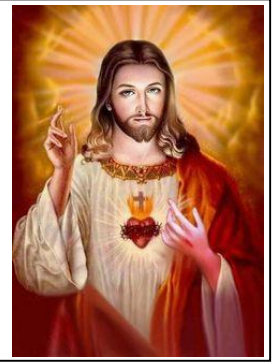




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Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna,

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Joanne Verga

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 1/9/2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 3 September 2023 (Year A) Father's Day

The Cost of Following Jesus, its Challenges and its Blessings

Scripture readings for this Sunday call upon us to embrace the discipleship of Jesus not as a religion of devotion and self-satisfaction, but a service of commitment and self-sacrifice. In the first reading Jeremiah reflects on the cost of being God's faithful Mouthpiece. The more He condemned corruption, shifting alliances and oppression of the leaders of the time, the more He was attacked by His own people. In the end He remained faithful to His mission, showing what it meant to live as a person of integrity, to have the moral courage to walk the long road of fidelity to God's principles- not the world's. Jesus also expected such courage and commitment of the disciples. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

As Jesus taught and lived, Christian discipleship consisted of walking the path of "the Son of Man who came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life for others." And surely this was the path Jesus walked, putting His own security aside to identify with the sufferings of others -listening and comforting the sorrowful and the fearful, embracing those considered unclean and outcast, healing the afflicted and witnessing that nothing could ever separate them from the all-embracing of God their loving Father.

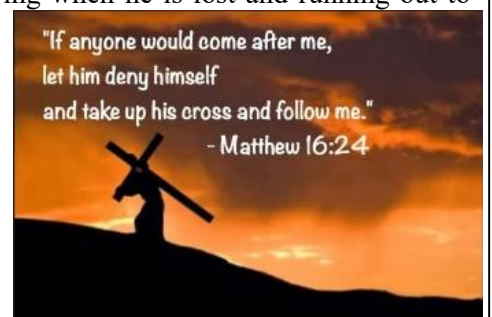
This did not mean that suffering was something followers should actively seek for its own sake. As His grief in the garden of Gethsemane made clear, suffering was the price He and His disciples would pay for acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with our God by challenging openly -as the prophet Jeremiah was impelled to do- harsh and unjust practices in the world that excluded and oppressed to reframe an alternative vision of hope, love, solidarity and service in union with Jesus for the benefit of others.

Truly the readings call us today to a deeper understanding of discipleship, uncomfortable though it may feel. But it is not about seeking out hardship for its own sake or to merit heaven. Paul, in his letter to the Romans is inviting us all to put on the mind of God. We are invited to enter into the paschal mystery with Jesus where suffering is not the end, and power and authority are not markers of success. Authentic discipleship shares - as Jesus did -the daily joys and sorrows of people, especially those most in need, comforting and assuring them through our friendship and actions of God's love for them as a caring Father who shares their pain, who walks the long road with them and is present in loving words and actions of another when times are hardest. But most of all, assuring them that nothing can take away their inherent dignity and worth in the eyes of God, their Loving Father.

Jesus revealed to us His image of God as "Abba" - one of the first utterances a growing infant makes. "Abba" - a doting loving Father who walks by his side as he learns to walk, 'leading him away from danger, grieving when he is lost and running out to welcome him home when he has gone astray.

Today on this Father's day we say "Thank you" to all fathers and those who have embraced this role to care, lovingly guide and protect the most vulnerable amongst us. Thank you!!!

"If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me."
- Matthew 16:24



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



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:

Maria Carrocci (RIP 28/8. Funeral Thurs 19/10 at 11am)

Lucia Casalis (RIP 17/8)

We Commemorate:

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.

Antonio Loizzo

Cosimo Oppedisano

Giuseppe Passalacqua

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 27/8/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$915

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$679

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 5 September

St Teresa of Calcutta

Friday 8 September

The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 9 September

St Peter Claver

(Blessed Frederick Ozanam)



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



"Every family needs a father — a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children, and offers them firm guidance and love."



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..."



Father's Day Appeal

This weekend there will be a collection after all Masses for the Priests Retirement Foundation who cares for our Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. You may use the envelopes at the back of the church or electronically by logging on to:

www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation

and make your donation through PayPal.

Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests



Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

Please join Father for breakfast on,

Monday 4 September in the presbytery

after the 9:10am Mass.

All Welcome



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



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.



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2023

WHERE WE START MATTERS

"Every child, in every community, needs a fair go"

To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen.



Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers,
great-grandfathers and fathers-to-be in our Parish!
The world needs you and we are grateful for you.



Dads

"Anyone can be a father,
but it takes someone
special to be a dad." -

We are indeed blessed to

have fathers who shape us, guide us, and love us unconditionally. From the moment we are born, they are our steadfast protectors, our heroes in disguise. They teach us how to throw our first ball, how to stand up after a fall, and how to navigate through the complexities of life with integrity and courage.

Often they are unsung heroes who silently make sacrifices, work diligently, and love fiercely, asking for little in return.

As pillars of strength and wellsprings of wisdom, they lay the foundation upon which we build our dreams and aspirations. In a world where positive role models are increasingly rare, it becomes even more essential to celebrate and remember the irreplaceable role that fathers play in our lives.

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**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

Welcome Friends, to the **Season of Creation** which starts each year on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. It is a global ecumenical celebration where we pray and act together as a Christian family for our common home.

A mighty river is this year's theme, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24). In his [message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#), Pope Francis explains that the image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as water is essential for our physical survival. Pope Francis reminds us that when we "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures."

So how do we join the river of justice and peace? What can we do to heal the wounds of our common home? Pope Francis calls us to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies. This transformation is what's called an ecological conversion, something we'll dive into more deeply over the Season of Creation.

May the goodness of creation gladden your heart this week ♡

Natalie

Laudato Si' Animator, Sacred Heart Parish

WANTED:

Sacred Heart - Parish Master Planning Group

In light of the changing circumstances in which we live Father Aloysius, and the Parish Pastoral Council are inviting members of our Parish Community to join a **Parish Master Planning Group (PMPG)**. The goal of this group will be to reflect and respond to the question of 'What kind of Parish do we want Sacred Heart to be by 2030 and beyond?'

Sacred Heart Parish is your Parish, we invite you to participate in continuing to build a faith filled, vibrant, thriving, energetic and sustainable Parish for us and our future communities.

Some of the important issues this group will consider include:

- Reviewing the current and future vision and mission of the Parish
- Strengthening Parish life including faith formation
 - **Communion** - community life, worship and discipleship
 - **Participation** - leadership and inclusion of the parish community
 - **Mission** - how we as members of the Sacred Heart community give witness of our faith to the broader community.
- Making recommendations regarding upgrading Parish facilities including our properties in light of the Parish Vision and Mission.

We are looking for up to 10 volunteers with a range of skills and experience.

The group will put forward recommendations to Father Aloysius and the Parish Council.

If you would like to be involved or learn more about the Sacred Heart Parish Master Planning Group, please speak to Father Aloysius or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (Parish Council members are listed in the left hand column of the Parish Newsletter) or email preston@cam.org.au

If you are unable to join this group, please consider getting involved in other ways.

We look forward to your involvement in our Parish community.

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.



Joke Corner



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,

I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

The Response Is:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;

your right hand holds me fast.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.'

But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

