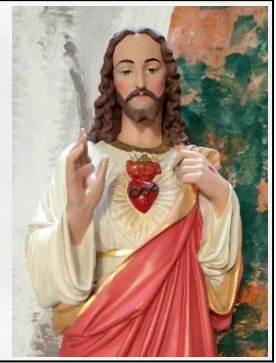




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Safeguarding Committee:

Safeguarding Officer: Robert Dullard

Safeguarding Committee: Members:

Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

Parish Council Members, Mark Tierney,

Natalie Baran, Judeline Wadhvani

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Coordinators:

Lectors and Audio Visual – Jessy Thambiraj

Music – Carolina Constable

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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 2 May 2025

Devotional Practices:

NEW TIME for Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday Morning after the
9:10am Mass for 30 minutes.

Commencing 26 February.



Holy Rosary: Thurs after the 9:10am Mass

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Cuppa with Fr Aloysius

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

Monday 3 March 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.*

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 2 March 2025

Honesty and Humility

Today we hear a continuation of the gospel passage of the last two Sundays. The brief parables of Jesus recalled today take the form of familiar proverbs: no disciple is superior to the teacher; can a blind person lead a blind person; why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye but can't perceive the log in your own; a tree known by its fruits.

These parables are more than the expression of 'home truths'. The Good News of the Kingdom expressed by Jesus is a promise of a new kind of existence, to be found by identifying with the ways of the living God after the example of the One who is the revelation of the Father. Luke continues with his examination of the new order ushered in by discipleship and turns to a very personal dimension of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The 'fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher'. Jesus offers Himself as a model of non-judgement. This, after all, belongs only to God.

There are echoes here of last week: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves; grant pardon and you will be pardoned.' The disciples must recognise their own shortcomings and work tirelessly to rectify these so that what issues forth are the good fruits that only true goodness of heart can produce.

Jesus wants His followers not to place Him on a pedestal as an object of veneration but to live out in their lives the pattern of His life – One with Him in heart, mind and action. Whether leaders or laborers of God's vineyard they are to be 'meek and humble of heart' in order to be able to see with clarity through their own moral failures and recognise the potential goodness and sufferings in other persons hearts; they are to be attentive and empathetic to the pain of the world, and to live lives of practical compassion, justice and service. To be a disciple is not just to be a "good person" and good persons are those who produce "good treasure" out of the abundance of their hearts, who do not look down upon others or seek to control, dominate or abuse. To be a disciple of Christ is to **be** Christ to others. In the Jewish tradition the heart was the seat of wisdom, knowledge and life as well as the seat of emotions. Heart and mind are one and the source and motivation for actions. This week we might spend

time thinking about how easy or difficult we have found it to be self-reflective or self-critical over the past days and how we can recognise and encourage each person's gifts and nurture the goodness of God that dwells in us all and compels us to share.



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
01-Mar	Teresa Dang Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy	
08-Mar	Terry Murphy Mary Harb	Charlotte Bainy	
15-Mar	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
02-Mar	Judeline Wadhvani Darina Lobo	Eileen Stevens	Judeline	
09-Mar	Marilène Fortuna Ophelia Swai	Mia Grant	Rayhan	
16-Mar	Judeline Wadhvani Marilène Fortuna	Tony Eley	Jessy	

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
02-Mar	Jenifer Cahapay Snehita Antony	Natalie Baran
09-Mar	John Gaffney Jenifer Cahapay	Judith Pimentel
16-Mar	Jenifer Cahapay John Gaffney	Natalie Baran

Ash Wed Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection
9:10am	Ivana Lo Bello ?	?	Rayhan
7pm	Judeline Wadhvani ?	?	Judeline

A Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers

Attention Ministers of Communion and Lectors

NEW ROSTERS and updated phone lists have been emailed. Please also check your junk mail folder if you haven't received yours in your inbox. For those who do not receive an email copy please check the Church foyer for your copy.

Thank you all for your faithful service to our Eucharistic Celebrations.



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Margaret Bannan, Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrrie, Joan Bonwick, Oliver and James Mendis
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

We Commemorate:

Gianuario Cirelli, 1 Month - Sun 2/3 at 9am Italian Mass
Vincenzo Capobianco - 9am Italian Mass
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 Bertoncello & Carlo Trentin families. – all 9am Italian Mass



O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



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 ✠

Tuesday 4 March *St Casimir*
Wednesday 5 March *Ash Wednesday*
Friday 7 March *Autumn Ember Day*
 Sts Felicity & Perpetua, Martyrs
Saturday 8 March *St John of God, Religious*



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



I have recently received many messages of affection, and I have been particularly struck by the letters and drawings from children. Thank you for your closeness, and for the consoling prayers I have received from all over the world!



Volunteers Needed

Are you available to participate in our Ash Wednesday Masses?

Readers, Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Ashes, Altar servers, projectionists, are all needed.



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 or phone 9480 3398. Thank you



Project Compassion Sunday

1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



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



Last week's Collection: 23.2.2025

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,076

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$860

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday

Masses: 9:10am & 7:00pm

Lenten Reflection

Every Wednesday in Lent.

