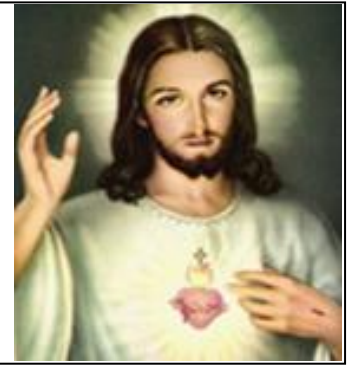




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 Thursday of the month
at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 4 August

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays 7:30pm

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

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by
appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Sunday 24 July 2022

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Lord Teach Us To Pray

How often do we hear questions from the family or friends of a loved one who is dying, sick or has been harmed like, 'Why does God do this? He/she is such a good person.... goes to Mass, helps others, is involved in the parish... Sometimes it can seem that we hold on to a faith that involves bartering with God.. We find it hard to accept that life can be both wonderful and painful.

The God whom Jesus revealed is not a God who tests or punishes. 'God,' Scripture tells us, 'IS LOVE'. This is a God who is Mercy; whom each person can say 'loves me, wants the best for me; who laughs and weeps alongside me, who carries me when I need to be carried; one that I simply love to be in relationship with—that is the reward in this life.

That is the God whom Jesus revealed by doing good. He went forth, proclaiming God through his life even if bad things came his way. Jesus kept responding to all life's challenges with love and forgiveness. HE knew God's promise was to be with us, in the good and bad.

The first reading from Genesis introduces us to Abraham who, sensing God's distress at the sinfulness infesting the cities Sodom and Gomorrah poses a challenge. 'Are you going to destroy the just one with the sinner? What if there are 50 who are just, will you not administer justice?' The Lord replies, 'If I find 50 who are just, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham grows bolder and asks, 'What if there are only 45, 40, 30, 20 or 10?' The Lord replies, 'I will not destroy for the sake of the 10.'

Then in Paul's letter to Colossians, we hear that God has forgiven us our sins. God is not holding a record of our debts but a record of our love. How much have we loved and allowed ourselves to be loved? The presence of love is the presence of God.

When Jesus' disciples ask him to teach them to pray, he leads them and us to look upon God as our Father, as one who loves us and is known to us; one who will not test us but encourages us. Jesus' image of God should give us confidence to approach God as children who are loved. We, as children living with our own vulnerabilities and limitations, must let go of the image of God who punishes, and replace it with the God of love.

Jesus encourages us to persist in prayer and never to give up. In summary Jesus lived what He prayed and urged us similarly drawing on the power of God's love abiding with us to be messengers of God's love, mercy and healing to our broken world. "The kingdom of God is within you!"

*Lord, help us, when we pray for the coming of
your kingdom, to ask for it in its entirety.*

*Keep us searching for the day when everyone will
each day have their daily bread,*

*when those in debt will be freed of all their
indebtedness and poor people will no longer be
put to the test of survival.*



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
16-Jul-22	John Kmaid Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
23-Jul-22	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
30-Jul-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
17-Jul-22	Alisha Verga Judeline Wadhvani	George McBrien
24-Jul-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
31-Jul-22	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
17-Jul-22	Margaret Bannan Volunteer	Damian Casamento
24-Jul-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
31-Jul-22	Damian Casamento Marijana Jurjevic	Margaret Bannan



Cleaning Roster:

To all our Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Father Bill Moran

Mario Ermacora (RIP 20/7 Funeral 29/7 at 11am)

We Commemorate:

Peter Tangent (3 Months)

Visitacion L. Aguilar (3rd Anniv.-RIP 1/7/2019)

Domenico Quattrone (2nd Anniversary)

Anton Jansz

Bishop George J. Dodo

Bishop Joseph Mittathany

Michela Gandolfo (12th Anniv.)

Carol Sagert (6th Anniv. Sun 31/7)

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 17/7/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,175

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$490

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Open Day

Saturday 6 August: Celebrating the Feast of Mary MacKillop (8 August)

10am to 4pm

362 Albert St, East Melbourne



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



We must return to the essence of Christianity: the love of God, the driving force of our joy that sends us out to tread the pathways of the world, and welcoming our neighbour. This is the simplest and most beautiful witness we can give the world.



Baptism Congratulations

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Arielle Elezovic

for her Baptisms on

Sunday 17 July



Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the week:

Monday 25 July

St James, Apostle

Tuesday 26 July

St Joachim & St Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 29 July

Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Saturday 30 July

St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor



Bring Hope to Neela and her family

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community and also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

If you wish to contribute again, please go to

www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/ethiopia



The Catholic Landscape

The **Catholic Landscape** is an ideal introduction to the **Catechism and the Catholic Faith** for RCIA inquirers, as well as a practical refresher for parents, teenagers and young adults.

Renowned theologian and educator Anna Krohn, OAM will present these talks Thursday evenings during August.

August 4th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

August 11th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

August 18th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

August 25th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

Address:

"The Bethany Room"

St Gabriel's Catholic Church

Viola Street, Reservoir 3073

Note: Enter via Spring St carpark

For Enquiries:

St Gabriel's Parish Office

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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

On July 24, the Church celebrates the **second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. Established by Pope Francis in January 2021, the observance is celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July, coinciding with the feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents, Sts. Joachim and Anne. The theme for this year's World Day is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) and emphasizes how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.



