



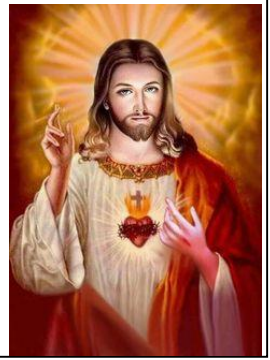
# Sacred Heart Parish Preston

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### 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 the month at 1:30pm

**Please note:** No healing Mass in April.

#### Next Healing Mass:

Friday 5 May

#### Devotional Practices:

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (English) after the 9:10am Mass

#### Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:** By appointment only

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## Easter Vigil

**Saturday 8 April 2023**

### Easter Message from Fr Aloysius

Dear friends,

On behalf of our parish community I wish you all a very Happy Easter. I hope you have a good celebration with your loved ones.

Let me take this opportunity to extend our warm welcome to visitors who joined us in our celebration. May peace, brought by the risen Christ, fill your lives and families.

I also wish to thank those who in one way or another, has contributed to the success of our Lenten season and Easter celebration. Our special thanks goes to Pauline O'Day, Graeme O'Day, Liturgy group, choirs, readers, Communion ministers, Church decorators and church cleaners.

I include the transcript of Archbishop Peter Comensoli's 2023 Easter message for your further reflection during this Easter season. Please spend some time to ponder its message. May God bless you all.

Fr Aloysius Nato, SVD

#### Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2023: 'Recognised, healed and sent'

*Friends,*

*Three things flow from the resurrection of Jesus Christ; three things that matter. In his resurrection, Jesus recognises us personally; he invites us to peace; and he sends us out.*

*The very first word Jesus spoke following his resurrection was a name: Mary. He saw his friend, and although she could not yet recognise him, he called her by name.*

*Similarly, Jesus personally recognised his friends, to whom he appeared. There was something intimate, and tender, and hospitable about the risen Lord. He draws us into his own resurrected life.*

*Jesus, in his resurrection, also offered an invitation to peace. 'Peace be with you' was his first—and repeated—declaration. It was an invitation to a share in his forgiveness, and to be healed. Jesus reconciled all creation to himself on the cross; now, he offers us a share in his healing peace.*

*Finally, through his resurrection, Jesus sends forth his friends. Jesus charged his followers to share the Good News of redemption, and our life in his.*

*Mary: Go and tell the others.*

*Peter: Go and feed my sheep.*

*Friends: Go and make disciples.*

*Jesus gave out this task so that the gift of his death and resurrection would not be only for the few.*

*These same three things from Jesus' resurrection—his recognising, his inviting, his sending—all belong to us now; they are ours to share in.*

*The risen Jesus recognises each of us personally by name.*

*The risen Jesus invites each of us to share in his healing gift of peace.*

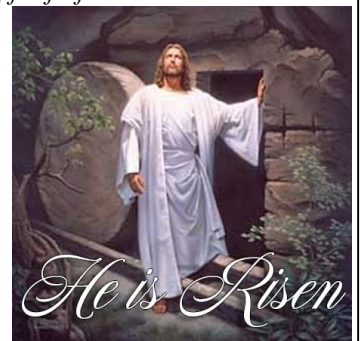
*The risen Jesus sends each of us out in his name, with the gift of life.*

*He says to us, 'Follow me,' that we might live each day illumined by his resurrection, as the reason for our hope.*

*So, may our lives be filled with the energy, joy and youthfulness of the risen Jesus, knowing that, in him, I am recognised, I am healed, and I am sent.*

*Happy Easter to you.*

*Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli*



## 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.*

	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
01-Apr-23	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Mary Harb
08-Apr-23	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
15-Apr-23	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bains
	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
02-Apr-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
09-Apr-23	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
16-Apr-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino
	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
02-Apr-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
09-Apr-23	Michelle Totawatte Rachel Vorlander	Robert Dullard
16-Apr-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento

*A Heartfelt Thank You  
TO ALL OF OUR  
AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!  
We couldn't do it without you!*

**Volunteers**  
**To all our Volunteers**  
*Thank you for your hard work*

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

#### **The elderly and the sick**

Sandra Bishop, John Plum

*Our parishioners, family members and friends*

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

#### **Those who have died recently**

### **We Commemorate**

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

## **HAPPY EASTER**

<i>BUONA PASQUA-Italian</i>	<i>L-GHID IT-TAJJEB-Maltese</i>
<i>CÁISC SHONA DUIT-Irish</i>	<i>FELICES PASCUAS-Spanish</i>
<i>SRETAN USKRS-Croatian</i>	<i>JOYEUSES PÂQUES-French</i>
<i>SELAMAT PESTA PASKAH - Indonesian</i>	
<i>EESTER AASHAMSAKAL - Malayam</i>	
<i>EASTER VAZHTHAKAL -Tamil</i>	
<i>UNARUTHANA SHUBHAKANSHALU-Telugu</i>	
<i>PASCA PARAB-Hindi</i>	<i>FROHE OSTERN-German</i>
<i>ISTARAPARVANAH SUBHECCHAH-Sanskrit</i>	
<i>WESOTEGO ALLELUJA-Polish</i>	<i>BOA PÁSCOA-Portuguese</i>
<i>EL MASEEH QAM-Arabic</i>	<i>FÙHUÓJIÉ KUÀILÈ-Mandarin</i>
<i>MANUIA LE ASO TOE SOFUA MAI-Samoan</i>	
<i>ÓFA KEMOU MAÚ HA TOCUÚ FIÉFIÁ-Tongan</i>	
<i>CHÚC MỪNG PHUC SINH-Vietnamese</i>	
<i>MALIGAYANG PASKO NG PAGKABUHAY- Filipino</i>	

