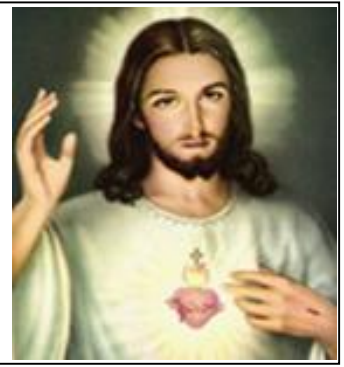




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Parish Mass Schedule

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.


No healing Mass in January

Next Healing Mass:

Friday 3 February

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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Third Sunday of Advent (year A)

Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday

Sunday 11 December 2022

Courage, do not be afraid, Your God is coming!

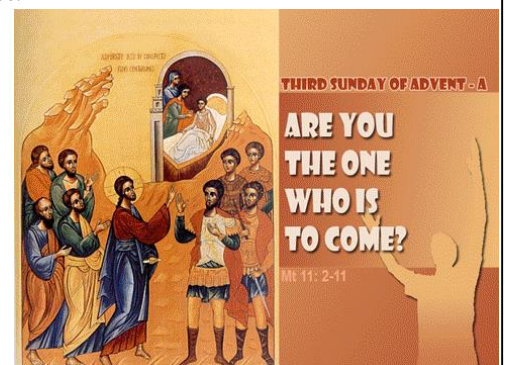
The joy and hope that is such a distinctive feature of the Advent season comes to the fore this week. This will be symbolised in the additional rose candle we light before our liturgies. Joy is certainly manifest in this week's readings of the Sunday. Isaiah's vision of a new creation is echoed in Jesus' response to the disciples of John the Baptist who ask 'Are you the one who is to come?' Jesus replies – 'Tell John the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor.'

Isaiah's vision was first proclaimed to a people in exile long before the birth of Jesus. The people had virtually lost their identity - everything that reminded them of God's faithful love for them as his chosen people - a homeland, temple and king. In the midst of their dispossession and desolation, the prophet's mission was to rekindle their hope and joy that God who would redeem and restore them as a people.

The Gospel tells the story of John, under arrest, sending disciples to Jesus asking if he is the 'promised one' for whom all have been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the instances of his ministry that enact the signs of salvation proclaimed by the prophet. We can understand why John sent messengers to Jesus. When Jesus came preaching the kingdom his vision he went beyond John's words of condemnation of oppressors and call to repentance. Jesus offered unconditional forgiveness and healing for all who would receive it and befriend the lowly, the outcast and repentant as brothers and sisters. In his mission Jesus was making Isaiah's vision of a new world a reality.

This passage is a reminder that God's kingdom is already in our midst as manifest in the life of Jesus and in a church which truly makes the mission of Jesus its mission when it embodies his justice by extending compassion to the bruised and abused and light to those in darkness of alienation, fear and despair.

To each of us – as disciples of Good news -the Advent message of John "Repent, for the kingdom is at hand" is an invitation to a change of heart and mind so that we may become bearers of joy, hope and healing to the broken, the exiled and the vulnerable in our midst.



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
03-Dec-22	Mary Harb Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
10-Dec-22	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
17-Dec-22	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
04-Dec-22	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
11-Dec-22	Alisha Verga Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
18-Dec-22	Eileen Stevens Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
04-Dec-22	Marijana Jurjevic Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard
11-Dec-22	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
18-Dec-22	Michelle Totawatte Volunteer	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:

Giuseppina Santini (RIP 4/12)

We Commemorate:

Anh Tran

Vittorio Ilardi (40th Anniv.)

and all the deceased of the Ilardi family.

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 4/12/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,007

(electronic contributions for November 2022: \$2,425)

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$734

(electronic contributions for November 2022: \$40)

Thank you for your kind generosity!



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 †

Monday 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday 13th December

St Lucy

Wednesday 14th December

St John of the Cross

Friday 16th December

*(Blessed Philip Siphong and
Companions, Martyrs of Thailand)*

Saturday 17th December

Novena for Christmas



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

During the **third week in Advent**, we spend time thinking about **joy**.

