

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

**no weekday Mass

January 1-20**

Weekend Mass Times

6pm Saturday Vigil

9.30am Sunday

Confessions

Saturdays 9:45am

**after Jan 25

Adoration:

To Be Confirmed Feb

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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Kids Corner Answer

A: You Luke into it

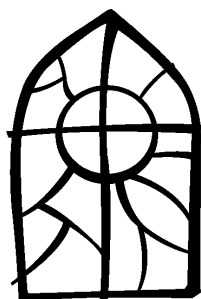
B: Adam, because he was first in the human race

NOTICES

ROSARY GROUP: A warm welcome to everyone after Mass on Friday mornings to pray the Rosary. **(From Jan 24)**

January Weekday Masses Please note there are no weekday 9:15am Masses until Tuesday 21 January (To Be Confirmed)

**A VERY BIG
“THANK YOU” to
Fr Brian Glasheen
for offering Mass
last weekend, we
are blessed 😊**



Just a reminder that there are no 9:15 am Weekday Masses until Tuesday January 21 (to be confirmed) and there is also no Rosary Group on Friday's until Friday 24 January (to be confirmed). Thank you for your understanding and patience 🙏

“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

A big thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled **\$2,914.05**, which is a bit more than half of 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

Baptism of the Lord, 12th of January 2025



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Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



In the Baptism of the Lord (Year C), we see a special moment where the Trinity is revealed. The baptism of Jesus shows us the presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This gives us a glimpse into the Trinitarian nature of God.

As Jesus is baptized, the heavens open, and the Holy Spirit comes down like a dove. At the same time, a voice from heaven speaks, saying, “You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased.” Here, we see the Father speaking from heaven, the Son being baptized, and the Holy Spirit descending. This moment shows us how the three Persons of the Trinity are present and working together.

This scene helps us understand that God is a community of love. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are united and share in the work of salvation. Jesus’ baptism marks the beginning of his mission to bring God’s love to the world. The Holy Spirit empowers him, and the Father’s voice affirms him.

When we think about the Trinity revealed at Jesus’ baptism, we are reminded that our own baptism also connects us to this loving relationship. We are invited to share in the life of the Trinity and to spread God’s love to others. Just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love and mission, we are called to live in love and to serve others in our daily lives.

Reflecting on the Baptism of the Lord Year C helps us see Jesus’ love, the beginning of his mission, and the unity of the Trinity. It reminds us of our own baptism and our call to live in love and service. We are invited to join in Jesus’ mission and share God’s love with everyone.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God. Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-2,3-4, 24-25, 27-30

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. R.

Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. R.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. R.

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. R.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. R.

Second reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3: 4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

DO YOU LOVE TEACHING KIDS?

WELL DO WE HAVE THE PERFECT
THING FOR YOU! WE ARE LOOKING
FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
CHILDREN'S LITRUGY HELD
DURING SUNDAY MORNING MASS.
ROTATING ROSTER DURING THE
SCHOOL TERM, PLEASE CONTACT
THE PARISH IF YOU ARE KEEN!
CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR FROM YOU



Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Denise de Gruchy, Elizabeth Rossiter

Recently Deceased: Margaret Hogan

Anniversaries:

Mass Intentions:

18th 6pm Vigil: All Parishioners

19th Holy Souls

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

13th (Mon) St Hilary

17th (Fri) St Anthony

18th (Sat) Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary

Kids Corner: **A** - What is the best possible way
to study the Bible?

B - Who was awarded as the fastest runner in
the race? (Turn Over for Answers)

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.