## **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.



### **THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*The Lord is risen! Let us lift up our gaze, remove the veil of sadness and sorrow from our eyes, and open our hearts to the hope that God brings!*



## ***Glorious Easter!***

Christ is risen and all of creation with Him!  
Cherish the life and light that is in you and around you!  
The flowers bursting forth, the friends and your family,  
good food, clean water and air!  
Be grateful for God's gift of creation!  
***Rejoice and be glad!***

### **Last Week's Collection: 2/4/23**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,403  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$960  
Thank you for your kind generosity!



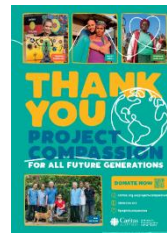
### **Sacrificial giving via QR code**

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.



## **Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.



**Please return your Project Compassion boxes this week**

*“Heavenly Father,  
we thank You for the gift of Your son, Jesus Christ  
and for the hope and new beginnings that Easter  
brings. May we always remember the sacrifice He  
made for us and strive to live our lives in accordance  
with Your will. Amen.”*

## EASTER VIGIL

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 1:1-2:2*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water.

God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. God called light 'day', and darkness he called 'night.' Evening came and morning came: the first day.

God said, 'Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two.' And so it was. God made the vault, and it divided the waters above the vault from the waters under the vault. God called the vault 'heaven.' Evening came and morning came: the second day.

God said, 'Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear.' And so it was. God called the dry land 'earth' and the mass of waters 'seas', and God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth.' And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seed in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the third day.

God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth.' And so it was. God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the fourth day.

God said, 'Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven.' And so it was. God created great sea-serpents and every kind of living creature with which the waters teem, and every kind of winged creature. God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth.' Evening came and morning came: the fifth day.

God said, 'Let the earth produce every kind of living creature: cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast.' And so it was. God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of cattle, and every kind of land reptile. God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild

beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day.

Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

### Psalm

**Psalm 103(104):1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35**

#### RESPONSE

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

### SECOND READING

**Exodus 14:15-15:1**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their

chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried. 'The Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!'

'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses, 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.'

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them.

That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

### Canticle

**Exodus 15**

*Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.*

### THIRD READING

**Isaiah 55:1-11**

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.  
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and a master of the nations.  
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,  
those unknown will come hurrying to you,  
for the sake of the Lord your God,  
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who  
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down  
from the heavens and do not return without  
watering the earth, making it yield and  
giving growth to provide seed for the sower  
and bread for the eating, so the word that  
goes from my mouth does not return to me  
empty, without carrying out my will and  
succeeding in what it was sent to do.

#### Canticle

**Isaiah 12**

*You will draw water joyfully from the  
springs of salvation.*

### THE 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.

#### FOURTH READING EPISTLE

**Romans 6:3-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we  
were baptised in his death; in other words,  
when we were baptised we went into the  
tomb with him and joined him in death, so  
that as Christ was raised from the dead by  
the Father's glory, we too might live a new  
life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated  
his death, we shall also imitate him in his  
resurrection. We must realise that our  
former selves have been crucified with him  
to destroy this sinful body and to free us  
from the slavery of sin. When a Christian  
dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with  
Christ we shall return to life with him:  
Christ, as we know, having been raised  
from the dead will never die again. Death  
has no power over him any more. When he

died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life  
now is life with God; and in that way, you  
too must consider yourselves to be dead to  
sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

#### Psalm

**Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23**

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

#### GOSPEL

**Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the  
first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and  
the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre.  
And all at once there was a violent  
earthquake, for the angel of the Lord,  
descending from heaven, came and rolled  
away the stone and sat on it. His face was  
like lightning, his robe white as snow. The  
guards were so shaken, so frightened of  
him, that they were like dead men. But the  
angel spoke; and he said to the women,  
'There is no need for you to be afraid. I  
know you are looking for Jesus, who was  
crucified. He is not here, for he has risen,  
as he said he would. Come and see the  
place where he lay, then go quickly and tell  
his disciples, "He has risen from the dead  
and now he is going before you to Galilee;  
it is there you will see him." Now I have  
told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the  
women came quickly away from the tomb  
and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was  
Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women  
came up to him and, falling down before  
him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to  
them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my  
brothers that they must leave for Galilee;  
they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brothers and sisters, through the  
Paschal Mystery we have been buried with  
Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk  
with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is  
concluded, let us renew the promises of  
Holy Baptism, by which we once

renounced Satan and his works and  
promised to serve God in the holy Catholic  
Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

**I do.**

And all his works?

**I do.**

And all his empty show?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?

**I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only  
Son, our Lord,

who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,

rose again from the dead

and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**I do.**

Do you 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?

**I do.**

And may almighty God, the Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,

who has given us new birth by water and  
the Holy Spirit

and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by his grace,

in Christ Jesus our Lord,

for eternal life.

**Amen.**



**“Christ is risen, He is  
risen indeed,  
Alleluia”!**