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for **joy**.”

Two purple candles and one pink candle are lit.

Too often, we think **joy** is something big, O God. Just as easily and far more often, we can feel **joy** in a hug or the squeeze of hand, we can see **joy** in a smile or hear it in laughter. Help us to not overlook the simple **joys** that peak into our lives daily. This week in our Advent journey, open our eyes to the **joy** that surrounds us. Amen.



Bambinelli Sunday - 11 December

You may bring the Baby Jesus statues from your Nativity sets for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 11 December. This tradition was started by Pope St John Paul II and is celebrated on Gaudete Sunday, third Sunday of Advent.



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection.

Please collect yours if you haven't already.

Please commence using these envelopes on the weekend of 17 & 18 December 2022.

Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

2022 Christmas Mass times

Saturday 24 December

Christmas Eve

7:00pm Family Mass
9:30pm Carols before 10pm Mass
10:00pm (in lieu of midnight) Mass

Sunday 25 December

Christmas Day

9:00am Italian Mass
10:30am Parish Mass
6:00pm Sunday Evening Mass



Volunteers Needed

Readers, Ministers of Eucharist, Overhead Projectionists, Ushers/Welcomers, Collectors, Candle Lighter, Singers are needed for all Christmas Masses.

If you can assist, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au by 2pm Friday 17 December.

Thank you



Christmas Eve Family Mass 7.00pm 24 December.

Families are very welcome to participate at this Mass. Children to come dressed as a gospel Nativity Character or to participate in some small ways. Please contact Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 for information on how we will involve the children this year.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us place our trust in the Lord of the universe, who loves us immensely and knows that we can build something wonderful, something eternal with Him. The lives of the saints show us this in a most beautiful way.



Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass



Please join us after the 10:30am Mass for a cup of tea or coffee at **Sacred Heart School.** All are welcome



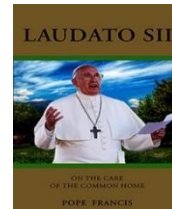
NATIVITY PLAY

with

Carols, Kings, Angels,
Live Camels, and Donkey etc.
at

St Paul's Catholic Church,
562 Sydney Road, Coburg
Saturday 17 December
immediately after the 6:30pm
Mass.

Following the Play, there will be refreshments in the school hall



During Advent Pope Francis invites us to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ – the light of the world and all Creation. The third Sunday of Advent is a time of JOY.

The Lord is Near! READ Phil 4:4-5.

RECALL the inherent joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas.

REFLECT on those who are in need during the season of Advent and ask yourself: How can I respond to the cry of the poor?

Let us pray: *Let us honour the goodness of all your gifts in the natural world. In a season too often marked by overconsumption and excess, let us give thanks for all the good things throughout nature.*



Sacred Heart Giving Tree



Thanks to all who have already responded to our Giving tree appeal. 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.

Please Note: we are NOT collecting food items for this appeal.

Thank you

Joke Corner

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave.

As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin. Three hours later and they're still walking about with it.

I thought to myself, they've definitely lost the plot!

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

My neighbour knocked loudly on my door at 2:30am this morning, he was obviously, by his urgency in trouble.

Luckily for him, I was still up —playing my Bagpipes.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

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 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,

let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,

let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,

let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,

the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;

they shall see the glory of the Lord,

the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,

steady all trembling knees

and say to all faint hearts,

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.

‘Look, your God is coming,

vengeance is coming,

the retribution of God;

he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

the ears of the deaf unsealed,

then the lame shall leap like a deer

and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy

for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,

everlasting joy on their faces;

joy and gladness will go with them

and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145(146):6-10

The Response Is:

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,

the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,

who raises up those who are bowed down,

the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who loves the just

but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,

Zion’s God, from age to age.

Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord’s coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus answered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a

prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

‘Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way before you.

‘I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’

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

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

