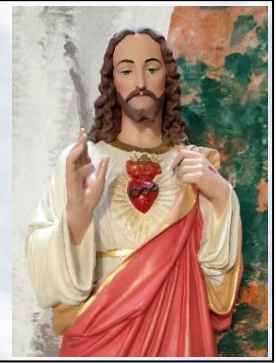




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Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline
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Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Coordinators:

Lectors and Audio Visual – Jessy Thambiraj

Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica
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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 8 Nov. 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



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 11 November (2nd Mon) in the

presbytery after 9:10am Mass. All welcome

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 3 November 2024

“God Is Love”

Jesus is noted for preaching and living what we call the Law of Love. In today’s Gospel a devout and sincere scribe approaches Him and asks, “Which commandment is the first of all?”. Jesus quickly responds in the words of the “Shema Yis’ra’il” from Deuteronomy 6, and what every devout Jew recites as a Creed daily - “*Hear O Israel, that the Lord God is One and you shall love the Lord your God will all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength and, (Jesus adds) your neighbour as yourself*”

Jesus is affirming to the scribe that, certainly Love of God comes first. It derives from gratitude for God’s communication of unconditional Love through the liberating actions in the lives of His people. But love of God is of its the very nature relational and inspires reciprocal, communal and outreaching love for others. These two sides of the life of faith – love of God and neighbour really cannot be separated. They sum up the whole biblical story and the Law given to Moses around which Communal life functioned.

The friendly scribe goes on to offer a lengthy commendation to Jesus repeating word for word Jesus’ reply and adding that all this is “much more important than burnt offerings or sacrifices”. Celebration of the love of God in Ritual and Communal gatherings is a fundamental expression of Religious faith systems but remains detached unless it motivates observers to live the kind of life God wants from us – “being Love.”

Loving God, then implies 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 originality of Jesus lies in two things: His personal testimony of the breadth of God’s Love that compelled him to seek out and comfort the forgotten, abused and isolated, the most suffering, and misunderstood and the revelation that in Him the infinite love of God has taken flesh and dwelt amongst us.

The Law of Love has compassion at its base. Compassion means identifying with the suffering of others and drawing them in to participate in God’s love. Every day Jesus becomes present to us in different guises – not necessarily attractive to the eye, sometimes challenging but recognized by truly compassionate hearts.

Today once more we gather as ‘Church’ as the “Body of Christ” to share and hear the Word and celebrate God’s love for us in the gift of the Eucharist. Let us focus on those vital words of Consecration.... “This is my body which will be given for you.....this is my blood ...shed for you and for All”. Let us draw strength from the commitment of each other, go out and think about how we can live Jesus’ concluding words: “Do this in memory of me” by making our Love active and real.



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
02-Nov-	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Mary Harb	
9-Nov-	Mary Harb Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
16-Nov-	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
03-Nov-	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Jessy Thambiraj	Jessica	Aleisha Jasmine
10-Nov-	Darina Lobo Eileen Stevens	Gerard Grant	Judeline	Shamus Maxi
17-Nov-	Marilene Fortuna Ophelia Swai	Judeline Wadhvani	Jessy	Azariah Natalie

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
03-Nov-	John Gaffney Jenifer Cahapay	Natalie Baran
10-Nov-	Shanthi Antony Jenifer Cahapay	Robert Dullard
17-Nov-	Susan Bakani Shanthi Antony	Damian Casamento

Attention Ministers of Communion and Lectors:

The next roster (2/3 November to 22/23 February) will be prepared this weekend and will be available next week.

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:

Lilia Crupi RIP 23/10 - Funeral Thurs 7/11 at 11am
Antonio Ferraro RIP 1/11 - Funeral Tues 12/11 at 11am

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: 27.10.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,072
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$522
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 4 November Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Tuesday 5 November Saints Zechariah and Elizabeth
Saturday 9 November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us Pray Together that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter may find support in their community. May they receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.



SCAN ME



World Mission Sunday – 20 October

On behalf of the Church in Mongolia, and people like Chuluunbaatar, we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

Your gift is already working towards programs like the House of Mercy, which will support people that have been affected by a range of issues, such as homelessness and domestic violence.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a positive impact for many around the world.



Healing Mass date change

PLEASE NOTE: The Healing Mass for November will be on **Friday 8 November** at 1:30pm (not 1 November).



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.



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.



