



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 Thursday of the month at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 1 September

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Sunday 28 August 2022

Those who humble themselves...

The wise teacher of Ecclesiasticus says: "...for great though the Lord is, by the humble he is glorified". Humility is an attitude of the heart, a way of being. The word comes from 'humus' meaning ground or earth. In the second creation story, we are reminded that we are of the earth and that we will return to the earth. God breathes life into the humans and places them in a living garden to live, to share and to care for.

To be humble is to be grounded, to have one's feet on the ground and to be able to respect, not belittle the strengths and weaknesses of others. For we are made in the image of the One God. To be humble is to welcome and share the gifts one has, all the while acknowledging the One who gave them. But to belittle, to insult or mistreat others or creation as a whole is to insult, belittle and mistreat our source of life – the One 'who made them.'

Shared meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than just time for sharing nourishment, they were times to share ideas, to discover different aspects of relationships, to listen and to be heard. They were about sharing life, hospitality, hopes and needs with each other. On the other hand, they were often occasions for exclusion and discrimination of others. The place allocated could be a recognition of that person's importance or insignificance to the host.

In the Gospel parable of today, Jesus calls out and challenges cultural norms concerning power, strength and privilege. He exalts the role of the humble host, over the haughty householder

This year's Social Justice Statement highlights the damaging ways in which long embedded structures and culture can function as drivers and enablers of family and domestic violence. The gospel alerts us to the hidden ways in which power can blind us to the plight of our brothers and sisters most in need and yet most needed. The Statement is addressed to each member of our community that we may with humility, and openness of heart recognize and confront violence and abuse wherever they occur – beginning in our own family and friendship circles.

We are all part of One God's creation and must care for each other as a loving parent would humbly share and care for each of his /her children, according to their strengths and needs. It is about Respect – about giving not demanding.



for
everyone
who exalts himself
will be humbled
and
the man who
humbles himself
will be exalted

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 |
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| 27-Aug-22 | Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou | Mary Harb |
| 03-Sep-22 | John Kmaid Terry Murphy | Charlotte Bainy |
| 10-Sep-22 | Mary Harb Teresa Dang | Terry Murphy |
| | Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers | Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion |
| 28-Aug-22 | Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna | Eileen Stevens |
| 04-Sep-22 | Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez | Giovanna D' Intino |
| 11-Sep-22 | Alisha Verga Eileen Stevens | Tony Eley |
| | Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers | Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion |
| 28-Aug-22 | Marijana Jurjevic Rachel Vorlander | Robert Dullard |
| 04-Sep-22 | Robert Dullard Ma Kathleen Adlaon | Margaret Bannan |
| 11-Sep-22 | Margaret Bannan Michelle Totawatte | Damian Casamento |



Cleaning Roster:

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



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Giuseppe Scriba

Orazio Paterno (funeral Tues 30/8 at 10am)

Michela Landolina

Leanie (Rose) Halse (RIP 3/8, Funeral prayers Wed 7/9 at 2pm)

We Commemorate:

Xavier Navascues (1st Anniv.)

Antonietta Viceconte (1st Anniv.)

Mario Viceconte (4th Anniv)

Domenica Sassini and Amelia Sassini

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

All are welcome to spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.

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



Last Week's Collection: 21/8/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$867

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$448

Thank you for your kind generosity!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Sacred Heart Community Preston acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrong people of the Kulin Nations, 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 29 August The beheading of Saint John the Baptist

Tuesday 30 August (Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, martyrs)

Wednesday 31 August Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Thursday 1 September World Day of Prayer for Creation (Mary of the Southern Cross)

Friday 2 September Spring Ember Day

Saturday 3 September St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates
Dominic Reynold Lee
for his Baptism
on 27 August.



† Welcome before Baptism †

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Sacred Heart rejoice that you have chosen to baptize your child and we pray that in the coming years you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God, that is everlasting.

The Parish introduces to the Sacred Heart community
Domenic Scuruchi,

in preparation for his Baptism on 25 September.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.



This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

A non-residential parish based weekend: **22- 23 October 2022** in Niddrie.

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



Inner Healing & Forgiveness through Meditation on Jesus

September 16-17, 2022

At: 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: Tel: 0424202191 or

Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



As we approach the end of our lives, the essentials of life that we hold most dear become definitively clear to us. Our whole life appears like a seed that will have to be buried so that its flower and its fruit can be born.



Serving at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church.

Our common commitment is drawn from the teaching and mission of Jesus with love and Justice and the dignity and sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that [all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 must maintain current Working with Children Check \(WWCC\)](#) throughout their involvement in parishes as in other agencies: **all** are to attend a safeguarding essentials module and updates organised by the Parish or Professional Standards online: and **all** are asked to sign a Declaration to abide by the parish Code of Conduct. These requirements of volunteers are just one -but an essential part of our united commitment to creating and maintaining a culturally safe environment for the young and the vulnerable in which they feel safe, heard and respected.



This year's Social Justice Statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.' We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the **Getting Help** page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 62019845.

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Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are still open as we have some positions for Year Prep. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



POINT NUMBER 3 * A warning message ahead the COPs Ahead COP 27 on climate (Egypt, November 2022) and COP 15 on biodiversity (Canada, December 2022) Pope Francis recalls in his message the importance of "promoting the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement", as [recently ratified by the Holy See](#).

"Each passing moment is an opportunity for everyone, especially world leaders, to reverse the biodiversity and climate crises. Let COP 27 bring forth ambitious commitments to prevent carbon emissions from fossil fuels and support for clean energy transition as well as efficient relief for our brothers and sisters already within the climate crisis. Let COP 15 bring forth a firm commitment to end any more biodiversity collapse", said Lindlyn Moma, Advocacy Director of the Laudato Si' Movement. And to the community of Catholics, the Pope calls them to prayer: "In this Season of Creation, let us pray that COP27 and COP15 may unite the human family to decisively address the double crisis of climate and biodiversity reduction".

52 ways to help the environment (cont'd)

42. Do not sin by wasting food

Avoid food waste with good habits and smart shopping. At the table, take only what you are going to eat. Look for solidarity networks and apps that help share the leftovers of each day. Learn to use leftovers with creative dishes. Do not buy more than necessary and make better use of the pantry. **As Pope Francis said, "Let us remember well, however, that whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor, from the hungry! I ask everyone to reflect on the problem of the loss and waste of food, to identify ways and approaches which, by seriously dealing with this problem, convey solidarity and sharing with the underprivileged."**

We pray to our loving God for the people in Asia this week who are suffering floods from exceptional monsoon rains, glacial melt, and mudslides. Please help us to be generous to those who have lost loved ones, homes, livestock, crops, and future happiness. Amen



PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Next Sunday 4 September is Father's Day, the traditional day for the annual collection for the **Priests Retirement Foundation**. This appeal creates one of the four main income streams for the Foundation enabling us to support the retired priests of the Archdiocese.

Please give generously



Joke Corner

A young mum was driving up and down her local shopping strip trying to get a car park. She was starting to get a bit agitated so she thought she would say a prayer to the Lord.

"Please Lord, if you find me a parking spot I promise to volunteer more of my time at Church." Just at that moment a car pulled out in front of her, to which the young mum said, "Don't worry about it Lord, I found one!"

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

Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord;

for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady,

since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,

an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11

The Response Is:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;

rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:

when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home,

prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come

and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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.

