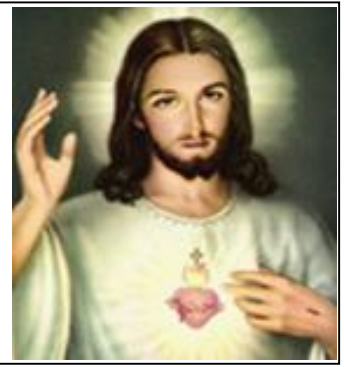




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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## Safeguarding Committee:

### Safeguarding Officers:

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Gerard Grant (chairperson), Kay Dufty (secretary), Ophelia Swai, Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna and Natalie Baran

## Parish Finance Committee:

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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 new day.

### Next Healing Mass:

**Friday 2 December**

### Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour 

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

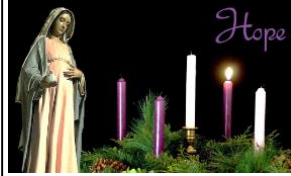
### Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

### Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

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## First Sunday of Advent (year A) Sunday 27 November 2022 Waiting in Joyful Hope

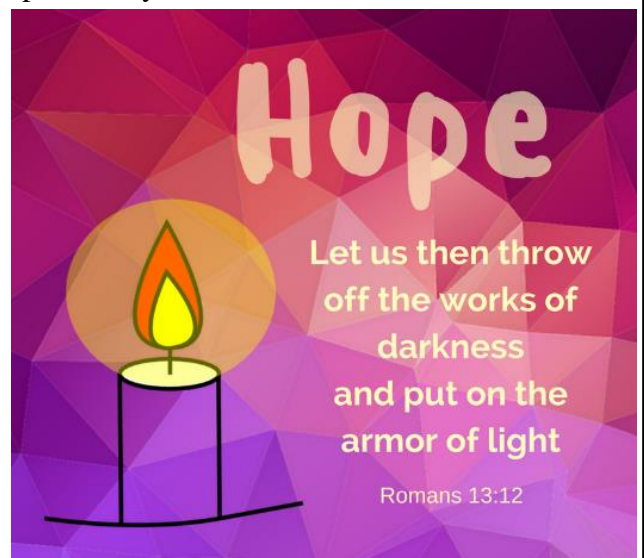
Today we begin the season of Advent. On this day the Church invites us to prepare to receive the Lord. Advent means a waiting – an anticipation of the arrival of someone we love and honour to enter into our lives and be one with us. During this season we anticipate the coming of Jesus in three ways. We look at the past as we anticipate and ‘relive’ the birth of Jesus in history. We look to the present as we stay alert to welcome Him in our daily lives. We accept His presence in the Word and Sacrament and resolve to proclaim Him in living by the Gospel values. Finally, we look into the future to the coming of God’s kingdom in its fullness.

The Advent season begins where ordinary time left off – with the coming of Christ at the end of time. Paul and Matthew issue an urgent call for their readers to be watchful, to be awake and ready for the day of the Lord. The warning in their message is contrasted by the vision of the prophet Isaiah to God’s people who had struggled through decades of oppression, exile and desolation. In contrast the prophet foretells a time of universal peace, a world illuminated by the light of the Lord. This promise is something to rejoice in and to strengthen them to bear through the struggles of the present.

The call to watch out for the coming of the Lord might seem like a threat to some but it is meant to challenge us to be fully alive in the here and now. The mission of Jesus, after all, was to set us free- not to leave us imprisoned in the darkness of fear or anxiety. “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10.10)

Advent, then is a wakeup call for us not to stay fixed in the past but to learn from it: nor is it time to become blinded by the gloom of the present or stay weighed down by our struggles, limitations or narrow judgements of others. The past is gone, the future yet to be. It is in the “Now” that we can make a difference that will affect the future of our planet and the world we share. It is time to lift up our hearts, open our eyes, and see the work of God around us.

Each act of kindness, each opportunity taken to care for our earth, to defend the rights of another; each word of forgiveness; gesture of welcome, each rejection of violence as a solution -: radiates God’s Love in the world and proclaims “God with us.”



## 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>
19-Nov-22	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
26-Nov-22	Rohan Lemos Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
03-Dec-22	Mary Harb Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
20-Nov-22	Hannah Lopez Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
27-Nov-22	Ivana Lo Bello Jessy Thambiraj	Eileen Stevens
04-Dec-22	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
20-Nov-22	Ma Kathleen Adlaon Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
27-Nov-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
04-Dec-22	Marijana Jurjevic Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard



### Cleaning Roster:

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



### **WE PRAY FOR:**

#### The elderly and the sick

*Shu-Fen Wu, Peter Bourke, Kay Dufty  
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.*

#### Those who have died recently:

*Giuseppe Santamaria (RIP 19/11.  
Funeral Tues 29/11 at 10:30am)*

#### We Commemorate:

*Murshed Dah Dah  
Raffaella and Mario Scarcella and all the deceased of the Scarcella, Paiano and Veneziano families.*

*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*



#### Last Week's Collection: 20/11/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$800  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$690  
Thank you for your kind generosity!



