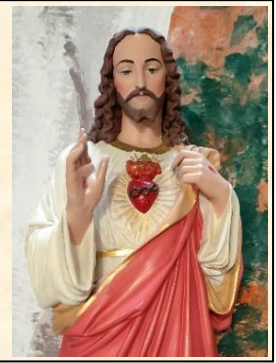




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Parish Finance Committee:

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St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Stephen Costello (President)

Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (*Italian*), 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9:10am

Healing Mass: 1st Friday of February,

May, August & November at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass: Friday 1 Nov. 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



Holy Rosary: Thurs after the 9:10am Mass

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on

Monday 7 October in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass. All welcome

Bulletin printed: 26/9/2024

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 29 September 2024

110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

“God walks with His People.”

Every journey has a leader. For the Israelite people, who were living as slaves in Egypt, that leader was Moses. With God’s prompting, and the support of Aaron and Miriam, Moses courageously led the people on their exodus journey to the Promised Land.

However, even the best human leader cannot replace God. In the story from Numbers, God’s Spirit empowered seventy elders to share Moses’s burden of leadership. On their way to the Promised Land, a shared and commissioned leadership was better able to address all of their difficulties and challenges. When the Israelites were about to finally arrive, Moses himself reached the end of his life and was instructed not to go on. As Joshua took up his new position, Moses reassured the people, “It is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Pope Francis’s theme for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is “God walks with his people”. He says that “Many migrants experience God as their travelling companion, guide and anchor of salvation”. Through their exile, wilderness journey and final arrival, the people who were following Moses discovered that they were really following God, who went before them and walked alongside them. The meeting tent that protected the ark of the covenant was a symbol of this presence; of a God who stayed close along the journey.

So many migrants and refugees face such challenges and difficulties along their way. They can be separated from families and loved ones, lost, bereaved, exhausted, hurt or afraid of the future. They can experience people who are unwelcoming or hostile to them in their time of vulnerability. James in his letter today reminds us that God sees the disregard and injustice of the rich and comfortable. Our relationship with those who are suffering has eternal implications.

Yet Jesus reminds us that the opposite is also true. Those who offer merely “a cup of water to drink” will not lose their reward. Our kindness and generosity brings life to both the giver and receiver. As Pope Francis says, God not only walks *with* migrants and refugees, but *within* them. God “identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized.” In serving the least of our brothers and sisters, we encounter Jesus himself.

Therefore, as a Church walking a synodal journey together, we recognise God as our true guide along the way. We see the value in shared leadership and our responsibility to welcome the stranger. And in the symbols of our liturgy, we remember God’s enduring presence, walking alongside and within each one of us.

(110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024:
Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office)

“Migrants and Refugees are people just like us.

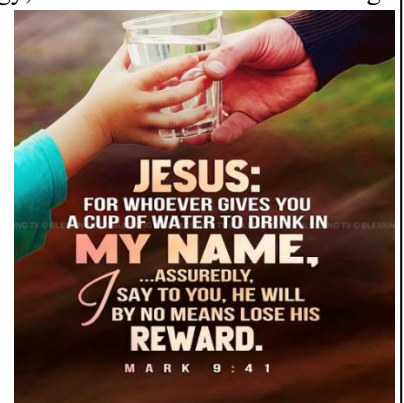
They have hearts that love their children

–just like us.

They have souls that yearn for peace.

They have minds that imagine a future.”

Brenda Hubber - St Vincent de Paul, East Preston



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sat 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
21-Sep	Marlene Vergou Celia Lemos	Mary Harb	
28-Sep	Mary Harb Rohan Lemos	Terry Murphy	
05-Oct	Teresa Dang Rohan Lemos	Charlotte Bainy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
22-Sep	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D'Intino	Jessica	
29-Sep	Marilene Fortuna Hannah Thambiraj	Gerard Grant		
06-Oct	Ophelia Swai Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens		

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
22-Sep	Snehita Antony Shanthi Antony	Robert Dullard
29-Sep	Jenifer Cahapay Snehita Antony	Damian Casamento
06-Oct	Tim Rankin Shanthi Antony	Damian Casamento

Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, Our Sacred Heart School student Samantha Corsi
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

We Commemorate:

*Murshed Dahdah
Eliseo Buso – 37th Anniv.
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Last Week's Collection: 22.9.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,046
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$875
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support our parish, you can make a donation by scanning this QR code which is unique to Sacred Heart Church, Preston. It will give you direct access to the CDF pay webpage by following a few easy steps. The QR code is also displayed in the Church foyer. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support to Sacred Heart parish.



