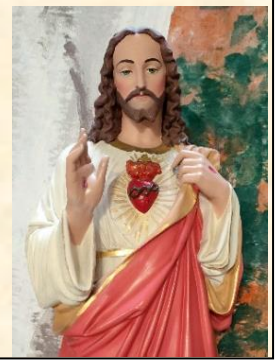




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Co-ordinators:

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Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica

Stanley and Teresa Bernardini

Safeguarding – Pauline O'Day

Parish Finance Committee:

Peter Constable (Chair)

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 2 September in the presbytery

after 9:10am Mass. All welcome

Bulletin printed: 23/8/2024

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 25 August 2024

Social Justice Sunday –

Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World.

...To Whom Should We Go?

Faith is a gift from God that serves to stir our soul and spirit to see beyond literal and culturally diverse embedded values. It is to this deeper perception that Jesus by example led His first disciples. Through faith we look beyond and come to believe in persons, in institutions, values, causes and in the universal value of human beings as children of a loving God, when those around us might not. All our real and good relationships, our commitments arise out of such choices. This will always involve a certain amount of risk and may not be shared by everyone. In today's first reading, the chosen people are faced with a big decision as they leave the wilderness and to settle in the Promised Land. Do they remain faithful to their God who led and protected them through their escape through the wilderness – or do they say farewell to their God and embrace the Gods of Baal?

“No!” - the people decide. They will remain faithful to their God who would be with them for all time.

In the gospel, Peter makes the choice and commitment on behalf of the disciples. He sees their wavering faith and commitment to Jesus as they struggled to comprehend his extreme words, as many initially drawn to Him by His works of healing, turning away. Jesus asked Peter, “Will you go away too?” Peter boldly speaks on behalf of the twelve when he says, “Who else would we go to? You have the words of ‘Eternal life.’” As with the faithful apostles our faith in God's unending love might push us to go beyond our comfort zones to look deeper into our lives and how we treat others – family members, members of our faith community, those who raise voices of protest against injustice and non-acceptance of those seeking refuge from violence, abuse, homelessness, famine, persecution and intolerable conditions. Jesus made Himself available to all people and while He suffered rejection, He rejected no one. Convinced ‘No one comes to Me unless the Father allows it.’ Jesus looked beyond appearances and with compassion identified with their deeper suffering, weaknesses and needs. He urged His disciples to do likewise.

On this Social Justice Sunday, Australia's Bishops through this year's Social Justice Statement invite us to reflect on what we, as Christians, are called to do in a world wracked by war and violence. Truth is often the first casualty in war. The Gospel calls us to embrace the fundamental truth that every person on earth has a God-given dignity which cannot be taken away or ignored. From this truth flows the realisation that there is no ‘us’ or ‘them’. Everyone on earth, whatever our race or creed or status, is a sister, a brother. We are all children of God. Keeping this truth before us is the key to overcoming violence and conflict.

Armed not with guns but with love for our sisters and brothers we are invited to speak of peace and to take action to promote peace in a violent world.

On this Social Justice Sunday, let us re-commit ourselves to cultivating a culture of peace by following Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace.

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
24-Aug	Terry Murphy Mary Harb	Charlotte Bainy	
31-Aug	Marlene Vergou Celia Lemos	Mary Harb	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
07-Sep	Teresa Dang Mary Harb	Terry Murphy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
25-Aug	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Thambiraj	Eileen Stevens	Jessica	Aleisha Jasmine
01-Sep	Jessy Thambiraj Hannah Thambiraj	Giovanna D' Intino	Jessy	Shamus Maxi
08-Sep	Ophelia Swai Jessy Thambiraj	Tony Eley	Jessica	Azariah Natalie

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
25-Aug	John Gafney Susan Bakani	Robert Dullard
01-Sep	Jenifer Cahapay Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
08-Sep	Shanthi Antony Snehta Antony	Damian Casamento

A 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:

Francesca Sirianni RIP 19/8, Funeral Mon 26/8 at 12pm

Giovanni Manzi – RIP 16/8, Funeral Fri 30/8 at 12:30pm

We Commemorate:

Giselda & Teresa Paoli – Sun 25/8 at 9am

Domenica & Amelia Sassini – Sun 25/8 at 9am

Maria DiGiambattista – 1st Anniv. Sun 25/8 at 10:30am

Richard Amah – 29th Anniv. Sun 25/8 at 10:30am

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 18.8.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,093

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$652

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.



