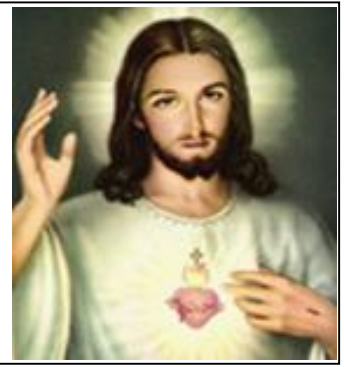




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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## Parish Priest

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## Safeguarding Committee:

### Safeguarding Officers:

Robert Dullard: 0433 401 958

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## Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Kay Duffy

(secretary), Ophelia Swai, Anisasio (Pauline)

Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna and

Natalie Baran

## Parish Finance Committee:

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## St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Stephen Costello (President)

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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.

### Next Healing Mass:

**Friday 3 February**

### Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour

Resumes 19/01/2023



**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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## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Sunday 15 January 2023

## “Behold the Lamb of God”

The Season of Christmas has passed. We now enter the period called ‘Ordinary Time’. It is not in the sense of living lives that are mundane, boring and unsupported. Neither is Liturgical ‘Ordinary’ time about reflecting on what Jesus did on His mission in the past but who He is as a person living with and through us now. As disciples we do not just observe rules and rituals, we are friends because Jesus wants us to know Him; we want to know Him and the Father who sent Him. Our Baptism initiated us into this relationship but it is up to us to nourish it through joining together in prayer, the Eucharist and loving service to one another. As modelled by John the Baptist, if we know Jesus then our lives will testify to it. Jesus is the Good News (Gospel) present in our world - the chosen One of God foretold by the prophets: The One who, in the Spirit of God’s all-embracing love for Creation - would make it His mission to sacrifice Himself in whatever way it would take to draw all into this universal Love of God. As we embrace the New Year 2023, and whatever our mood or life situation, the readings give us hope, comfort and empowerment as a people of God, not only to celebrate Jesus Christ’s life of service and ministry but to embrace it within individual life situations of our own.

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of the servant chosen by God and sent into the world as the light of the nations. The Gospels – particularly attributed to Matthew and John - identified this long awaited one as Jesus. The words of the psalm fit well on the lips of a faithful servant. He worships God with ‘an open ear’ and in a spirit that delights in generous, selfless service.

In the Gospel we meet not only Jesus as He begins His public ministry, but John the Baptizer who, at Jesus’ Baptism, witnessed a manifestation of God’s Spirit endorsing Jesus as the Chosen One of God - the Beloved Son. It was John who, in Jesus’ time, prepared the people for the One foretold by the Prophets. John saw before him a simple and humble man coming to be baptized -even though he did not need to – and doing so, identified with sinners, the outcast and the lost. Here was the One God sent into the world as a sacrificial lamb – a reflected image of the Passover lamb whose blood, sprinkled on the doorposts of Hebrew refugees in Egypt, signified ultimate Liberation from oppression for God’s people.

So what are the implications of this for disciples of Jesus the Lamb of God? It is about doing away with attitudes that exclude or reject others and being instruments of peace, hospitality and compassion. It is committing to lives of service and sharing in action - not just in preaching - the way of the Gospel with everyone we encounter. This too, is what Ordinary Time is about.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us  
Spirit of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace  
God of Love you take away the sins of the world,  
give us the mind and heart of Christ Jesus.*



## 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.*

	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
14-Jan-23	Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
21-Jan-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
28-Jan-23	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bains
	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
15-Jan-23	Alisha Verga Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
22-Jan-23	Hannah Lopez Ivana Lo Bello	Giovanna D' Intino
29-Jan-23	Jessy Thambiraj Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
15-Jan-23	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
22-Jan-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
29-Jan-23	Ma Kathleen Adlaon Rachel Vorlander	Robert Dullard

### 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:

*Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI*

*Cardinal George Pell*



#### We Commemorate:

*Joe Verga (4th Anniv.)*

*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*



#### Last Week's Collection: 8/1/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,130

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$934

Thank you for your kind generosity!



#### † Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week †

*Tuesday 17 January St Antony, Abbot*

*Thursday 19 January (St Henry of Finland)*

*Friday 20 January St Fabian, Pope, Martyr*

*St Sebastian, Martyr*

*Saturday 21 January St Agnes, Virgin Martyr*



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Sacred Heart Community Preston acknowledges the Wurundjeri Peo ple 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.



### **REMEMBERING POPE BENEDICT, 'THE GREEN POPE'**

Pope Benedict XVI often spoke out against environmental destruction and was ahead of his time in leading sustainability initiatives. He oversaw the installation of solar panels on the Vatican's Nervi Hall, and approved the Vatican funding of a Hungarian forest, a move aimed at making Vatican City the first country to become carbon neutral, earning him the Green Pope label.