Inner Healing through Meditation on Jesus

August 5 – 7, 2022

At: 22 Woodvale Road,
Boronia, Victoria 3155.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: Tel: 03 9762 6625 or

Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



Volunteers needed:

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for Saturday 6pm Mass and Sunday 6pm Mass

The Eucharist -The Source and Summit of Christian Life

Thank you to all who have responded to the Invitation to serve our parish Community in various ways as ongoing and beginning volunteers. At present, as our the number attending our weekend liturgies grow, we would especially welcome more extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve at our 6pm Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. If you are an experienced minister of the Eucharist or would like to begin in this ministry, please contact Rachel at the Parish office or *Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445*, for more information. An induction update into this ministry will be arranged for beginning and continuing ministers shortly.



Volunteers needed for Piety stall

Adult volunteers are needed to operate the Piety stall especially for the 10:30am and 6:00pm Sunday Masses.

Those who are interested please phone parish office on 9480 3398 and leave a message.

All volunteers are required to hold a current Working with Children Check that is linked to Sacred Heart Church. Thank you.



Projectionists wanted: Do you have time to donate your computer skills as a projectionist at our Sunday 6pm Mass If so, please contact: Stephen Costello on 0432 405 417 to discuss.



Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves.

Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad.](#)

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provides support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away.

[Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**



Bell Street parking - reminder

For your safety, it is recommended that you **do not park on Bell Street** at any time due to the fast traffic on that road. It will be safer to park further away on Clifton Grove and walk a little further to the Church. Thank you

LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



The worsening climate crisis can no longer be ignored, and it is up to all human beings, who were entrusted by God as “stewards of his gift of his creation” to act, the Pope said in a message to participants at a Vatican conference on climate change.

52 ways to help the environment (cont'd)

30. Read the Bible

Discover the Creator God, the God who cares for us and sustains us, the God of life. Try to see how many times natural elements are mentioned in Scripture. Look for and become acquainted with the Psalms that speak of Creation.

31. Appreciate clean water

Don't waste it at home. Turn off the tap when not in use (e.g., brushing teeth, washing hands, cooking), install flow-reducing devices, and keep pipes free of leaks.

32. Take action

Laudato Si' brings Catholics together around the world to celebrate the great work that has been done all over the world since Pope Francis released his world-changing encyclical in 2015. The Laudato Si' Movement unites Catholics to plan ambitious action for the future.

33. Talk to your parish priest about mentioning the climate crisis during Mass

The most important thing all people can do is talk about the climate crisis. Do you hear your parish priest talking about the climate crisis? If not, set up a meeting with your priest to talk about your worries and how the climate crisis is affecting your family or community.

We pray that God will hold in His loving arms the people who are experiencing climate change whether it be flooding, mud slides, unprecedented heat, droughts, or loss of crops.



Winter Fiesta and WYD Lunch

Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli for SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to great night of prayer, music, food and fun, and Archbishop Peter will also use this opportunity to launch our pilgrimages to WYD 2023.

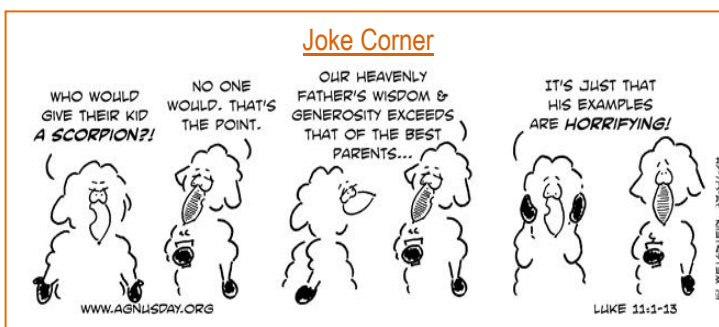
Thursday 4 August

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

St Patrick's Cathedral

More information:

<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/winter-fiesta>



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there
is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How
grievous is their sin! I propose to go down
and see whether or not they have done all
that is alleged in the outcry against them
that has come up to me. I am determined
to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom
while Abraham remained standing before
the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are
you really going to destroy the just man
with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty
just men in the town. Will you really
overwhelm them, will you not spare the
place for the fifty just men in it? Do not
think of doing such a thing: to kill the just
man with the sinner, treating just and
sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the
judge of the whole earth not administer
justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I
find fifty just men in the town, I will spare
the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to
speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust
and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men
lack five: will you destroy the whole city
for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not
destroy it if I find forty-five just men
there.' Again Abraham said to him,
'Perhaps there will only be forty there.'

will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of
the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be
angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps
there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not
do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He
said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this,
but perhaps there will only be twenty
there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for
the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust
my Lord will not be angry if I speak once
more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I
will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake
of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8

The Response Is:

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you
answered me.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless
you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

Response

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

Response

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

Response

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

Response

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when
you were baptised; and by baptism, too,
you have been raised up with him through
your belief in the power of God who
raised him from the dead. You were dead,
because you were sinners and had not
been circumcised: he has brought you to
life with him, he has forgiven us all our
sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled
every record of the debt that we had to
pay; he has done away with it by nailing it
to the cross.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes
us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying,
and when he had finished one of his
disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just
as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

“Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come; give us each day our
daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is
in debt to us. And do not put us to the
test.”

He also said to them:

‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes
to him in the middle of the night to say,
“My friend, lend me three loaves, because
a friend of mine on his travels has just
arrived at my house and I have nothing to
offer him”; and the man answers from
inside the house, “Do not bother me. The
door is bolted now, and my children and I
are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you.”
I tell you, if the man does not get up and
give it him for friendship's sake,
persistence will be enough to make him
get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given
to you; search, and you will find; knock,
and the door will be opened to you. For
the one who asks always receives; the one
who searches always finds; the one who
knocks will always have the door opened
to him. What father among you would
hand his son a stone when he asked for
bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a
fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked
for an egg? If you then, who are evil,
know how to give your children what is
good, how much more will the heavenly
Father give the Holy Spirit to those who
ask him!’

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.