### **Thanksgiving Envelopes**

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection.  
Please commence using these envelopes on the weekend of 17 & 18 December 2022.  
Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.



**Please take the bulletin home**

## 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 †

*Wednesday 30 November St Andrew, Apostle  
Thursday 1 December (St Charles de Foucauld)  
Saturday 3 December Solemnity of St Francis Xavier*



### † Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

**Zoey & Billie Tomasovic**

for their Baptisms on 27 November.



### **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.



### Advent Candles:

#### **hope, peace, joy, love**

The first week of Advent is all about **hope**.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end;

“therefore let us **hope** in the Lord.” Lamentations 3: 21-24:

*One purple candle is lit.*

Gracious God, As the Advent season begins, we cry out to you. We come to you looking for **hope**. When everything else we rely on fails us, our **only hope** is in you. When we do not understand what has happened, **we hope in you**. We can **hope** for better days because we trust you. We know you and we know you are here with us no matter what we are facing.

Loving God, remind us that **our hope is in you**. Be with us on this journey. Amen.



### **Sacred Heart School**

### **Christmas Carols**

**Venue: Sacred Heart Church**

**Thursday 1st December**

**6.00 - 7.30pm**

**All parishioners are warmly invited**





## THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



The path to happiness is the one that Saint Paul described at the end of one of his letters: "Pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit" (1 Thess 5:17-19).



## Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Comensoli

On 15 November Archbishop Comensoli issued a letter to us entitled "Welcome Home!" in which it said:

"Therefore, as from the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g. for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.)."



All parishioners are encouraged to return whenever physically possible, to attendance regularly at Sunday Mass.

Copies of this letter can be found in the church foyer or <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/welcome-home-a-pastoral-letter-from-archbishop-comensoli>



## 2023 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Last chance to order Columban calendars.

Calendars cost \$10 each.

To Order, please place your money with your name, address and phone number in an envelope and place it in the "Letters" slot near the front door of the presbytery or give it to Father by Monday 28 November.

Please DO NOT use the letterbox along the fence as this is not secure. Thank you



## Vigil Mass for World AIDS Day

Vigil Mass for World AIDS Day will be celebrated at St Francis' Church (corner Lonsdale and Elizabeth St, Melbourne) on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 5.30pm. All Welcome.



## Sunday 27 November, 2.30pm - Holding the Light

'Holding the Light' is an Ecumenical Service of lament remembering the women who have been killed as a result of Domestic Violence in Australia. For the seventh year, it is a service held within the Christian tradition, but invitational and open to anyone who might wish to join together and engage in a period of quiet, lament, and prayer/reflection on the tragic results of violence and in hope for a better future for our communities. This is a powerful service and a profound way of standing in solidarity with those who are no longer with us.

Location: St Peter's Eastern Hill, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne

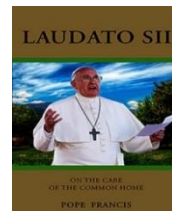


## Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass



Please join us after the 10:30am Mass for a cup of tea or coffee in the Church foyer.

All are welcome



During Advent Pope Francis and his encyclical Laudato Si' invites us to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ – the light of the world and all Creation.

During Advent, we embark on a journey of preparation for our encounter with God, Jesus Christ who comes to meet us within Creation – this is the Good News! We anticipate with hope and joy the renewal of all Creation through the Incarnation as Jesus takes on the material life we share with all creatures. Laudato Si' Movement | Nov 15, 2022

To view Pope Francis's film THE LETTER go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type in THE LETTER.



## Sacred Heart Giving Tree



Today we begin our parish/school Christmas appeal for families and individuals the St Vincent de Paul team have visited throughout the year. Once again we are asking for donations of Gift cards:

\* Cards of \$10 or more from Coles or Woolworths for the purchase of food or essential items to celebrate and share Christmas with family or friends or a Kmart or other Gift card for a parent or carer to be able to purchase a for a child or other family member. Of course you are welcome to choose both.

If attending Mass in person you are invited to:

- \* Take a token from the tree, purchase a gift card or place cash in the envelope.
- \* Return it to the church by the fourth Sunday of Advent or
- \* Place a donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas gift appeal" with your contact details and either deliver your gift to the presbytery or contact Pauline O'Day 9484 2445 Or 0497 935 593 if you require us to collect your donation.

Thank you all for your remarkable ongoing care for our neighbours.

Thank you to Sacred Heart's students for helping to prepare our giving tree.



## Joke Corner

A young couple moved into a new house. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbour hanging out the washing.

"That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better soap powder. Her husband looked on but remained silent.

Every time her neighbour hung her washing out to dry, the young woman made the same comments.

A month later, the woman was surprised to see nice clean washing on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## 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.

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'  
He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.  
The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9**

**The Response Is:**

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***  
I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.  
***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!'  
***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.  
***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

## SECOND READING

*Romans 13:11-14*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.  
***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'  
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

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

