

## 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

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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Parish music licence no. A-739406

### NOTICES

**ROSARY GROUP:** A warm welcome to everyone after Mass on Friday mornings to pray the Rosary.

**January Weekday Masses** at this stage are TBC, as we have not yet found a Priest who will cover them. Rest assured 6pm Saturday vigil and Sunday 9:30am Masses are covered.

**Summer School of Evangelisation** - 6 Jan - 12 Jan – Week long retreat for young adults Ages 17 - 35 hosted by the Disciples of Jesus Community in Glenmore. <https://ssemelbourne.org.au/> Fr Trevor highly recommends these retreats!



## Christmas Mass Times

*-24 Dec Family Mass – 5:30PM (Carols at 5PM)*

*-24 Dec – 8:00PM Christmas Eve Mass*

*-25 Dec 9:30AM Christmas Day Mass*

“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.

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**2nd Collection**— For Fr Trevor & Priests of the Archdiocese

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A big thanks for your generous contributions to our parish. Donations last week totalled **\$2,223.21**, which is about 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2024



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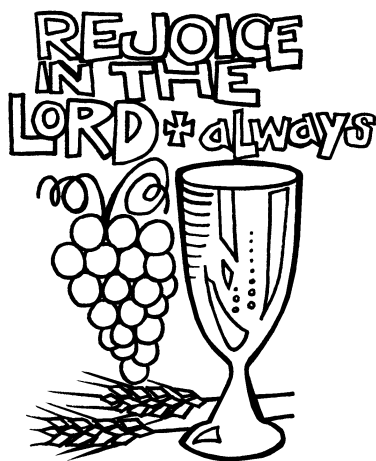
**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

## From Fr Trevor

It's our super weekend at Sacred Heart! Lessons from holy Scripture & enchanting Carols Friday evening, our end of year parish dinner Saturday night, and on Sunday two adults are being received into full communion with the Catholic Church! The Church rejoices in the new of life which God now bestows on Samantha Jenkins, and the new fellowship we share with Garry Eastaugh! Now don't think I wear the rose colour at Masses this weekend just to mark this special occasion! All Priests don the pink today (if it's a part of their collection!) because it's *Gaudete* Sunday! *Gaudete* means "rejoice!" The penitential colour of violet is mixed with the white of the approaching high feast! We are gladdened by the growth of the Church. I think that if people really knew the efficacy of the Church to bring peoples into communion with the most Holy Trinity, to save souls, they would not help but come with us. People who walk away reject what they wrongly believe the Church to be. If people saw what the Church really is and the God to whom she most fully introduces us, they would not hesitate to be baptised and to come to Sunday Mass.



A big thanks to Fathers Brendan Lane and Garry Devery for covering for me last weekend when I had to isolate. In other news, I should probably update everyone on what's happening at Sacred Heart in the January holiday period. From December 30 I am taking leave to go to my graduation in Durham (UK) and a conference in Rome. For the first Sunday of January (Epiphany Sunday), Fr Brian Glasheen will say the Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses. For the following two weekends Fr Isaac Zaki has kindly agreed to offer the Masses here. We are very grateful to them for coming before the new Priest moves into the presbytery. We're replacing an air conditioner and having a full mould treatment for the house. I've been putting

together a welcome pack with some things he'll need to know, e.g., how to work the heating in winter! I want to help make this a smooth handover and I think Niccolo in the office will be a huge asset for the parish as, unfortunately, you go through yet another kind of transition.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First reading

**Zep 3:14-18a**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 12:2-6**

**R.** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
He became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
From the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
For he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
For great in your midst is the holy one of Israel. **R.**

### Second reading

**Philippians 4:4-7**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Luke 3:10-18**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

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. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

**Thank You to Everyone Who Have Made Our Christmas Party End of Year Dinner a HUGE Success!** Your time, efforts and donations have been a big contribution to our great parish community event!

Special thanks to Liz at *Town & Country* and Craig from the Cotham Newsagency!

## Thank You for Supporting World Mission Day Appeals

Catholic Mission thanks the parish of Sacred Heart for your support of this year's World Mission Day Appeal. Through your contribution of \$370.00, you have empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses to share a message of hope & compassion with communities around the world. Thanks to you, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo and Brother Andrew in Mongolia can continue delivering life-saving care, essential resources, and educational support. Thanks for being a light of hope to those in need!

## Please Remember in Prayer

**Unwell:** Margaret Hogan, Suraya Higham, Denise de Gruchy, Elizabeth Rossiter

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen D'Arcy, Gaven Walsh

## Mass Intentions:

17<sup>th</sup> Holy Souls

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19<sup>th</sup> Benefactors & collaborators Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

20<sup>th</sup> Deceased benefactors, collaborators & extern members Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver (RIP)

21<sup>st</sup> Holy Souls

6pm Vigil: All Parishioners

22<sup>nd</sup> Holy Souls (RIP)

## 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.***