

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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Parish music licence no. A-739406

NOTICES

2025 Holy Week & Easter Mass times are as follows:

DAY	TIMES	
Mon 14 Apr	No Mass	
Tues 15 Apr	No Mass	Chrism Mass Cathedral at 10am
Wed 16 Apr	9:15am	
Thurs 17 Apr	7pm	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

Announcement Regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation at our parish is available not only on Saturdays from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM but also before the Saturday morning Mass, the Vigil Mass, and Sunday Masses.

As we prepare for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, we strongly encourage you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in advance.

Please note that confessions will not be held during Holy Week. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 4th week of Lent, we received **\$3,734.15** 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

Palm Sunday Year C, 13th of April 2025



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The first reading for Palm Sunday Year C fits into the larger message of Isaiah by showing trust in God during suffering. This passage is part of the “Servant Songs,” which describe a servant who faithfully carries out God’s mission, even when faced with rejection and pain. The servant relies on God for strength and does not turn away from the challenges of his calling.

This reflects Isaiah’s broader themes of hope, trust in God’s help, and the promise of redemption. The passage points to the suffering servant’s role in bringing salvation, which Christians see fulfilled in Jesus during His Passion and crucifixion.

On Palm Sunday Year C, we reflect on Jesus’ cry from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” This line from Psalm 22 shows the depth of Jesus’ suffering but also reminds us of God’s faithfulness. The psalm speaks to times when we feel alone or distant from God. It encourages us to remember how God has helped us before and to trust that He will be with us again.

Despite pain and doubt, the psalm calls us to hold onto faith and praise God.

The Letter to the Philippians teaches humility and unity through Jesus’ example. Paul emphasizes Jesus’ willingness to lower Himself, becoming a servant and accepting death on a cross for humanity. This ultimate act of love and obedience leads to His exaltation as Lord of all.

For Palm Sunday Year C, the first reading connects to Jesus’ journey to the cross, showing the meaning behind His sacrifice. It calls believers to follow His example of humility, service, and trust in God. It reminds us to honour Jesus as King and to live with the same attitude of selfless love.

The readings for Palm Sunday Year C show key themes in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem highlights His identity as the humble Messiah and King. The crowds praise Him, but soon events take a darker turn. The Gospel continues with the Last Supper, Jesus’ arrest, trial, and crucifixion. These moments show His deep love and willingness to suffer for humanity.

Luke emphasizes Jesus’ care for others, even in His pain, and His trust in the Father’s plan. These events call us to reflect on Jesus’ mission of mercy and His invitation to follow Him in faith and humility.

First reading**Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 22****R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.**

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.****Second reading****Philippians 2: 6-11**

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*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***Gospel****Luke 22:14 – 23:56**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

Around 50 people participated in the picnic and pilgrimage last Sunday. We sincerely thank all those who helped with volunteering during the event, and we are grateful for the cooperation that allowed us to complete this journey safely. We will continue to create such wonderful opportunities in the future.

On Holy Thursday, **Bishop Thinh**, who has recently been appointed as a new bishop and is responsible for our Eastern Region, will celebrate Mass at our parish. Although our parish has faced some instability over the past few years, the fact that the bishop will visit us signifies the Archdiocese's care and attention to our parish. We hope that this visit will provide us with comfort and hope.

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:

Servant of God



DR SR MARY GLOWREY JMJ



Learn about Mary Glowrey and her Cause for canonisation at maryglowrey.org.au

Visit the Mary Glowrey Museum, Level 2, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Please note stairway access only.

Next Open Day: **16 April (10am to 3pm)**
Details: maryglowreymuseum.info

Break-in at the Parish and Presbytery: Unfortunately, there was a break-in at our parish and presbytery last Sunday evening. Thankfully, there were no injuries, and while some cash and a few personal items of Fr. Kong were stolen, there were no other significant losses. We would like to express our deep gratitude to the volunteers who stepped forward so quickly and assisted with the clean-up and repairs of the broken doors. Following this incident, we will be consulting with the Finance Committee to install security cameras and an alarm system in both the parish and the presbytery. We also encourage everyone to be especially mindful of locking doors during the school holiday period. Though this break-in was a sad and unsettling event, we want to reassure you that our parish remains a place of warmth and support. We are always here for those in need, and we will continue to offer assistance to anyone who reaches out with a sincere heart.

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.