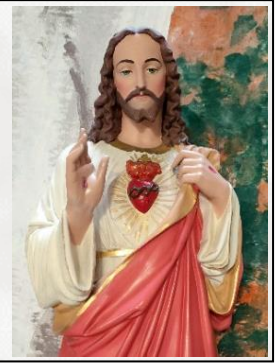




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Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

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Coordinators:

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Announced)

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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 February,

May, August & November at 1:30pm


Next Healing Mass: Friday 7 Feb. 2025

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

No Adoration in January. Adoration

will recommence in February 2025.

Holy Rosary: Thurs after the 9:10am Mass 

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on

Monday 6 February in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass. All welcome

Bulletin printed: 10/1/2025

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

The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) *Sunday 12 January 2025*

“You are my Son, the Beloved”

The Liturgy of the Epiphany last week revealed the mystery of God’s plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “coheirs” to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we’re shown how we claim our inheritance.

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves as a bridge. First, it doubles up as the concluding feast of the Christmas season when we have reflected on the manifestations of God’s presence amongst us through the birth of a human child into poor circumstances and in whom rested the assurance of God’s love for all humanity. Second, it highlights a dramatic transition in Jesus’ life. The gospel accounts identify Jesus’ Baptism as the event that plucks Him out of obscurity into public ministry.

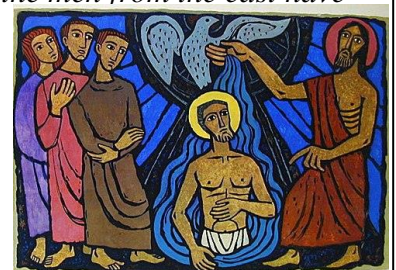
Today’s Gospel is brief but rich in meaning. It reveals a third manifestation of God’s presence amongst us in the person of Jesus who, having submitted to the baptism by John is affirmed as God’s beloved Son and envoy. But we need to understand that Jesus’ baptism was not just a symbolic action. In participating in the baptism Jesus, human like us, not only identified with others in all their human frailty but opened His heart, mind and whole life to the influence of God’s spirit, giving His life in atonement for the ‘sins of the world’ to the extent of suffering and dying on a cross. This provokes us to a fresh awareness of the mission to which we are called as the ‘baptised’. Jesus’ mission is our mission and the same Spirit that moved in Jesus moves within us to be bearers of the “Good News to the poor” and model in word and deed God’s love for all humanity.

St Paul phrased it: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” *Rom 6:3-4*

As we move into Ordinary Time with its often extraordinary demands, we might think about stirring the embers and fanning the flame of God’s love so that justice becomes the model that prevails in our world and for our planet - justice without violence, if not without pain.

We might take to heart the words of Howard Thurman:

“When the song of the angels is stilled and when the star in the sky is gone, when the shepherds are back with the flocks and the men from the east have gone home, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, enlighten the ignorant, rebuild the nations, bring peace among people, make music with the heart.” Howard Thurman



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.

Sat 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
11-Jan-	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb	
18-Jan-	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy	
25-Jan-	Mary Harb Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
12-Jan-	Ophelia Swai Marilène Fortuna	Jessy Thambiraj	Judeline	
19-Jan-	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Judeline Wadhvani	Jessy	
26-Jan-	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D'Intino	Judeline	

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
12-Jan-	John Gaffney Shanthi Antony	Judith Pimentel
19-Jan-	Snehita Antony Susan Bakani	Natalie Baran
26-Jan-	Jenifer Cahapay Susan Bakani	Robert Dullard

A Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, Our Sacred Heart School student Samantha Corsi
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Fr Denis Carabott mssp, RIP 7/1

Fr Babu Varghese Kattikattu MC, RIP 9/1 in India

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 Bertinello & Carlo Trentin families. – all 9am Italian Mass
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Last week's Collection: 5.1.2025

1st Collection for our Church: 1,046

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$301

Thank you for your kind generosity!



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.



