

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 9th of June 2024

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

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday mornings (before and after 9:15 Mass)
Or upon request

Church open for prayer:
10am-11:30am Friday
10am-11:30am Saturday

Baptisms

Last Sunday of the month.
Please contact the office

First Sacraments

Please contact the parish office or see our website
<https://shkew.org.au>

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NOTICES

Prayer in Parliament

In response to a push by some parliamentarians to end the recitation of prayer in the Victorian Parliament, together with other religious leaders, Archbishop Comensoli has written to all Members of Parliament about the fundamental and ongoing importance of prayer. The letter can be found at: www.bit.ly/parliamentaryprayer. There are two simple ways you can support the continuation of prayer in parliament:

- Sign this petition to the Legislative Council: www.bit.ly/petitionparlprayer.
- Write to your local state members of parliament to respectfully let them know your views. You can find out who your local MPs are at: findelectorate.parliament.vic.gov.au Writing to both your Legislative Assembly member and to some or all of your five Legislative Council members is recommended.

Hearts for Christ group is for young people in years 7-12.

Thursdays from June 13 & 27 from 6pm to 7:30pm.

Fr Joe Caddy, our Vicar General, has been appointed by the Holy Father Pope Francis as Bishop of Cairns. Please pray for him, and for a reliable replacement here in Melbourne!

St Francis of Assisi said, "People lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give."

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.

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We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled \$3,991.26. Unfortunately our running costs at the moment are reaching almost 5,000 per week. Please help us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running. Thank you for your generous support.



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Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?

When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

From Fr Trevor

When we say, "Ordinary Time", we don't mean dull and boring. In the Church's life of faith, there's nothing mundane about the days of the year which fall outside of Lent, Easter, Advent and the Christmas season. Just look at the readings for this weekend and you'll see that there is nothing ordinary here. Christ talks about a new kind of family: "*Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister...*". Compare that to His own relatives who are convinced that He is "out of his mind" (!). Or is there anything more extraordinary than St Paul's insight into how the heavy trials we face can prepare us for a far greater weight of glory in the next life? Of course, trials when we endure them can seem over-whelming. But in Christ we can make them into sacrifices for His glory and for the salvation of souls. This doesn't make our trials disappear, but it certainly makes them more meaningful, and it also stops them counting for more than just suffering. It is the Lord alone who draws us to Himself in the perfect happiness of heaven. But it is our mission on earth to cooperate with the will of God, and that means to allow God to change us, to gently smooth our rough edges, to teach us *humility* and *dependence* and so prepare us to be able to bear that weight of eternal glory in the next life.

This coming week (10-14th June) the Melbourne priests go away for our annual clergy conference with Archbishop Peter. Think of it like PD (professional development)! I am grateful to the Dominican priests of Camberwell who will say the weekday Masses until I get back Friday afternoon. Because I was in Italy and the UK for most of my seven years as a priest, and because of the lockdowns 2020-2021, this will actually be my first clergy conference! Who knows, maybe I will find time to get to marking the forty academic essays I have from Catholic Theological College! Have a great week everyone.



Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129 (130)

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Reflections on the most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday was the Feast of the Sacred Heart. I was not always drawn to this devotion because it seemed to be all about a human organ, albeit a central one, but which of course is of little use without the body and the whole person. I realise now that this is like thinking the (mighty) Hawks are actually birds! No, it is the feast of God's radical love for humanity. He created us out of love simply to share His divine love with us. Despite humanity's rejection of God and their indifference towards Him, in His love, God offers us forgiveness in Christ Jesus. Now surely that is worth celebrating!

What is the unforgiveable sin against the Holy Spirit?

"There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss" (Catechism n. 1864). Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is a refusal to repent. God does not bring anyone into his kingdom against their will. People can reject God's mercy and refuse forgiveness which leads to eternal separation from God.

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Bertha Effendi, Esther Chong, Elizabeth Rossiter, Margaret Hogan

Recently deceased: Natty Desouza

Anniversaries: Kathleen Mary Kennedy

Mass Intentions:

15th John & Cathy McAloon

6pm Vigil: All parishioners

16th Michael Harty

Upcoming Feast Days:

11th (Tues) St Barnabas, Apostle

13th (Thurs) St Antony of Padua

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
following Friday and Saturday morning
Mass 9:45-10:45am. There are sign-up
sheets in the entrance of the church.