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 ✠

Tuesday 27 August St Monica

Wednesday 28 August St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

Thursday 29 August The beheading of St John the Baptist



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us Pray Together that pathways to peace may open in the Middle East, as well as in martyred Ukraine, Myanmar, and in every war-torn region. May this come about by a commitment to dialogue and negotiation, and by refraining from violent actions and reactions.



The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. **Tax-deductible donations** go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. **Non-tax-deductible donations** go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.



SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

to be Eucharistic ministers for all weekend Masses

If you are a regular attendee of our weekend Masses, you are most welcome to apply to become a Eucharistic Minister.

Please speak with Fr Aloysius after Mass or phone Tony Eley on 0432 329 830. Minimum requirement is that you have a WWCC linked to the parish and in due course, safeguarding documents are to be signed. Training will be provided.



Piety Shop

Volunteers are needed to assist with Operating the Piety Shop. We are hoping for the shop to be open after all weekend Masses.

At present assistance is required following the 10:30am and 6pm Sunday Masses.

If you are able to help, please contact Rachel at the parish office for more information. (ph: 9480 3398) Thank you.

Social Justice Sunday – 25 August 2024

Ideas for Social Justice Sunday and Beyond

The bishops emphasised action in this year's Social Justice Statement. In your own context, whether that be a parish, social service organisation or other community group, consider some of their suggestions:

- Take action on an issue that matches your passion and skills.
- Set up a group to read, discuss and pray about one of the Church documents referred to here, such as Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti, chapters 6 and 7.
- Make your views and concerns known to your local Member of Parliament.
- Reach out to a local reconciliation group if you want to support First Nations Peoples, or a refugee support group or service if you want to work with refugees seeking justice.
- If you are interested in trying to address conflict in another part of the world, there may be ethnic community organisations from the conflict zone in your local community. You could reach out to them to learn more and to give them support. You could also offer to help Caritas Australia with its work in war-torn countries.
- Join an ecumenical or interfaith group which seeks to foster dialogue and peace-making.

Prayer for Social Justice Sunday

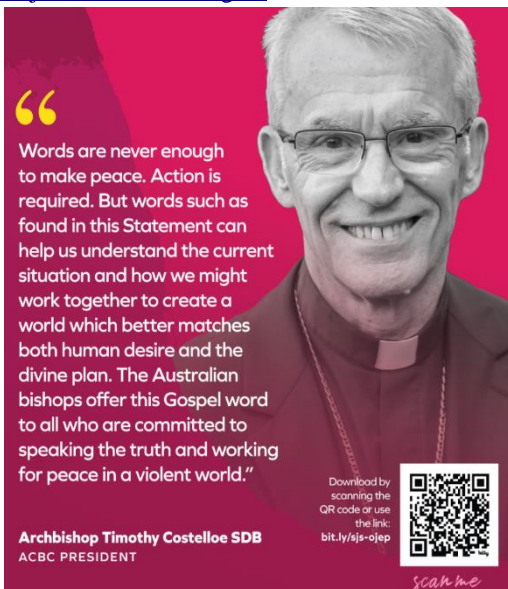
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O God, Trinity of love,
from the profound communion of your divine life,
pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,
in his family of Nazareth,
and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,
discovering Christ in each human being,
recognising him crucified
in the sufferings of the abandoned
and forgotten of our world,
and risen in each sister or brother
who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves.

More information and downloadable resources related to the Statement from the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

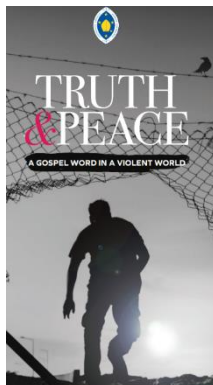


“Words are never enough to make peace. Action is required. But words such as found in this Statement can help us understand the current situation and how we might work together to create a world which better matches both human desire and the divine plan. The Australian bishops offer this Gospel word to all who are committed to speaking the truth and working for peace in a violent world.”

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Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
ACBC PRESIDENT

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Sacred Heart Church Social Planning Committee – NEWS

Save the Date

- Mission Sunday Talent Show: Sunday 20 October 2024



Ripples of Hope - A Vision for a Better World

Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world. ~ Howard Zinn ~

Imagine a world where everyone feels seen and valued, where kindness and respect are the norms. It starts with acknowledging each person's worth and acting with compassion. When we say, "I see you," we recognise their struggles and strengths, and we choose to stand up for what's right. Every small act of kindness creates ripples of change. By offering support, educating ourselves and standing together, we build a community where everyone has the chance to thrive. Let's embrace the hope that our actions, no matter how small, can lead us toward a more inclusive and understanding world. Together, we have the power to make our vision of a brighter tomorrow a reality. By 'seeing' each other and acting with genuine care, we can create the change we seek.

