

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

6:00pm Saturday Vigil

9:30am Sunday

Confessions

Saturday: 9:00am & 9:45am
& 5:45pm

Sunday: 9:15am

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>

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Thank You!

Niccolo, our office secretary, and I would like to once again extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who have been generously and wholeheartedly serving our parish in so many ways, especially through your dedication during this Easter celebration. Thanks to your active participation, we were able to celebrate a solemn and beautiful liturgy, and our church grounds—including the presbytery area—continue to be well-maintained, clean, and welcoming to all who visit. We kindly ask for your continued interest and active involvement in all aspects of parish life, from the smallest tasks to the largest undertakings, as we move forward together.

With gratitude,
Fr. Michael & Niccolo

1st Collection: For the running of and upkeep of the Church
BSB: 083 347 Account #: 682 606 383 Reference: Full name

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 5th week of Lent, we received **\$2,188** 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

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I would like to greet all of you with joy in my heart and deep gratitude to God. As we gather to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, I feel incredibly blessed to walk alongside you in faith, hope, and love.

As your new parish administrator here in Sacred Heart Kew, I see this Easter as a special moment of grace for us. Just as the early disciples found themselves amazed, unsure, and filled with renewed purpose after meeting the Risen Jesus, we too are being called to a renewed sense of identity and mission. Easter is not just about what happened 2,000 years ago, but also it is about what God wants to do in us — now, today, and into the future.

This parish has a rich history and a beautiful heart. I have already begun to witness the depth of faith, the spirit of service, and the quiet dedication that so many of you show in your families, ministries, and everyday lives. And, I believe God is inviting us into something even more - a future full of possibility, growth, and grace.

Together, let us continue to commit to being a community of light. Let us be known in Kew not only for our beautiful church but for the beauty of our compassion, the strength of our unity, and the joy of our witness.

Let us also be a parish that looks forward with hope. A parish that welcomes, that listens, that walks with people. A parish that is not afraid to dream big — not for our own glory, but for the sake of the Kingdom of God. A parish where young and old feel at home. Where every person, no matter their background or story, can encounter the living Christ.

May this Easter be the beginning of a new chapter for us. A chapter filled with hope, with life, and with the deep assurance that Christ is alive — in our hearts, in our parish, and in our future.

With Easter blessings and my deepest prayers,

Fr Michael Kong

First Reading**Acts 10: 34,37-43**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 117**

R. *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading**Colossians 3: 1-4**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20: 1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

A Message From Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

When Jesus stood among his disciples after the resurrection, he showed them his wounds, the marks of his crucifixion.

Those marks were not just proof of what he had suffered; they were proof of what he had done. Jesus wanted his disciples to see, with their own eyes, that he had taken their wounded lives into his own body.

St Peter, who was there that day, never forgot this. Later he would write, 'By his wounds, you have been healed' (1 Peter 2:24).

In his crucifixion, Christ carried the full weight of our failures, our hurts, the injuries done to us, and the damage we have done to ourselves and others. He did so knowing we could not heal them alone.

In his resurrection, he stood before his friends with a body bearing our wounds, yet gloriously alive. The resurrection of Christ was a declaration: nothing we carry is beyond his power to redeem. No injury too deep. No past too broken. No heart too far gone.

The wounds we bear can feel like the end of our story. They threaten to define us, to trap us. They try to tell us there is no way ahead.

But Easter speaks another word: a healing word, a forgiving word. Easter tells us that our wounds are not where the story ends. Easter shows us there is a path to healing, and a vista onto a new dawn.

The risen Christ, bearing his crucifying marks, is the sign of hope we need. He entered fully into the depths of our brokenness, so that we might emerge with him, healed.

This is the promise of Easter: that in him, our wounds do not have the final word. Life does. For we are healed in the crucified and risen Christ.

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Albert Leung, Alida Cairo, Elizabeth Rossiter and Sureiya Highman

Recently Deceased: Sylvia Tnay

Anniversaries: Brendan D'Arcy, Ronald De Sousa, Peter Dien, Peter Nhan, Peter Cai, Phanxico Xavier Tam, Vincenza Siragusa.

Mass Intentions:

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

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

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.