

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

6pm Saturday Vigil

9.30am Sunday

Confessions

Saturdays 9:45am &

15 Minutes Before

Saturday & Sunday Mass

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>

NOTICES

2025 Holy Week & Easter Mass times are as follows:

DAY	TIMES	
Mon 14 Apr	No Mass	
Tues 15 Apr	9:15am	
Wed 16 Apr	9:15am	
Thurs 17 Apr	7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 18 Apr	10:30am	Station of the Cross
Fri 18 Apr	3pm	Passion of the Lord
Sat 19 Apr	8pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 20 Apr	9:30am & 11:30am	Easter Sunday

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1st Collection: For the running of and upkeep of the Church

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2nd Collection: To maintain parish house & support Fr Michael

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

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. For the 2nd week of Lent, we received **\$3,061.50** 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

Fourth Sunday Of Lent Year C, 30th of March 2025



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The 4th Sunday of Lent Year C highlights the Israelites' first Passover in the Promised Land. This event marks a new beginning for them and shows God's faithfulness. He fulfilled His promise to bring them to a land flowing with milk and honey.

This celebration is a powerful reminder of God's constant care. The Israelites' journey was long and difficult, but God was always with them. Their first Passover in the Promised Land is a moment of gratitude and renewed hope. For us, the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C encourages us to reflect on our own journeys. We are reminded of God's promises and His presence in our lives. Just as the Israelites celebrated their new beginning, we too can find joy in God's promises and look forward to our own new beginnings with faith and hope.

The parable of the Prodigal Son, found in the Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C, is a story with twists, turns, and reversals. It focuses on freedom and duty, showing how God's mercy can change lives.

The younger son seeks freedom. He wants to live as he wishes, without respect for his father. He even implies that he would prefer his father were dead to claim his wealth. When he returns home, he is more interested in physical comfort than in a relationship with his father.

The older son is dutiful. He serves his father without complaint but harbors resentment. He takes pride in being "the good son" and wishes for a reward. He is driven by his ego and desires to be held in high esteem. He becomes furious when his reckless brother returns and is restored to the same level in the family.

Neither son seems motivated by love. The younger son is selfish, while the older son is prideful. Their actions show a lack of understanding of their father's love. They focus on themselves rather than their relationship with their father. The father, however, loves both of his sons dearly. He uses his love to show the proper place of freedom and duty. He is generous and forgiving with his younger son, welcoming him back wholeheartedly. He could have easily been offended by the older brother's attitude but instead reassures him of his love and shared inheritance.

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C remind us of God's mercy. They show us the importance of seeking forgiveness and offering it to others. They encourage us to embrace God's love and to live as new creations in Christ.

This parable encourages us to reflect on our own lives. Are we seeking freedom without responsibility, or are we dutiful without love? Let us strive to find balance, motivated by love, as we follow God's example of mercy and forgiveness.

First reading**Joshua 5: 9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 33: 2-7 v9****R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**
Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

Second reading**Corinthians 5: 17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel**Luke 15 1-3, 11-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything.'

Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

April 6 (Sunday) Parish Pilgrimage and Picnic Day

Meeting Time and Place: 11:00 AM in front of Sacred Heart church

Transportation: Take Tram No. 109

Destination: St Patrick's Cathedral

Our parish will hold a Parish Pilgrimage and Picnic Day on **Sunday, April 6.**

Please refer to the schedule below and join us for this special event.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: **Parish Picnic** at Fitzroy Gardens in front of the cathedral (BYO Lunch will be enjoyed freely)

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: **At St Patrick's Cathedral** - Prayer and **Holy Door** Passage Ceremony in commemoration of the Jubilee Year 2025

N.B: Those who are under the age of 18 are required to attend with their parents or guardians.

We look forward to your participation!

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Alida Cairo, Elizabeth Rossiter and Sureiya Highman

Recently Deceased: Scott Nunan, Philip Brady, Julia Chamberlin, Margaret Hogan

Anniversaries: Teresa Martina Duffy, Vin Smith, Ian Rossiter, James Tehan, John Patten, Mary Yong Len Tshin and Vincenza Siragusa

Mass Intentions:

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

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

We Welcome Newly Baptised Children:

- **Francesca Mary Aldred**
- **Matilda Emma Milledge**

Thank you for the following special donations:

Denise De Gruchy - \$500 for flowers
\$1000 for the church

Tarrawarra Abby - \$200 worth of Eucharistic Bread