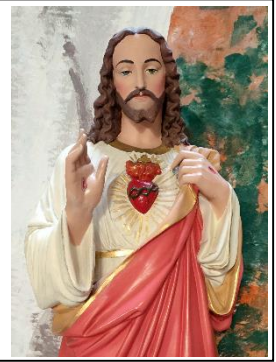




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Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark
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Parish Finance Committee:

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 4 November

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.
(Excluding last Thursday of the month -
NO Adoration 28 September)



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

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

New Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on
Monday 4 September in the presbytery after
9:10am Mass.

Bulletin printed 8/9/2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 10 September 2023 (Year A) Safeguarding Sunday

“Love is the one thing that Cannot Hurt your Neighbour”

Being part of a family and strong community or neighbourhood can be life-giving and protective of vulnerable members and newcomers at times but not always. Sharing life and experiences enables each person to grow, learn and develop a sense of dignity and self-respect and respect for the dignity of others. It's also about sharing responsibilities and basic human values, abiding by common rules designed to maintain a community in which all have the potential to live, grow and thrive. Well, that's the aim of “Community life”. But there can be differences, disagreements, tensions, bullying, and even worse - taking advantage of the most vulnerable and innocent. So, what do you and I do when someone hurts or offends us or put another's life at risk by reckless behaviour? Do we ignore the offender, keep our hurt or the harm done to another to ourselves and become bitter and hateful? If so, couldn't that put others at risk should the behaviour not be acknowledged and be allowed to continue and spread? The whole spirit of community being destroyed. In short, do we do anything but, speak to the person who has been bugging us, and towards sorting it out, keep it to ourselves describe the impact of the offence upon the victim.

In the Gospel today Matthew draws on the attitudes, example and teachings of Jesus to offer his community a process for forgiveness, reconciliation and harmony. For after all, wasn't the whole purpose of Jesus' mission as the anointed Son to reconcile humanity, including the outcast and the lost, with Abba, God the loving and forgiving Father of all. Matthew states a three step process.

At first just two people are involved: “If your brother or sister sins against you go and have it out with him/her alone”. Note that it is the one offended who takes the initiative and privately so as not giving scandal to weaker members of the community who might assume that the community tolerates bad behaviour of others. If that doesn't work, get support from a second person to be an unbiased witness to the interactions of both. Approach the offender and try to settle the matter before it goes viral and public. Then if the offender refuses to listen, involve the church community that of its nature professes and vows to live the teachings of Jesus grounded in love of God and neighbour. But what if the offended one is a child, a young or vulnerable person who, traumatised, can't speak out to disclose the harm done to him or her by another.

What do we - the Church - defined by Vatican II as the ‘People of God’ learn today? First our identity comes from belonging to Christ and so we wish to act in his name. This means more than invoking Him in prayer. We must not only be aware of our rights and devotions as members of Church but also of our responsibilities, especially to protect those most at risk from covert exploitation by others. In today's short reading Paul sums up the Ten Commandments in a phrase that comes from the first Testament. “Love Your Neighbour as yourself.” This is what the love of Christ is about and the spirit by which all in communion with Christ must live as St Paul says: “**Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour**” (Romans 13:10)

On this Safeguarding Sunday as we grieve and pray for those who have been abused and their families let us renew our Common Commitment to making our churches and our communities the safest possible place for children and the vulnerable.



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.

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
26-Aug-23	Celia Lemos Natalie Baran	Terry Murphy
02-Sep-23	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy
09-Sep-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
27-Aug-23	Hannah Lopez Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
03-Sep-23	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
10-Sep-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
27-Aug-23	Albert D'Souza Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard
03-Sep-23	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
10-Sep-23	Michelle Totawatte Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard

Readers, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, kindly contact another reader to organise a swap or advise your co-reader that he/she may need to prepare all allocated readings.

Ministers of Communion, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day kindly contact another minister to organise a swap.

Thank you

A Heartfelt
Thanks
To our volunteers!



