

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

Saturdays 9:45am &

15 Minutes Before

Saturday & Sunday Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays 9:45am

Baptisms

Last Sunday of the month.

Please contact our office.

Other Sacraments

Please contact the parish office or see our website

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NOTICES

2025 Holy Week & Easter Mass times are as follows:

DAY	TIMES	
Mon 14 Apr	No Mass	
Tues 15 Apr	No Mass	Chrim Mass Cathedral at 10am
Wed 16 Apr	9:15am	
Thurs 17 Apr	7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 18 Apr	10:30am	Station of the Cross
Fri 18 Apr	3pm	Passion of the Lord
Sat 19 Apr	8pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 20 Apr	9:30am & 11:30am	Easter Sunday

Announcement Regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation at our parish is available not only on Saturdays from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM but also before the Saturday morning Mass, the Vigil Mass, and Sunday Masses.

As we prepare for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, we strongly encourage you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in advance.

Please note that confessions will not be held during Holy Week. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

1st Collection: For the running of and upkeep of the Church

BSB: 083 347 Account #: 682 606 383 Reference: Full name

2nd Collection: To maintain parish house & support Fr Michael

BSB: 083 347 Account #: 663 832 561 Reference: Full name

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. For the 3rd week of Lent, we received **\$2,734.64** in donations. As we move towards meeting our everyday running costs of approximately \$4,000 per week, please help us keep this beautiful church and parish up and running. Thank you for your generous support.

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

Fifth Sunday Of Lent Year C, 6th of April 2025



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The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C highlights God's promise of new beginnings. In the first reading, God speaks through Isaiah, telling His people that He will do something new. He asks them to forget the past and look forward to what He is going to do.

God's message is clear: He is making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. This means that even in our hardest times, God is working to bring us hope and renewal. He wants us to trust that He can create new paths and provide for us in unexpected ways.

On the 5th Sunday of Lent Year C, we are reminded to let go of our past mistakes and failures. We should not dwell on what we cannot change. Instead, we should focus on the new opportunities God is giving us. By trusting in His promise, we can move forward with hope and confidence in His plans for us.

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C calls us to change our hearts. Sometimes, we think our righteousness and the law of God give us the right to judge others. But in the gospel, Jesus shows us another way.

Jesus teaches that the life of a sinner is more important than the law. The woman caught in adultery broke the rules, and there's no denial of that. But Jesus believes in giving second chances, even when the law does not.

The woman in the story remains silent. She does not admit her mistake or apologize. Her silence can be seen in many ways, but it shows she does not make excuses either.

Both the crowd and the woman have strayed from God's heart and law. We do the same. Like the woman, we might ignore God's commands and do as we please. Or like the crowd, we might use the law to separate "us" from "them," wanting punishment for those who fail.

Jesus also shows trust in the crowd. He seems to know that no one will throw a stone. He believes that their goodness will shine through when challenged. We can learn from this in our society.

A good mantra for this gospel is "Forgive her. Change me." It reminds us to show mercy and seek personal change. The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C encourages us to embrace this lesson.

As we reflect on this gospel, let's ask God to help us forgive others. Let us also seek change in our own hearts. This way, we follow Jesus' example on the 5th Sunday of Lent Year C.

First reading**Isaiah 43: 16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 125**

R. *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second reading**Philippians 3: 8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,

for I am tender and compassionate.

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Gospel

John 8: 1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Announcement Regarding Mass Intentions

For the good of our parish community, we have carefully considered and decided that Mass intentions for the deceased will now be offered for a period of one month. If you request a Mass intention for someone who has recently passed away or in remembrance of their anniversary, their name will be included in our parish bulletin and in the prayers of our Sunday congregation. After one month, the name will be removed to ensure that many parishioners have a fair opportunity to offer Mass intentions for their loved ones.

For prayer intentions for those who are ill, their names will remain on our list unless a request is made to remove them.

To request a Mass intention, please use the designated envelopes available at the parish or contact the parish office via phone or email for assistance.

Let us continue to pray wholeheartedly for our beloved family and friends.

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: Alida Cairo, Elizabeth Rossiter and Sureiya Highman

Recently Deceased: Scott Nunan, Philip Brady,

Julia Chamberlin, Margaret Hogan

Anniversaries: Brendan D'Arcy, Ronald De Sousa, Peter Dien, Peter Nhan, Peter Cai, Phanxico Xavier Tam, Vincenza Siragusa, Teresa Martina Duffy, Vin Smith, Ian Rossiter, James Tehan, John Patten, and Mary Yong Len Tshin

Mass Intentions:

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

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

Thank you both to everyone for bringing food and also who serve during our Sunday Morning Tea events! It's such a wonderful experience for everyone in the Sacred Heart Parish Community!

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.