'Mass for All Nations': Migrant and Refugee Mass

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE.": Celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with migrant communities from all over Melbourne at the annual Mass for All Nations on Sunday 29 September at St Patrick's Cathedral.
2pm: Procession and Rosary in various languages
3pm: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese - All most welcome!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Sacred Heart Community Preston acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians of this Sacred land on which our Church stands. We acknowledge their unique wisdom and ability to care for Country and their deep spiritual connection to it. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



† Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week †

*Monday 30 September St Jerome, Priest, Doctor
Tuesday 1 October St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor
Wednesday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday 4 October St Francis of Assisi
Saturday 5 October St Faustina Kowalska*



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us Pray Together for all people who are suffering because of war. Let us not forget martyred Ukraine, Myanmar, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, all martyred peoples. Let us pray for Peace!



GO AND INVITE EVERYONE
to the banquet

World Mission Sunday – 20 October

In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.

We invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.



Mass for Marriage Anniversaries

Sunday 20 October 2024, 11.00am–12.00pm

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Couples who register and are celebrating one of these anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 13 October
For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au.



110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, 29 September 2024

Prayer

God, Almighty Father, we are your pilgrim Church journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.

We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners.

Every foreign place is our home, yet every native land is foreign to us.

Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven.

Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world you have given us as a temporary home.

Help us to keep walking, together with our migrant brothers and sisters, toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.

Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Pope Francis is increasingly concerned about what kind of world will be left for younger generations — and the prognosis is not good. "This isn't pessimism," the Pope told about two dozen representatives of popular movements and grassroots organisations meeting Sept. 20 at the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

Pope Francis said he feared adults are leaving behind "a world discouraged, inferior, violent, marked by the plundering of nature, alienated by dehumanised modes of communication," and "without the political, social and economic paradigms to lead the way, with few dreams and enormous threats."

But, he said, if people join forces, especially with those who are most often the victims, things can change. And he prayed that "the cry of the excluded" would "awaken the slumbering consciences of so many political leaders who are ultimately the ones who must enforce economic, social and cultural rights." The answer and the key to hope is love, he said. The fight for social justice, for respect for the sacredness of all human life and for care for creation must all be motivated by love.

Source [Earthbeat/NCR](#)



INSPIRATION IN TIMES OF CHANGE

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray ~ Proverbs 22:6, NRSV ~

In this time of rapid change, the strength of families has never been more critical. Our world spins with an unprecedented pace, bringing new challenges and opportunities. Amidst this whirlwind, the family stands as a beacon of hope and stability. It is within the family where bonds are nurtured, values are formed, and love is kindled. Family bonding is the art of weaving threads of trust, respect, and mutual understanding into an unbreakable fabric of love. It is this love that imbues us with courage, resilience, and wisdom. It is this love that guides us when the path ahead is uncertain. Our families can be a refuge of peace amidst the storm of change. We can cultivate this peace by spending quality time together, engaging in open conversations, and nurturing shared values. As it is written in Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NRSV), "And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken." As we navigate this rapidly changing world, let us remember to draw strength from our families, and in turn, contribute to their strength. Let us remember that sustaining strong family bonds is not merely a duty, but a joy and a blessing.



Let us pray:

O Divine Creator, bless our families with love and unity. In this time of rapid change, may we find strength in our bonds, courage in our shared values, and hope in our collective resilience. Guide us to foster peace and understanding within our homes.

Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media

Sacred Heart Church Social Planning Committee – NEWS

Save the Date

Mission Sunday

We will be celebrating **Mission Sunday** on the 20th of October. As part of the celebration, the Social Committee of Sacred Heart Church with Father Aloysius' blessings will be hosting a Talent Show. The theme for this year is "Go and invite everyone to the Banquet". So get ready to be Sacred Heart Parish's superstar... Registration is now open. The 3 categories are:

- 1) Prep to Year 6
- 2) Year 7 to Year 12
- 3) Adults

The Talent Show will take place in the Sacred Heart Primary School Hall at 12pm. The registration fee of \$5 has been waived. Since it is Mission Sunday, please come and share your faith with us through song, dance, poetry or through any other talent you are blessed with.

If you have further questions please contact the social committee members or the parish office on 9480 3398.



Bible Study

Come and join us on this great adventure and learn the riches of the "greatest story ever told."

9 Wednesdays: 16 October to 11 December

7:30pm – 9:00 pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery

Contact: email: csiena.biblestudy@gmail.com

mobile: 0408 520 739

If you are interested but prefer a different day and time, please let us know and we will see if this can be accommodated.

Please register by Sunday 29 September



Children's activity pages

Please find in the foyer of the Church activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



☺ Joke Corner ☺

Nearing the end of a long job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of university, "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The engineer replies, "What about \$140,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer replies, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks annual leave, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a Volvo?"

Delighted, the engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

And a few technology jokes ...

"Why was the mobile phone wearing glasses?"

Because it lost its contacts.

What was the spider doing on the computer?

He was making a web-site!

What did the computer have during his break time? He had a byte!

What is the computer's favourite snack to eat? Microchips!

What shoes do computers love the most? Re-boots!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of
your mercy.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my
brothers and sisters, that I have greatly
sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-
Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. / We
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore
you, / we glorify you, / we give you
thanks for your great glory, / Lord God,
heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father.
/ Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, / you take away the sins of the
world, / have mercy on us; / you take
away the sins of the world, / receive our
prayer; / you are seated at the right hand
of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For
you alone are the Holy One, / you alone
are the Lord, / you alone are the Most
High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy
Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. /
Amen.

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He
spoke with Moses, but took some of the
spirit that was on him and put it on the
seventy elders. When the spirit came on
them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one
was called Eldad and the other Medad. The
spirit came down on them; though they had
not gone to the Tent, their names were
enrolled among the rest. These began to
prophesy in the camp. The young man ran
to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad
and Medad are prophesying in the camp.'
Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had
served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord
Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him,
'Are you jealous on my account? If only the
whole people of the Lord were prophets,
and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14

The Response Is:

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the
heart.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the
heart.*

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the
heart.*

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?

From hidden faults acquit me.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the
heart.*

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the
heart.*

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep
for the miseries that are coming to you.
Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are
all eaten up by moths. All your gold and
your silver are corroding away, and the
same corrosion will be your own sentence,
and eat into your body. It was a burning fire
that you stored up as your treasure for the
last days. Labourers mowed your fields,
and you cheated them – listen to the wages
that you kept back, calling out; realise that
the cries of the reapers have reached the
ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have
had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time
of slaughter you went on eating to your
heart's content. It was you who condemned
the innocent and killed them; they offered
you no resistance.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man
who is not one of us casting out devils in
your name; and because he was not one of
us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said,
'You must not stop him: no one who works
a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil
of me. Anyone who is not against us is for
us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink
just because you belong to Christ, then I tell
you solemnly, he will most certainly not
lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring
down one of these little ones who have
faith, would be better thrown into the sea
with a great millstone round his neck. And
if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it
off; it is better for you to enter into life
crippled, than to have two hands and go to
hell, into the fire that cannot be put out.
And if your foot should cause you to sin,
cut it off; it is better for you to enter into
life lame, than to have two feet and be
thrown into hell. And if your eye should
cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for
you to enter into the kingdom of God with
one eye, than to have two eyes and be
thrown into hell where their worm does not
die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our lord, / who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born
of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and
was buried; / he descended into hell; / on
the third day he rose again from the dead;
/ he ascended into heaven, / and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; / from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead. / I believe
in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic
Church, / the communion of saints, / the
forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of
the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

But Jesus said,

"Do not forbid him;

**for no one who does
a mighty work
in my name
will be able,
soon after,
to speak evil of me.**

**For he that is
not against us
is for us."**

Mark 9:39-40

