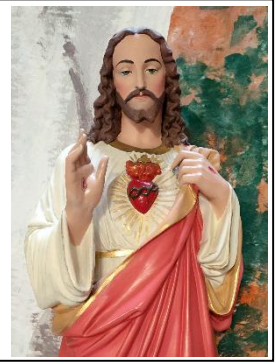




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Judeline Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

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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 3 November

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



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 6 November in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass.

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 22 October 2023 (Year A) World Mission Sunday "Here am I, send me"

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. This response also goes deeper: suggesting the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God? And even more; Something about the answer of Jesus asks us — where do we belong?

Belonging can sound heavy, but for Jesus it's the belonging -not of power and control – but of the divine relationship of love shared by all. We come from God and go to God. This belonging is the centre of our human family and community. God doesn't want to control us but to love us and - belonging to God means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. To give to others what belongs to others; give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and the food of the mind, and shelter for the body. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech - it is justice. To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth! (CatholicIreland.net © 2023)

In 1926, Pope Pius XI decided the Church needed a special day to pray for missionaries, and to renew her commitment to the missions. World Mission Day, celebrated on the last Sunday in October, all around the globe, is a sign of support and solidarity for missions and missionaries everywhere. More recently Pope Francis released his Message for World Mission Sunday entitled "Here am I, send me" (Isaiah6:8).

In recent years of international, epidemic and environmental crises, Pope Francis stated: "The Lord continues to ask "Whom shall I send?" Our confrontation by fear and anxiety for our own and families' survival, also reminded us of our deep desire for life. This is where the call to mission emerges as an "invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour through service and intercessory prayer. Just as Jesus completely accomplished His mission by dying on the cross, we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others, realising that our mission, our call, our willingness to be sent is rooted in the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church which continues the mission of Jesus in history through the baptized members sent forth in the church's name. Through our witness and proclamation of the Gospel, God continues to manifest His love, touching and transforming hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time."

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
14-Oct-23	Mary Harb Natalie Baran	Charlotte Bainy
21-Oct-23	Celia Lemos Natalie Baran	Mary Harb
28-Oct-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
15-Oct-23	Jessy Thambiraj Hannah Lopez	Giovanna D' Intino
22-Oct-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
29-Oct-23	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
15-Oct-23	Albert D'Souza Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard
22-Oct-23	Albert D'Souza Marijana Jurjevic	Damian Casamento
29-Oct-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento

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.

*A Heartfelt
Thanks
To our volunteers!*

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



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:

We Commemorate:

*Guerino Perri
Eugenio Loizzo & Rita Loizzo
John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini,
Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin,
Teresina & Valter De Stefani,
Carlo, Duilio, Livio, Pasqua & Beppi Trentin
and all deceased members of the Ottaviano Bertoncetto & Carlo Trentin families.*

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



Last Week's Collection: 15/10/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,059
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$675
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 †

Monday 23 October St John of Capistrano, Priest
Tuesday 24 October St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Saturday 28 October Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



The situation in #Gaza is desperate. Please let everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe. The possible widening of the conflict is disturbing. Let the weapons be silenced; let the cry for peace be heard from the poor, from the people, from the children!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.**

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)
All are welcome to spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.



"Stay with Me, remain here with Me... Watch and pray..."



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.



CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program – The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for many in need, like Jose*, who became severely malnourished at 8 months old. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

**Name altered to protect identity*



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 1 November: All Saints - extra Mass at 7:00pm

Thursday 2 November: All Souls - extra Mass at 7:00pm

Friday 3 November: Healing Mass - 1.30pm

Please take the bulletin home



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is a day where we recommit ourselves as Catholics to our mission to spread the Good News of Christ. Pope Francis has set the theme for this year's World Mission Day: *'Hearts on Fire, FEET ON THE MOVE,'* inspired by the disciples' encounter with Jesus at Emmaus. Please save the date for our Mission Sunday event: **Mission Sunday Family Fun Day Picnic** Sunday 22 October 2023 after 10.30 am Sunday Mass Sausage Sizzle, Family Outdoor Games, Music and Dancing. BYO Picnic Food and drinks. Venue: Sacred Heart School grounds.



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>



Blessing of Our Pets Liturgy

Pets and their adoring humans gathered on Friday 13 October for a double-blessing. Fr Aloysius brought holy water and God brought the rain! Big thanks to Sacred Heart Primary School for hosting a great student-led liturgy to complete the Season of Creation.



Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session for 2024

Monday 30 October at 7.30pm (AEDT)

Register via our website:

ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact:

Dr Maureen Saclot

ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/



Let's have a CHERRY CHRISTMAS

Come join us for a day of Cherry Picking

11.30am, Saturday 25 November 2023

30 Chapman Road Silvan

Entry Fee: Adults \$18.00

Children 5 - 14 years \$9.00

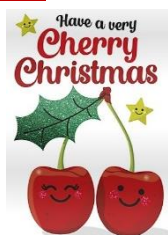
Concession available

You may eat as many cherries as you want.

However, upon exit, cherries are \$15 per kilo.

Please let us know if you need transport or if you can car pool.

Register your interest by placing your name and mobile on the signup sheet in the foyer.



"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them and they bless you, the giver." Barbara De Angelis

In a world often divided, let's unite through the power of love. Embrace one another with compassion, empathy and understanding. Love transcends boundaries, heals wounds and uplifts souls. It's a beacon of hope that can light up even the darkest of times. Together, we can create a brighter, more harmonious future. Let love be our guiding principle, for in loving one another, we discover the true essence of humanity. With open hearts and outstretched hands, let's build a world where love knows no bounds and the beauty of our shared humanity shines through, inspiring us all to be better.

Dear God, help us to love and be kind to everyone. Let us understand and care for others, even when we are at odds with one another.

May our actions show our love and bring people together in peace. Amen.

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Men's Weekend (facilitated by menALIVE)

menALIVE seeks to renew faith in God and encourage men to become an active force of renewal in the Church. During the weekend, the team will share about their lives, the challenges they face, and the hope they have discovered in walking with God. The most powerful part of the weekend? The space for men to reflect and share with each other.

An opportunity to explore what makes you fully alive. For men of all ages and stages of the faith journey.

Saturday 28 October

8am - Registration

8.30pm - End of Day #1

Sunday 29 October

8.30am - Start

12.30pm - Sunday Mass

1.30pm - Finish

Cost: \$40 per person

RSVP by 21 October. Lunch and dinner are provided.

For all enquiries, please call Ruki Fernando on 0413 477 125 or Peter Golding 0425 782 408.



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

Two old men had been best friends for years. Now in their early 90's, one of them suddenly falls very ill. His friend comes to visit him during his final hours. They're reminiscing about their long friendship, when the dying man's friend asks, "Listen, when you pass on, do me a favour. I want to know if there's cricket in heaven." The dying man said, "We've been friends for years. Sure, it's the least I can do." He dies a few hours later.

The following week the surviving friend is having a snooze when he hears his departed friend's voice.

The voice announces, "I've got some good news and some bad news. First the good news. You'll be thrilled to know that there is cricket in heaven."

"What's the bad news?"

"The bad news is that you're opening the bowling on Wednesday."



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;

turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;

there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

The Response Is:

Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,

sing to the Lord all the earth.

Tell among the nations his glory

and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,

to be feared above all gods;

the gods of the heathens are naught.

It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,

give the Lord glory and power;

give the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not

afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**Render therefore
to Caesar
the things
that are Caesar's,**



**and to God
the things
that are God's.**