Commencing Wednesday 12 March at 7pm in the Church

All Fridays during Lent –

Stations of the Cross – after 9:10am Mass in the Church



WEEKLY LENTEN PROGRAM

Sacred Heart Parish is offering our annual Weekly Lenten Program commencing on Wednesday 12 March at 7.00 pm for five weeks. The themes are: Desert, Summit, Garden, Homecoming and Redeemed.

We encourage you to bring along family and friends and take this opportunity to set aside time for renewal through prayer. Let us take time to reflect on what Lent means to each of us and how we might prepare differently this year.



Weekly Lenten Program on the Eucharist

“The Church draws her life from the Eucharist”

Pope St. John Paul II

Deepen your relationship with Jesus through a deeper understanding of the Mass

What is Biblical Worship? What was the first Easter Sunday like?

Why we do what we do at Mass?

Join us this Lent as we go deep into the mystery and the meaning of the Mass.

Video presentations by Dr. John Bergsma and Dr Brant Pitre.

When: Tuesdays of Lent from 11 March to 15 April at 7:30pm

Where: Sacred Heart Presbytery Contact: Cory – 0408 520 739



Being Pilgrims of Hope in our world

“We are but travellers here.”

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

In this 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has invited us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope, people who are not mere travellers in our world but who walk in joyful anticipation of the ‘heavenly goal to which we have been called.’

(Spes Non Confundit #25).

Pope Francis wants each of us to have ‘an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ’. (SNC # 6) Only this hope, born from knowing that “nothing can separate us from God’s love” (Rom 8:35-39) can breathe life back into human souls that are weary from the cynicism and despair that we see around in our world. This hope is not mere optimism nor a forced positivity in the face of hardship and evil. Rather, this hope is a grace from God, trusting in the Lord’s promises that God is good, God is merciful and that we are rightly journeying towards the One who says, “Look, I am making everything new.’ (Rev 21:5)



Sacred Heart Primary School 2026 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2026 school year Foundation classes open Monday 3rd March.

For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website:

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.



SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

St Gabriel’s Church Cnr Spring & Viola Sts Reservoir & Parish Centre rear St Gabriel’s Church and car park, Reservoir.

Wednesday 19 March 7pm Mass

Presentation by Matt McDonald “Becoming a man of God”

A special evening for men - married, single, widowed.

Pizzas & refreshments \$10

Ph. 0487 116 154



Parish Dance – NEW DATE

The Social Committee of Sacred Heart Parish church are pleased to present to you the Parish Dance party that will take place on Saturday 3 May at the Sacred Heart Hall at 7:00pm.

Registration will be open from 6:30pm onwards.

DJ Starlight will be ensuring that you are on your toes. Games will see that you are entertained. Tea and coffee will be provided. BYO food and drink. The kitchen is inaccessible so heating of food and washing of dishes will not be possible.

Tickets are priced at

- \$15 for adults
- \$10 for children below 12

Discounts for group bookings are available.

- \$5 discount for groups of 5
- \$15 discount for groups of 10

Get entered into a draw for an early bird prize if you book your tickets by 31 March.

We are going paperless this time, so for bookings please scan the QR code here or on the poster in the foyer or book your tickets on

<https://events.humanitix.com/sacred-heart-parish-dance>

Those interested to assist with preparation and other activities on the day, please contact the social committee to express your interest.



Dear Sacred Heart Parish Community,

I wish to let our Parish know, that I will be finishing my tenure as Principal of Sacred Heart School at the conclusion of Term Two. In the period leading up to this, I will be on Long Service Leave (commencing Tuesday 11th March).

It has truly been a privilege these past seven plus years being Principal of Sacred Heart School. I have loved every minute and hope that my tenure has somehow had a positive impact on all who have been part of our school community.

During my tenure I believe the relationship between our school and wider parish has strengthened. Our students and families have been an integral part of Sacred Heart Parish life. I thank Father Aloysius and Father Jan for their genuine support and interest in our school.

Sacred Heart School is a unique community, its diversity of cultures and multi faith held practices help generate a community that is empathetic, welcoming and caring. I have been blessed to be part of such a magnificent community.

It is with mixed feelings that I prepare for retirement. I am excited for the future of Sacred Heart but have some sadness that I will not be part of this beautiful school community.

The transition process to the appointment of a new Principal will be seamless with Antoinette Stasi in the role as Acting Principal and the support of the magnificent Sacred Heart School staff.

It is anticipated that the process for appointing a new Principal will commence in Term Two.

In conclusion, can I thank all who have been part of the Sacred Heart School and wider Parish community these past seven years. I commenced by teaching career in 1988 at Sacred Heart and after working in five other Catholic Primary schools, I feel it’s appropriate that I finish my career in education at the school that has meant so much to me.

Yours Sincerely,

Mark Tierney



📄 Joke Corner 📄

What is a leg’s favourite month? March.

Why is everyone so tired on 1 April? Because they’ve just finished a long, 31-day March.

Sometimes February feels like it will last forever...But time Marches on.

Dad: You know Saint Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland?

Kid: We learned in school there weren’t a lot of snakes in Ireland!

Dad: See what a good job he did.

Does February like March? No, but April May.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

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

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

The Response Is:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