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Ylenia Useli, *Our parishioners, family members and friends,* that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Domenico Meddi (RIP 5/9. Funeral Fri 15/9 at 2pm)
Kay Dufty (RIP 6/9. Funeral Sat 16/9 at 11am)
Maria Carrocci (RIP 28/8. Funeral Thurs 19/10 at 11am)

We Commemorate:

Antonio Mendolicchio (42nd Anniv.)
Helani Azzo (10th Anniv.)
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 3/9/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,146
 (electronic contributions for August: \$2,270)
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$604
 (electronic contributions for August: \$70)
 Thank you for your kind generosity! † † †



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 12 September *The Most Holy Name of Mary*
Wednesday 13 September *St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor*
Thursday 14 September *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
Friday 15 September *Our Lady of Sorrows*
Saturday 16 September *Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr*



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



When we seek first the kingdom of God, cultivating our a right relationship with the Lord, humanity and Creation, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures. (Season Of Creation)



Temporary Changes to weekday Masses

Fr Aloysius will be taking some leave from Tuesday 12 September to Wednesday 27 September. During his absence, weekday Mass will continue however, the Church will be open for morning Mass from 8:45am from Tuesdays to Fridays.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

While Fr Aloysius is away, there will be NO adoration on Thursday 14/9, 21/9 and 28/9.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Ivy King

for her Baptism on 9 September.



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support our parish and priest, 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. Kindly consider donating to both the Church and Presbytery accounts. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support to Sacred Heart parish.



Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass



Please join us after the 10:30am Mass this Sunday 19 March for a cup of tea or coffee at **Sacred Heart School**. All are welcome



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

Prayer

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk
who have been abused, neglected or exploited
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take
responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by
abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and
families will find understanding and support, so that now
and in the future their wounds may be healed and they
may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children
and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace
and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen



[Piety Shop](#)

The piety shop stocks small gifts and cards for **all Sacraments** as well as various religious items at reasonable prices. Please take the time to have a look after any of the weekend Masses. Thank you



[Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments](#)

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes are still available. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>



[Children's activity pages](#)

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



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

Eco-conversion: Transforming Hearts

This **Season of Creation**, Pope Francis calls us to join the mighty river of peace and justice by first transforming our hearts. Why is this the first step? His Holiness says "This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that **"ecological conversion"** which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a **sacred gift** from our Creator."

[Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ](#) writes "The Season of Creation sets out to awaken our respect for creation. It invites us to see the world not as something apart from us, but as a delicate and interlocking set of relationships of which we are a part. It invites us to appreciate our world through the lens of God's love. The Season calls us to be thankful. The first step in respect is noticing the beauty and delicacy of our world and to be overwhelmed by gratitude for being called by God to be part of it."

Spring is a wonderful time to notice and appreciate the beauty in our world. At the moment, I'm thankful for the beautiful magnolias, camelias, wattles and banksias in flower; the deciduous trees bursting with new leaves; the birds and possums in my garden; and for friends to walk with during 'golden hour' just before sunset. Eco-conversion opens the heart to a deeper awareness of the injustices of the world, where the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor call us to put our faith into action. Recently I was asked by the Laudato Si' Movement to share [my own eco-conversion story](#).

Creation is constantly singing praise to God and inviting us to join the cosmic choir! Here is a beautiful prayer from Caritas Australia to gently set our hearts adrift on the river of peace and justice:

*God who made the world and saw that it was good,
God who speaks in flows of living water,
God who breathes life and love into us all
May that God meet you by the river,
settle you to hear creation's heartbeat,
move you to care for the Earth
and give you all the compassion and courage
you need to act for justice.*

Amen.

May the beauty of Spring settle into your heart this week and bring with it a sacred stillness so you may hear the heartbeat of creation



Natalie

Laudato Si' Animator, Sacred Heart Parish

[Joke Corner](#)

- What do a cricketer and a magician have in common? They both do hat tricks.
- How do hockey players kiss? They pucker up.
- What's the difference between basketball players and soccer players? Basketball players get actual injuries.
- What's the difference between the England men's soccer team and a teabag? The teabag stays in the cup longer.
- Why should you never date tennis players? To them, Love means nothing.
- The boating store was having a big sale on canoes. There were lots of people there. It was quite the oar deal.
- I'm thinking of taking a job as a crowd estimator of sporting events. I wonder how many people are in that field?

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

The Response Is:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if

he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

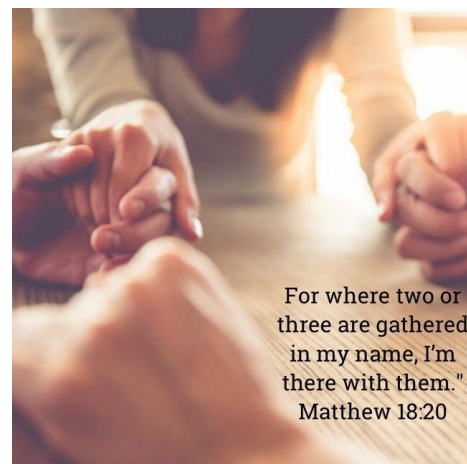
PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."
Matthew 18:20