Thank you, Pope Benedict, for your leadership in caring for creation. You gave your life to the Church, and your leadership helped Catholics all over the world understand that caring for God's Earth is part and parcel of who we are as Catholics. May you rest in peace and intercede on our behalf.

*If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation.*

*— Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace 2010*



#### **'Month's Mind' Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral**

A memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 January, 6.30pm



#### **Baptism Congratulations**

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

**Lydia Pereyra-Cosma**

for her Baptism on 15 January.



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We don't have to wait til we are perfect to bear witness to Jesus; our proclamation begins today, right where we live. And it does not begin by trying to convince others, but by witnessing every day to the beauty of the Love that has looked upon us and lifted us up.*





**Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land** creatively blends live music, media and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love and human destiny. Join Christopher West and team as they offer a vision of the Gospel through the lens of St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Choose from:

**Tuesday 24 January 2023, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park**

**Wednesday 25 January 2023, St Mary's Community Centre, 26 New Street, Dandenong**

Schedule:

**6pm - food for purchase, 7pm start, 9.30pm finish**

Open to all.

*All children under 18 years must be supervised by an adult.*

Tickets: \$25 general, \$10 concession/student, free for children 10 and under.

Register: [www.trybooking.com/CETXQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CETXQ)



### Statement from Archbishop Comensoli on the death of Cardinal George Pell

11 January 2023

It is with great sadness that I have learned that Cardinal George Pell, the seventh Archbishop of Melbourne, has died overnight from heart complications following hip surgery in Rome, Italy.

Cardinal Pell was a very significant and influential Church leader, both in Australia and internationally, deeply committed to Christian discipleship.

Cardinal Pell led the local Church of Melbourne from 1996 to 2001 with strong leadership in the Catholic faith and with good governance, before being transferred to Sydney and then to Rome.

At this immediate moment, let our prayers go out to the God of Jesus Christ, whom Cardinal Pell wholeheartedly believed in and followed, that he may be welcomed into eternal life.

Our prayers of comfort and condolence are also with his family, especially his only surviving sibling David Pell. May eternal light shine upon him, and may he now rest in peace and rise to glory in the Lord.



### 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.



## Volunteer Cleaners Needed

**Volunteer cleaners are needed to clean our church. Currently there are only two people who regularly clean our church.**

If you can assist, please put your name, phone number and days that you would be available on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

Thank you



### Cyber Security

There are a number of simple ways to keep reduce cyber threats:

- Screen emails for suspicious links or attachments, unfamiliar greetings, spelling errors or improper grammar. Be especially cautious of emails that ask for personal info or a payment
- Phone suppliers to confirm bank account details prior to payment
- Back up your data
- Run system updates when prompted
- Change passwords every 90 days (or more often if you desire)
- Include cyber threat training in your regular staff training sessions or meetings



### CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16–20-year-old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2023. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: [www.campion.edu.au/summer-program](http://www.campion.edu.au/summer-program)



### 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 cowboy called Geoff appeared before St Peter at the Pearly Gates.

"Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St Peter asked.

"Well, I can think of one thing," said the cowboy. "On a trip to the Black Hills I came upon a gang of bikies who were threatening a young woman. I told them to leave her alone but they wouldn't listen ... I then approached the largest and most tattooed bkie and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring and threw it on the ground. I yelled, 'Now back off or I'll kick all of you!'"

St Peter was very impressed. "When did this happen?"  
"A couple of minutes ago."

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## 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

*Isaiah 49:3,5-6*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my  
servant, Israel,  
in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the  
Lord, my God was my strength.  
And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be  
his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:  
'It is not enough for you to be my  
servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring  
back the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the  
nations so that my salvation may  
reach to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10**

**The Response Is:**

***Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.***

I waited, I waited for the Lord and  
he stooped down to me; he heard my  
cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

***Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.***

You do not ask for sacrifice and  
offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and  
victim. Instead, here am I.

***Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.***

In the scroll of the book it stands  
written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

***Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.***

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

***Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.***

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an  
apostle, together with brother  
Sosthenes, send greetings to the  
church of God in Corinth, to the holy  
people of Jesus Christ, who are called  
to take their place among all the saints  
everywhere who pray to our Lord  
Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no  
less than ours. May God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ send you  
grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel  
Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

The Word of God became flesh and  
dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.

***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

*John 1:29-34*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him,  
John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of  
God that takes away the sin of the

world. This is the one I spoke of when  
I said: A man is coming after me who  
ranks before me because he existed  
before me. I did not know him  
myself, and yet it was to reveal him to  
Israel that I came baptising with  
water.' John also declared, 'I saw the  
Spirit coming down on him from  
heaven like a dove and resting on  
him. I did not know him myself, but  
he who sent me to baptise with water  
had said to me, "The man on whom  
you see the Spirit come down and rest  
is the one who is going to baptise with  
the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and  
I am the witness that he is the Chosen  
One of God.'

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

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.

