

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
**weds 8:30am 31/07-6/11

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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NOTICES

Counting the weekend collections is a vital part of our parish life and we are looking for one more person to be on a fortnightly counting team. Please speak to Fr Trevor.

We are looking for Wednesday weekday Mass time has temporarily changed to 8:30am from July 31 to November 6 (semester 2) since I will be teaching at Catholic Theological College. After that we'll go back to 9:15am. Thank you for understanding.

HEARTS FOR CHRIST is faith, formation, food and friendship for young people in years 7-12. The next one is Thursday September 5th from 6pm to 7:30pm.

For Michele there is a gift which we invite you all to sign at the entrance of the church. Please leave a short message too.

Due to my workload the parish already has to advertise for a new part-time secretary position. Please see the details at <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

The Archbishop's Campaign for the charitable work of the Archdiocese and Seminary education runs for all of August. Please think of returning one of the envelopes to me or putting it in the collection plate. Most of the donations are tax-deductible.

“For it is in giving that we receive.” St Francis of Assisi

1st Collection— For the running of and upkeep of our parish.
BSB: 083 347 Account #: 682 606 383

Reference: Full name

2nd Collection— To support Fr Trevor, Priests of the Archdiocese & Archbishop Peter.

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

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled **\$3,317.81**. Our weekly running costs are around 4K at the moment. Thank you for helping us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running.

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, 25th of August 2024



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Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

From Fr Trevor

This week presents as something of a finale to the past four Sundays. In the Gospel of St John, we've mediated on the Bread of Life discourse given by our Lord Jesus in the Synagogue at Capernaum. It's pretty bold to teach that in the commemoration of the Last Supper the bread and the wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord. And the Gospel today is very honest with us about that. Because of this mysterious teaching, St John says that "many of his *disciples* left him and stopped going with him." By the way, that is chapter 6 verse 66! But today the Lord Jesus asks you the same question he made to the Twelve, "will you also go away?" Some of us who are not going away from Jesus are our young people receiving the holy Eucharist for the first time this weekend. The parish especially welcomes them, as well as their friends and family. We are delighted to share in the sacrificial meal with them. But "congratulations" is not exactly the right thing to say here, but "thanks be to God!" Beforehand, each of us pray, "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter..." and one should approach the Lord with reverence and gratitude. With their preparations fresh in mind, let's renew our own devotion to this great Sacrament.

In communion with Jesus our King, may we learn to give ourselves for others in response to this blessed exchange. It can only come about in the little things we do (and the little things we refrain from doing because we shouldn't). For example, it's remembering to pray; it's thinking of others before ourselves; it's finding the happiness in giving rather than receiving.

This coming Friday I have my PhD Viva exam through Durham University. It will take place online at 11:30pm (!) with an internal and external examiner, one in the UK and the other in the USA. It's a big month for all of us! Hopefully next weekend I can add that to the things for which I'm grateful.

Because of my workload, the parish has already had to begin advertising for a part-time secretary. The Archdiocese of Melbourne will facilitate this opportunity for an initial 12-month contract of fifteen hours per week over three days (9am-2pm). The web-link for expressions of interest is in the notices.



Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second reading

Ephesians 5:25-32

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

St Augustine on the holy Eucharist:

O eternal Truth, true Love, and beloved Eternity, you are my God, and for you I sigh day and night. As I first began to know you, you lifted me up and showed me that, while that which I might see exists indeed, I was not yet capable of seeing it. Your rays beamed intensely on me, beating back my feeble gaze, and I trembled with love and dread. I knew myself to be far away from you in a region of unlikeness, and I seemed to hear your voice from on high: "I am the food of the mature: grow, then, and you shall eat me. You will not change me into yourself like bodily food; but you will be changed into me".

Accordingly I looked for a way to gain the strength I needed to enjoy you, but I did not find it until I embraced the mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is also God, supreme over all things and blessed for ever. He called out, proclaiming I am the Way and Truth and the Life. But I had not known him as the food which, though I was not yet strong enough to eat it, he had mingled with our flesh, for 'the Word became flesh' so that [you] might become for us the milk adapted to our infancy.

Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you!

You called, shouted, broke through my deafness;

you flared, blazed, banished my blindness;
you lavished your fragrance, I gasped; and
now I pant for you;

I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst;
you touched me, and I burned for your peace.

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Elizabeth Rossiter, Margaret Hogan, Suraya Higham

Recently deceased: Anne Kukuljan

Anniversaries: please contact parish office

Mass Intentions:

27th Holy Souls in Purgatory

28th Molly Sheils (RIP)

29th Bridie McMurray (RIP)

30th Robert McGhee (RIP)

31th Eleanor Traquair (RIP)

6pm Vigil: All parishioners

1st Jim & Mary Meany (RIP)

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

27th (Tues) St Monica

28th (Weds) St Augustine

29th (Thurs) Beheading of St John the Baptist

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Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge or a gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese.