

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.

Thank you Everyone who contributed to the hot water system & power circuits for our church kitchenette. It will be installed Friday! 🙏 We raised just over the amount we needed 😊

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, VIC. **See:**

<https://ssemelbourne.org.au/>



Christmas Mass Times

5:30pm Christmas Eve

Family Mass

8pm Christmas Eve

9:30am Christmas Day

“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

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled **\$3,844.86**. Almost meeting 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

1st Sunday of Advent, 1st of December 2024



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Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

From Fr Trevor

“Return,” O Lord, “for the sake of your servants” (Isa 63:17b). This is the prayer of the prophet Isaiah many centuries before our era. It’s an “advent” prayer because it asks for the Lord to *come*. Advent means, “coming” or “arrival.” During these weeks of Advent leading us to Christmas, we pray, “Return,” O Lord, “for the sake of your servants.” Isaiah’s plea remains on the lips of both Jewish and Christian people to this day. But for Christian believers these words take on a new significance. The request to “return,” implies a prior presence. In the Master from Nazareth, “God has [already] visited his people,” and so our prayer for God to return has been Christianised: “Return Lord Jesus, come back to us. You promised to be with us always (Matt 28:20), but we struggle to feel you near.” The marvellous mystery revealed to us in Jesus of Nazareth is that Isaiah’s hope-filled advent prayer was indeed answered. In Jesus, “God has visited his people” (Luke 7:16).

But don’t you see the problem with such a claim? If God has come among us, why is the world in the state that it is? The wars, the chaos, the loneliness, greed, domestic violence, disease, all the suffering. Perhaps you see a shrinking Church, rocked by scandals, widespread confusion and loss of Catholic identity, loss of faith in Jesus as King. Some might despair that the Lord is really coming back. Now more than ever is the time to take up the prophet Isaiah’s prayer once more: “Return, O Lord!” O Lord, you’ve shown us the way but so many have not taken it. Everything is not okay; everything is not as it should be. “Return, O Lord, come back to us.” Heal our broken family. Intervene, and heal our human family!

In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus talks about His second coming. He promises that in the end, His followers will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” When exactly this will take place, we do not know. Until then, Jesus tells us to “Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to endure all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.” In fact, in the penultimate line of the entire Bible, the Lord says, “I am coming soon,” and the author responds in the prayer, “Amen, come Lord Jesus!”



Advent Service

Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the Path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
And grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.' Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

🌲 Christmas Parish Dinner 🌲

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

Cost is just \$20 per person, to be collected after weekend Masses or paid online please.

Please let us know if you're coming on the clip boards at the entrance & indicate what you might like to bring. Thank you!



Lessons & Carols

Friday 13 December 7:30pm

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

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)

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.

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Margaret Hogan, Denise de Gruchy, Elizabeth Rossiter

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

Mass Intentions:

3rd Holy Souls

4th Holy Souls

5th Holy Souls

6th Holy Souls

7th Holy Souls

6pm Vigil: All Parishioners

8th Giuseppe & Anna Sake

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

3rd (Tue) St Francis Xavier

4th (Wed) St John Damascene

6th (Fri) St Nicholas

7th (Sat) St Ambrose