

### **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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HOME WITH YOU**



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donation**

Parish music licence no. A-739406

#### **NOTICES**

**Please stay** for a cup of tea or coffee after the 9:30am Mass this Sunday. A big thanks to our volunteers!

**A big thanks to Phillip Healey** for acquiring a new urn and a pie warmer for our Sunday hospitality and morning teas! Phillip has done a lot for us at Sacred Heart. We pray that the Lord would richly reward him.

**The parish** is looking for someone with architectural experience for some advice. Please see Fr Trevor.

**Wednesday weekday Mass time** has temporarily changed to 8:30am until November 6 since have to lecture at CTC. After that we'll go back to 9:15am. Thank you for understanding.

**Michele's** thank you gift will be given to her next week so this is the last weekend. Please leave a short message too.

**HEARTS FOR CHRIST** is faith, formation, food and friendship for young people in years 7-12, from 6-7:30pm first Thursday of the month. The next one is October 3.

St Basil the Great said, "You will receive eternal glory and the crown of righteousness as a prize for rightly disposing of your wealth – wealth that in any case cannot last and must decay."

**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 **\$3,630.72**. Our weekly running costs are around 4K and are largely augmented by loan repayments and insurance. Thank you for helping us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running.

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2024



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**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## From Fr Trevor

“Ephphatha”, “Be opened” says the Master. In this authentic Aramaic saying of our Lord we too should consider ourselves the recipients. Do not be deaf to what the Lord Jesus is asking of you; do not be tongue tied in confessing His holy name and in professing the true faith. Be open. He miraculously restored hearing and speech to this solitary man in the first century, allowing him to hear and speak clearly again. But we do not linger with the crowd on this once-off wonder, but instead are challenged to examine our own hearing and our own speech. Do we listen before we respond? Do we listen openly and respectfully before thinking carefully about what to say? It’s hardly different in our relationship with God. Are we deaf to His small still voice which speaks gently to our hearts especially through the Sacred Scriptures and especially through silence? If so, how can we say what we believe? How could we speak the Creed and say our “Amen” properly if we have not first let the Lord break through our deafness and heal us from within? Be open!

This Sunday it is with great joy that we welcome little Alba Sequeira into God’s family. She was only born in June and will be baptised here this weekend as her father too receives the Sacrament of Confirmation! What a memory to cherish. In front of godparents, and Confirmation sponsor in the same Mass, father and newborn daughter will be anointed with the same sacred oil of Chrism in two distinct Sacraments of initiation. Seeing their little family every Sunday here has been a joy for all of us. There is a prayer sometimes used at Baptisms called the “Ephphatha prayer”: *The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen!*

Applications have closed for a part-time secretary. The Archdiocese of Melbourne will facilitate the interview process in the coming weeks for several of the impressive applications. A parishioner will also attend the interviews to represent your concerns and viewpoints.



## Liturgy of the Word

### First reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145(146):7-10

**R.** Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

### Second reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Mark 7:31-37**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

#### **Public Lecture**

Dr. Greg Bottaro

Founder CatholicPsych Institute

The Integration of Faith, Science, and Reason  
in Psychological Care and Mental Health.

Monday 16 September

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Cardinal Knox Centre - St Patrick's Cathedral

Entry off Lansdowne Street

East Melbourne VIC

Register online at :

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUZEG>

Dr. Greg Bottaro is a Catholic psychologist, founder of the CatholicPsych Institute and creator of the CatholicPsych Model of Applied Personalism (CPMAP). Dr Greg is married with 7 kids. Before that he was a Franciscan Friar for 4 years under the mentorship of Fr. Benedict Groeschel. Dr Greg will be speaking on the integration of faith, science, and reason in psychological care and mental health.

#### **Please Remember in Prayer**

**Unwell:** Elizabeth Rossiter, Margaret Hogan, Suraya Higham

**Recently Deceased:** Alla Tamowicz

**Anniversaries:**

#### **Mass Intentions:**

10<sup>th</sup> Joe McMullan (RIP)

11<sup>th</sup> Robert Seggie (RIP)

12<sup>th</sup> Anne Loughran (RIP)

13<sup>th</sup> Tony Boon (RIP)

14<sup>th</sup> John Lynch (RIP)

6pm Vigil: All parishioners

15<sup>th</sup> John Egan (RIP)

#### **Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:**

9<sup>th</sup> (Mon) St Peter Claver

12<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Most Holy Name of Mary

13<sup>th</sup> (Fri) St John Chrysostom

14<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Exaltation of the Holy Cross (feast)