Dear God, grant us the strength to act with kindness and fairness. Help us work together to create a world where everyone is valued and opportunities are equal. Guide our efforts to bring about positive change and make our vision of a better tomorrow a reality. Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media



SAFE PARKING PRACTICE AT SACRED HEART PARISH

All visitors and parishioners are reminded **not to park** vehicles in the driveways around the church building, including

1. The straight driveway leading to the rear car park.
2. The curved shaped driveway in front of the church entrance.

Parking in these driveways is a safety risk and restricts access for emergency services such as ambulances in the event of a medical emergency which could have serious consequences. Parking in these areas is also a safety risk for people, including children. Thank you for being considerate and looking after each other in true Sacred Heart community spirit.



Volunteer Lawn Mowers and Gardeners Needed

We require the help of our Parishioners to mow our lawns and do some weeding of the Church and presbytery grounds. Kindly contact Rachel in the office on 9480 3398 if you are able to help. All equipment will be supplied. Thank you.

😊 Joke Corner 😊

Emma hadn't been to church for a few weeks because of poor health so the local parish priest decided to visit her. The eighty-five-year-old heard the knock on the door and Father Pete announced his presence. She opened the door and invited him into the lounge room. How have you been going, Emma?" Fr Pete asked.

"I haven't been too good of late. I had quite an extensive root canal two weeks ago and the dentist is trying to save the last of the few teeth I have left."

The phone soon rang and Emma excused herself to take the call in another room. Father Pete picked up a copy of a magazine and started flicking through the pages. After ten minutes he was getting bored and noticed a bowl of peanuts nearby, so he reached over and started to eat them, one-by-one. After five minutes the bowl was empty.

Just then Emma returned and said, "I am so sorry. That was my sister in Darwin. She only calls once a month and I don't like to be too abrupt. She loves to chat. In fact, I can hardly get a word in."

"That's quite alright," said Fr Pete. "But I must apologise. While you were gone, I ate all the peanuts in your bowl."

Emma replied, "That's okay Father. Since the root canal, I can only manage to suck the chocolate off the peanuts."



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you
all the day long.

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

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel
together at Shechem; then he called the
elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel,
and they presented themselves before God.
Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you
will not serve the Lord, choose today whom
you wish to serve, whether the gods that
your ancestors served beyond the River, or
the gods of the Amorites in whose land you
are now living. As for me and my House,
we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no
intention of deserting the Lord and serving
other gods! Was it not the Lord our God
who brought us and our ancestors out of the
land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who
worked those great wonders before our
eyes and preserved us all along the way we
travelled and among all the peoples through
whom we journeyed? What is more, the
Lord drove all those peoples out before us,
as well as the Amorites who used to live in
this country. We too will serve the Lord, for
he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23

The Response Is:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The Lord turns his face against the
wicked to destroy their remembrance
from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the trials of the just man but
from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to
Christ. Wives should regard their
husbands as they regard the Lord, since
as Christ is head of the Church and saves
the whole body, so is a husband the head
of his wife; and as the Church submits to
Christ, so should wives to their husbands,
in everything. Husbands should love
their wives just as Christ loved the
Church and sacrificed himself for her to
make her holy. He made her clean by
washing her in water with a form of
words, so that when he took her to
himself she would be glorious, with no
speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but
holy and faultless. In the same way,
husbands must love their wives as they
love their own bodies; for a man to love
his wife is for him to love himself. A man
never hates his own body, but he feeds it
and looks after it; and that is the way
Christ treats the Church, because it is his
body – and we are its living parts. For
this reason, a man must leave his father
and mother and be joined to his wife, and
the two will become one body. This
mystery has many implications; but I am
saying it applies to Christ and the
Church.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the
followers of Jesus said, 'This is
intolerable language. How could anyone
accept it?' Jesus was aware that his
followers were complaining about it and
said, 'Does this upset you? What if you
should see the Son of Man ascend to
where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not
believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset
those who did not believe, and who it was
that would betray him. He went on, 'This
is why I told you that no one could come
to me unless the Father allows him.'
After this, many of his disciples left him
and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What
about you, do you want to go away too?'
Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall
we go to? You have the message of
eternal life, and we believe; we know that
you are the Holy One of God.'

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.

