

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

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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Parish music licence no. A-739406

NOTICES

ROSARY GROUP: A warm welcome to everyone after Mass on Friday mornings to pray the Rosary.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

- 5:30PM Christmas Eve Family Mass
+ Carols from 5PM
- 8PM Christmas Eve
- 9:30AM Christmas Day

Summer School of Evangelisation - 6 Jan - 12 Jan – Week long retreat for young adults Ages 17 - 35 hosted by the Disciples of Jesus Community in Glenmore. <https://ssemelbourne.org.au/>
Fr Trevor highly recommends these retreats!



WANTED:
PRIZES FOR
CHRISTMAS
PARTY RAFFLE!

No pre-loved items please 😊

“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 **\$3,645.05**, which meets 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

2nd Sunday of Advent, 8th of December 2024



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Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold the Lord will come to save the nations and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

From Fr Trevor

Last week I said that Advent tries to attune us to the fact that Christ has come in His wondrous Incarnation, Christ comes now invisibly through Grace and Christ will come again in glory. Fr Michael Rafter was Parish Priest of Sacred Heart 1977-1995 and much loved. He composed a beautiful poem masterfully connecting the first coming with the “interim coming” in the holy Eucharist. He called it, “Mass Meeting.”

It's not so very, very far
From Bethlehem to Calvary —
From Bethlehem where stood the star
To Calvary where stood the tree.

"This is my body, this my blood,"
And Christ is born. But in that birth
His body and his precious blood
Show forth his death to all on earth.

It's just up to Jerusalem
And just outside the city wall:
To Calvary from Bethlehem
It's not so very far at all.

So Calvary and Bethlehem
Are not so far apart, alas,
As fondly we imagine them —
They meet in every Mass.

But Bethlehem where Christ was born
Is nearer even than we know
To where, abandoned and forlorn,
He died for us in grief and woe.

This Saturday we welcome the Kew community for carols, and the school had here too carols Thursday night. We hope to welcome people also to our Parish Lessons & Carols. In this beautiful tradition, we sing and mediate on the mysteries of our Lord Jesus' birth, as our hearts are lifted up by the sounds of heavenly music of *Chorus Ecclesiae*. The fifteen dollars collected at the door goes toward supporting the visiting choir. The following evening, we have our parish end of year dinner in the hall at 7pm, with special guest, my father, Tony! It's wonderful to be a part of this community.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125

R. The Lord as done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears

Carrying seed for the sowing:

They come back, they come back, full of song

Carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second reading

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

🎄 Christmas Parish Dinner 🎄

7pm Saturday December 14 with live band.
BYO plate to share (e.g. nibbles, main, salad or desert etc).

Just \$20 per person, to be collected at the door or dropped into the office please.

Please let us know what dish you might like to bring. Thank you!



Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Margaret Hogan, Denise de Gruchy, Elizabeth Rossiter, Philip Brady, Fr Trevor

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Chaïel Balcombe, Isabella Tomada

Mass Intentions:

10th Holy Souls

11th Holy Souls

12th Holy Souls

13th Chaïel Balcombe (RIP)

14th Holy Souls

6pm Vigil: All Parishioners

15th Isabella Tomada (RIP)

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

9th (Mon) The Immaculate Conception

11th (Wed) Pope St Damasus

12th (Thurs) Our Lady of Guadalupe

13th (Fri) St Lucy

14th (Sat) St John of the Cross

Lessons & Carols

Friday 13 December 7:30pm

Sung by visiting choir of sacred music *Chorus Ecclesiae* Entry \$15 at the door.

<https://www.chorusecclesiae.org.au>

The Second Vatican Council teaches that “The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as a combination of sacred music and words, it forms a necessary or integral part of solemn liturgy.”

(*Sacrosanctum Concilium* 112)