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 13 January

St Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop, Doctor

Friday 17 January

St Antony of Egypt, Abbot



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

May we always remember that children are hope. Let us protect their smile, which is one of the most beautiful manifestations of God's tenderness.



Sacred Heart Parish Liturgy Committee Needs You

Sacred Heart Parish is looking for new members to join the Liturgy Committee. If you would like to be part of a dedicated team working together, to enable meaningful liturgical experiences that connect people in worship and prayer, then please speak to Fr Aloysius or Judeline Wadhvani, Jessy Thambiraj, Carolina Constable or Pauline O'Day, to learn more about what this would involve. If you would like to sit in on our first meeting of 2025 to "see for yourself" then you are most welcome to come along on

Tuesday 4 February at 7.00 pm sharp to the Presbytery.



Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

You are invited to **The Bethany Way** retreat:

'At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus'

Saturday 8 February 2025 12pm-4pm

Catholic Leadership Centre

576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

All are welcome to join for Mass at 11:30am

Lunch included

This **free retreat** will introduce you to

The Bethany Way — a journey of being formed in the faith and equipped to form others, whatever your field of influence.

Grow to:

pray more authentically.

believe more deeply.

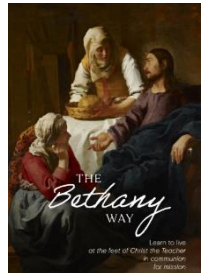
articulate more clearly

love more faithfully

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SAFE PARKING PRACTICE AT SACRED HEART PARISH

All visitors and parishioners are reminded **not to park** vehicles in the driveways around the church building, including

1. The straight driveway leading to the rear car park.
2. The curved shaped driveway in front of the church entrance.

Parking in these driveways is a safety risk and restricts access for emergency services such as ambulances in the event of a medical emergency which could have serious consequences. Parking in these areas is also a safety risk for people, including children.

Thank you for being considerate and looking after each other in true Sacred Heart community spirit.



2025 – Year of Jubilee – Hope does not disappoint

Pope Francis launched the Year of Jubilee on Christmas Eve when he opened the holy door of St Peter's Basilica. Since then, the Pope has opened the sacred portal of the chapel at Rebibia jail outside Rome. Speaking to the inmates of the prison, Pope Francis said the gesture of opening the door was to share the message that "Hope does not disappoint". Describing prison as a kind of "cathedral of pain and hope" the Pope has called for forms of amnesty or pardon for prisoners and for "pathways of reintegration" as well as for the abolition of the death penalty. In total, Pope Francis will open five holy doors during this holy year of Jubilee.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



Pursuing a Lasting Love
Celebrating Marriage Week!

7th - 14th of Feb 2025

It is always good to be reminded to **invest** in your marriage. A strong marriage overflows with love and compassion to your family and beyond.

SmartLoving has created "**The Intentional Couple**" micro-course as a free gift for all married couples, visit: www.smartloving.org/gift
Brochures can be found in the church foyer



Magi Pilgrimages

Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025.

1. Streams of Mercy (May),
2. Italy & Poland (May),
3. Marian Shrines (June),
4. Shrines of our Lady (August),
5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October).

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides.

For itineraries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au



Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal

Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis. This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts.

Please **Donate today:**

<http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>



Piety Shop

Columban calendars are now available in the Piety shop - \$10

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.



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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 ☺

I was going to give up all of my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that no one likes a quitter.

At the beginning of the year, I made a resolution to lose 5 Kilos. Only 8 more to go!

Q. How can you keep a New Year's resolution to read more while never opening a book? A. Watch TV with subtitles.

Q: What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar? A: He got 12 months!

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in, A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves

I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 40:1-5,9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,

gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30

The Response Is:

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

Above the rains you build your dwelling.

You make the clouds your chariot,

you walk on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers

and flashing fire your servant.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide,

with its moving swarms past counting,

living things great and small.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

All of these look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up:

you open your hand, they have their fill.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

You hide your face, they are dismayed;

you take back your spirit, they die.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour.

He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

