

## Office Hours:

Tuesday 10 am – 3 pm,  
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## Mass Times

### Weekdays

9:15am Tues – Sat

### Weekend

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.

## Other Sacraments

Please contact parish office  
or visit parish website

## 1st Collection:

To maintain parish house &  
support Fr Michael Kong  
BSB: 083 347

Account #: 663 832 561

## 2nd Collection:

For the running of and upkeep  
of the Church

BSB: 083 347

Account #: 682 606 383



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## Please Remember in Prayer

**Unwell:** James May, Stephanie Purra,  
Michael Tymms, Albert Leung,  
Elizabeth Rossiter, Sam Siragusa and  
Rosa Cimino

**Recently Deceased:** Bertha Effendi

**Anniversaries:** Michael Walsh

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

## Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

8<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
13<sup>th</sup> (Sat) St Lucy

## Announcements

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to assist with  
our various parish group, especially for our  
**Alter Servers**.

Please contact the parish office if you are  
interested in assisting us.

Please note that all volunteers are required  
to get a Working With Children Check  
(unless under 18 years of age) and must  
have received their First Communion in  
order to participate. Thanks for your  
understanding.

# Christmas Mass Times

## • Wednesday, December 24

- 5:30 PM: Christmas Eve Family Mass
- 8:00 PM: Christmas Eve Mass

## • Thursday, December 25

- 9:30 AM: Christmas Day Mass

We cordially invite you to join us for Christmas Mass.

This is a moment for us to gather as one parish family and warmly welcome Jesus, who arrives among us with simplicity and love. Children are encouraged to come dressed as any character from the Bible, their favourite Saint or Christmas theme at the 5:30 pm, Christmas Eve Family Mass on 24 Dec.

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers  
whose efforts contributed to the  
tremendous success of the  
Kew Community Carols!

For Christ The King, the contributions amounted to \$2,534.35 while our weekly running costs amount to \$4,500. Please help us to move towards reaching that target so that we can maintain this beautiful church and keep our parish up and running.

Weekly Expenditure	\$4,500.00
Offertory Collection	\$2,534.35
Difference	-\$1,965.65

**First Reading**

Isaiah 1: 1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8

**R.** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

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

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.**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R.**

**Second Reading**

Romans 15: 4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Matthew 3: 1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**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.