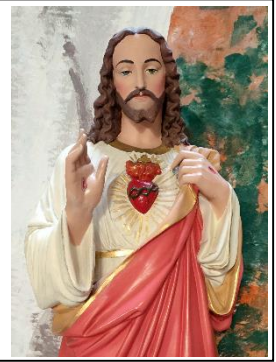




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Gerard Grant (chairperson), Ophelia Swai,
Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark
Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran,
Judeline Wadhvani and 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 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.*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 29 October 2023 (Year A) “Whoever Loves, Meets God.”

It is said that Hillel - a famous and beloved Rabbi who lived just a short time before Jesus' ministry and known for his humility and love for all people and an exceedingly poor man who worked as a day labourer was asked by a young Gentile to teach him the whole Torah in the time that he could stand on one leg. Hillel replied: “What you do not like, don't do to your neighbour! This is the whole Law; the rest is commentary.”

Philo, the Jewish philosopher and man of letters, who lived in Alexandria Egypt and a contemporary of Jesus, taught that the whole Law was summed up in the Ten Commandments and that this, in turn, could be summed up as Love of God and neighbour.

Some other Preachers of the Torah in Jesus' time insisted on so many rules, regulations for correct observance of the law that Jesus admonished them for placing such a heavy burden on God's people. This was not the way Jesus preached the Law of Love.

In today's Gospel, some, well versed in the Torah try to trip Jesus up once again, to see how much he really knew or observed what was taught in our Hebrew Scriptures. So they asked Him, “Master, which is the greatest of all the Commandments?”

Jesus quickly gets to the heart of the matter reminding them what they recite every day. The God they serve is Love so they must love God and their neighbour. This summed up the entire biblical story and the Law given to Moses... “Sh'ma Yis'ra'il” (“Hear O Israel”) the Lord your God is ONE and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and,” Jesus added, ... and love your neighbour as yourself.”

Knowing the right answer does not mean that we do the right thing. It is relatively easy to talk religion and even feel passionate about it. That is no guarantee that we will be living the kind of life that expresses God's love in the world. Loving God means loving our neighbour. Not just the helpful neighbour, the Christian neighbour, the generous one or one whose need provokes a sense of guilt in us. God's love is unconditional.

The law of love has compassion at its base. Compassion means feeling or suffering with others and drawing them into the love of God. Unless we have some sense of the needs of our neighbours and try to put ourselves in their shoes, we cannot really be compassionate. We might 'give' because that is what we are told to do but the hope is that we can be compassionate as God is compassionate, love as God loves and show that love by treating everyone as we would want to be treated if we were in the same situation. Easy to say, but quite a challenge to do.

Every day Jesus comes amongst us in many human guises, urging us, as the Body of Christ to be God's love in our world.

*When the power of Love
overcomes the love of power
The world will know peace.*

When the power of LOVE
overcomes the love of
POWER then the
world will
know peace



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
28-Oct-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
04-Nov-23	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
11-Nov-23	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
29-Oct-23	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
05-Nov-23	Albert D'Souza Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley
12-Nov-23	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
29-Oct-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
05-Nov-23	Joanne Verga Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard
12-Nov-23	Michelle Totawatte Tim Rankin	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:

Cosimo Marinucci (1month)

Boulos & Lisa Beaini

Elias Baaini.

Deceased members of the Paiano, Loffo & Loria families.

Deceased members of the Scarcella, Paiano & Veneziano families.

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 22/10/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$787

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$1,081

Catholic Mission Church Appeal: \$450

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 ✠

Wednesday 1 November Solemnity of All Saints

Thursday 2 November Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Friday 3 November St Martin de Porres, (St Malachy)

Saturday 4 November Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



I am always thinking of the serious situation in Palestine and Israel. I encourage the release of the hostages and the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza. I continue to pray for those suffering and hope for paths of peace in the Middle East and other regions wounded by war.



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..."



✠ Baptism Congratulations ✠

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Brooklyn Pep Micallef

for his Baptism on 28 October.



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

Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Carolina, the Salesian Sisters and their work through The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so by using the appeal envelope or going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor or scanning the QR code. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.



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



Proclaim 2023

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission!

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232> use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761

or proclaim@cam.org.au



St Luke's Parish, 1A David St, Lalor, invites you to a...

NIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION

WITH RON HUNTLEY

- Intentional Parish Renewal

Please join us in the St Luke's church on

Wednesday, 15th November

at 7.00pm for this FREE event

Be inspired by this world-renowned speaker and author on his mission to help create fruitful parishes around the world.

For further information, please contact St Luke's Parish, (03)94652180, lalor@cam.org.au



PRAYING FOR PEACE

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." ... Jimi Hendrix

In a world often marred by chaos and conflict, the act of praying for peace remains a powerful beacon of hope. Prayer is a universal language that transcends borders, religions and beliefs. It unites us in our shared desire for a world where kindness prevails over cruelty, understanding over ignorance and love over hate. As we offer our prayers for peace, we not only seek tranquillity on a global scale but also search for calm within ourselves. Let us believe in the transformative power of our collective prayers, for they can shape a future filled with unity, compassion and serenity. Value all living beings, as their differences make our world beautiful. Let our deeds reflect our shared vision of a peaceful world where people can thrive without any fighting. We are the architects of this vision and it starts with a simple choice: to choose peace, every day, in every way. Together, we can make it a reality."

Dear God, we ask You to grant us peace. May love and understanding fill our hearts, replacing conflict with love and harmony.

Let the world be a place of tranquillity and compassion. Amen.

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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



Please take the bulletin home

Sacred Heart Parish Induction Essentials Session

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church. **All volunteers and staff assisting in a parish within the Archdiocese are required to complete this Induction Essentials Session** to ensure awareness of their responsibilities. As such, the Sacred Heart Safeguarding Committee is hosting this Induction Essentials Session for **All** Volunteers and staff assisting in our Parish community. Parishioners who are not currently volunteers are also welcome to attend as the safety of our community is a shared responsibility of all.

The Induction presentation will provide all with an understanding of the new obligatory Safeguarding Standards and Practices required in all parishes to ensure the safety, inclusion and wellbeing of children and vulnerable persons. The presentation will include:

- Information regarding the obligatory Safeguarding Standards and Practices
- Information on our Parish's Code of Conduct and Statement of Commitment, we are all required to sign. (Copies will be available at the session)
- An opportunity to ask questions for clarification regarding responsibilities and obligations as outlined in the Standards.
- An opportunity to gain assistance with obtaining or renewing or linking a 'Working With Children Check' and obtaining a 'National Police Check' if required for your position in the parish.
- Provision of an Induction Kit.

The Induction Essentials Session will take place:

Date: **Wednesday, 8th November 2023**

Time: **7.30 pm**

Venue: **Sacred Heart Parish Presbytery**

To assist with the organisation and preparation of materials, or to organise an alternative session date for you to attend, we are asking that you please RSVP by 5.00 pm - Friday, 3rd November to preston@cam.org.au or write your name and number on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

We look forward to meeting with you on the day,

The Sacred Heart Safeguarding Committee.



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 neighbours are arguing about whose pet is smarter.

"My dog is very smart," says the first owner. "Every morning he goes to the local store and buys me a sesame seed bagel with chive cream cheese, and then stops off at the cafe and gets me a mocha latte. But that's not all! He then comes home and turns on the television."

"I know," says the second neighbour.

"How do you know?" the first man demands.

"My dog told me."



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

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

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:

“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

The Response Is:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,

my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;

my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise,

when I call I am saved from my foes.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me,

He has given great victories to his king

and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

