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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:

## Anniversaries:

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

## Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

## Announcements

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to assist with  
our various parish groups.

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.

# WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, MORE BLESSINGS FOR 2026!



## Saint Nicholas Prayer for Children

God Our Father we pray, that through the intercession of Saint Nicholas, You will protect our children. Keep them safe from harm, and help them grow, and become worthy in Your sight. Give them strength to keep their faith in You, and to keep alive their joy In Your creation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. 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.

**First Reading**

Isaiah 62: 1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 88: 4-5, 16-17

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

'He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me." I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure.' **R.**

**Second Reading**

Apostles 13: 16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak: 'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out. Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose". To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: The Saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Matthew 1: 18-25

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

**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.