Safeguarding Is EVERYBODY's Responsibility

Sacred Heart Parish holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of our church community. This commitment is drawn from and central to the teaching and mission of Jesus with love, justice and the dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel and which is at the core also in the Universal declaration of Human Rights.

Caring for and protecting others from any kind of harm is at the heart of our parish, its individual values and mission.

Through practical safeguarding measures and the co-operation of all members of our community, it is our parish aim to prevent abuse of any kind by creating and securing safe environments, meeting places, interactive protocols and monitoring to prevent abuse of any kind from happening.



Sacred Heart Giving Tree



This year has again been a difficult one for many families, couples and individuals with little or no income or insecure housing.

Once again, we will be asking for donations of Gift cards: * Gift Cards of \$10 or more from Coles or Woolworths or Aldi. * Donations of a Kmart or other Gift Card are a second option. The giving tree will be set up towards the beginning of Advent. Again, this year we ask you to kindly take a token from the Giving Tree, purchase a gift card or place cash of your decided value in the envelope token and return it to the church by the third Sunday of Advent (15 December). If you require a receipt, place the donation with your contact details in an envelope provided labelled "Christmas gift appeal" and place it in a collection basket. OR if you require us to collect your donation, phone Pauline O'Day 9484 2445. Thank you for your remarkable ongoing care for our neighbours and helping to bring some shared joy at this time.

Sacred Heart St Vincent de Paul Team.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

"When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure."

~ Anonymous ~

Remembering our loved ones keeps them close to us. It is amazing how simple things like a favourite song, a special place, a funny saying, a flower or even a certain meal can bring back memories that make us smile or even feel a bit sad. It is completely natural to experience both emotions. While we may miss them, the love we shared never goes away because we carry a piece of them in our hearts, reminding us that our love remains strong forever. Even as time passes, those memories keep them alive in our minds. Remembering them is a way to celebrate their lives, treasure the happy moments we had and hold onto the lessons they taught us, keeping their spirit with us always.



Dear God, Thank You for the time we had with our loved ones. When we remember them, may their memories bring us comfort and happiness. Help us to hold onto their love and keep their spirit alive in our hearts. Amen.

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Church Flowers

Volunteers are needed to prepare flowers for our church.

If you are interested, please contact Jessica on 0433 278 175. Thank you.



Sacred Heart Church Social Planning Committee – NEWS

Mission Sunday

Following the Mission Sunday Mass on the 20th of October, the parish gathered for a celebration in the Sacred Heart Primary School Hall. The theme for this year being **"Go and invite everyone to the banquet"**, Fr. Aloysius led us in prayer and welcomed everyone to the celebration.

We thank parishioners who brought food to share and the committee members who cooked the sausages for everyone.

The program started with a wonderful performance by Gracieuse followed by a Karate demonstration by the Divine Word Missionary Seminarians and a traditional song and dance by the Tongan Community. There were other impressive acts by Ava, Tazlyn, Jazlyn, Gloyne and the Seminarians. The program ended with the most popular game of Bingo that was hosted by Gloyne and Glendon. We thank Peter Constable for compèring during the program.

The highlight of the program was Fr. Aloysius showcasing his badminton skills with his "Badminton for dummies".

A big THANK YOU to all the Social Committee members and volunteers in helping make this event another success story.



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

A man walks into a bar and says, "Give me a beer before the problems start!" He drinks the beer and then orders another saying, "Give me a beer before the problems start!"

The bartender looks confused. This goes on for a while, and after the fifth beer the bartender is totally confused and asks the man, "When are you going to pay for these beers?"

The man answers, "Now the problems start!"

I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places – he told me to stop going to those places.

Before you criticise someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you do criticise them, you're a mile away, and you have their shoes.

I was at the park wondering why this frisbee kept getting bigger... and then it hit me.

Two fish in a tank, one looks at the other and says, "How do you drive this thing?"

The evening news is where they begin with "Good evening," and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

I know they say that money talks, but all mine says is "Goodbye."

My wife and I laugh about how competitive we are. But I laugh more.

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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

Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your

understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not

made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came
down from heaven,

*(At the words that follow, up to and
including 'and became man', all bow.)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was
buried, and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead and his kingdom will
have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father
and the Son is adored and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

*"And thou shalt love the
Lord thy God with all thy
heart, and with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind, and
with all thy strength: this is
the first commandment. And
the second is like, namely
this, Thou shalt love thy
neighbour as thyself. There
is none other commandment
greater than these."*

—Mark 12:30-31

JESUS CHRIST