (Turn Over for Answer)