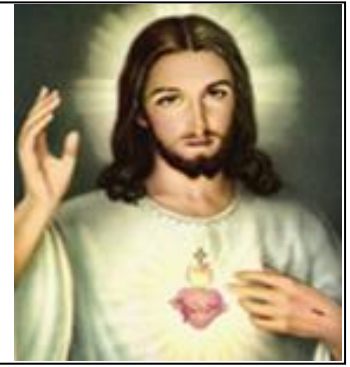




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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### Parish Priest:

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### Child Safety Committee:

#### Child Safety Officers:

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#### Committee Members:

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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:

Peter Constable (Chair)  
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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 Thursday of the month at 1.30pm

#### Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 2 June

#### Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (English)

#### Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

#### Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

## 6th Sunday of Easter (year C) Sunday 22 May 2022

### Christ's Peace Is Lasting

One of my favourite prayers that I love to say at the end of each day is "Our heart is restless until it rests in you." This is the famous passage from St. Augustine's Confessions in which he states "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." With gratitude to Saint Augustine, I find his prayer has a great impact on my spiritual life. In this prayer we recognize God as the author of our life and the purpose of our life lies in Him alone. The prayer also recognizes our deepest longing to be with God who not only saves us but also gives us long lasting peace. This is particularly important as our daily life faces many unrests, such as health unrest, economic unrest and social unrest.

Jesus, I believe, knows our need and desire very well. That's why at the Last Supper He told His Apostles: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." But what does He mean by peace? He said: "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." With these words Jesus is telling us that there is difference between the peace given by Him and the one given by the world. What is the difference? The world given peace is depending mostly on the circumstances and world's standards. Life is at peace when everything goes well and there are no problems to deal with. Peace, according to the world's standards, means the absence of any problems, disturbances, or inconveniences. This is what you might call a superficial or outer peace.

The peace given by Jesus, on the other hand, doesn't depend on circumstances of life. It can even flow in the midst of persecution, trouble, disappointment, confusion, and anxiety. Take for instance, the Vietnamese Cardinal Joseph Xavier van Thuan, the Archbishop of Saigon, who died in Rome, exiled from his homeland. He was arrested by the Communist authorities and jailed for 13 years. Nine of those years were spent in solitary confinement, in gruesome conditions and horrible privations. Despite all these hardships Cardinal Van Thuan was very much in peace with his life. He even successfully shared his faith with young soldiers and converted them into Christianity.

I believe that's the kind of inner strength and peace of mind that Christ wants to give us. It is the peace that comes from knowing without any doubt whatsoever that we are loved by Him. It is the peace that comes from knowing without any doubt whatsoever that whenever we offend Him, he will always be ready to forgive us. It is the peace that comes from knowing without any doubt whatsoever that we have a purpose in life, a mission - the very mission that Christ Himself has given us: to spread His Kingdom. As today's Psalm puts it, to "make his way known upon earth; among all nations, his salvation". Only because Christ has given us this peace, by giving us faith in His love, mercy, and mission, He can command us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

When our peace is based on anything else, other than Christ, such as popularity, wealth, comfort, or power, I believe, it would be unstable. It won't last longer because all those things are temporal and vulnerable to change. But Christ's peace isn't vulnerable, because it's based on His love, mercy, and mission, and those are everlasting. Let us continue to pray for Christ's lasting peace and be makers of this peace.



## 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-May-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
21-May-22	Rohan Lemos John Kmaid	Mary Harb
28-May-22	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
15-May-22	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Giovanna D' Intino
22-May-22	Judeline Wadhvani	Eileen Stevens
29-May-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
15-May-22	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin
22-May-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
29-May-22	Margaret Bannan Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard



### Cleaning Roster:

#### 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:

*Lorenzo Paolacci (RIP 7/05)  
Marcello Pompei (RIP 13/5 Funeral Wed 25/5 at 12 Middy)  
Frances Rotondo (RIP 14/5 in USA)  
Pasquale Venturiello (RIP 15/5)  
Rita Scapin (RIP 16/5 Funeral Tues 24/5 at 12:30pm)*

#### We Commemorate:

*Antonio Totaro (1 month)  
Maria Crocco (102nd birthday)  
Giovanna Loria, Fortunata Vorluni, Rosina Loffo  
Deceased members of the Paiano, Loffo & Loria families*

*O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*



#### Feasts /Memorials of the week:

*Tuesday 24 May Our Lady, Help of Christians*

*Wednesday 25 May St Gregory VII, Pope*

*St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin*

*St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor*

*Thursday 26 May St Philip Neri, Priest*

*Friday 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*



**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.



## Baptism Congratulations

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

### **Archie Mancini**

for his Baptisms on 22 May 2022.



### Last Week's Collection: 15/5/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$899

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$615

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



*Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption. May he open our hearts to sharing, heal us from rigidity and turning in on ourselves, and inspire us to follow him wherever he wants to lead us.*



### **A reminder to all current Sacred Heart Volunteers:**

Please remember to check the expiry date of your Working With Children Check (WWCC) which is a necessary requirement for all Clergy, employees and Volunteers across the Archdiocese and must be revalidated every 5 years from the date of issue. If your WWCC has expired or is not on parish records as yet, you will receive a respectful reminder to contact WWCC Victoria to renew or apply for a check in order to continue as an active volunteer. Assistance is available from members of the Child Safety Committee (See notice board for contacts) or help sheets are available. Parish Child Safety Committee



### **Looking to be inspired in your faith?**

Reconnect, Renew and Reimagine Catholic Community and Mission at the **Alive in the Spirit Online Experience 26<sup>th</sup> – 28 May 2022** with one-month access. Inspiration and Formation for everyone engaged in the life of our Church. See keynote speakers, workshop information and register at [www.aliveinthspirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthspirit.com.au)



### **Catholic Mission in Ethiopia**

An invitation to meet Cardinal Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel, Cardinal Archbishop of Addis Ababa

**Thursday 2 June 2022**

**Pray, Learn, Act**

**10am Mass, St Ambrose's Church,  
Sydney Road, Brunswick**

Followed by a 'Cuppa with the Cardinal'

Cardinal Souraphiel will outline exciting joint projects with Catholic Mission which promise to reach out to people in need, share faith and save lives.



### **Thank you**

Thank you to the Parade College VCAL students who planted the two Crepe Myrtle trees in the memorial garden.

Your hard work is much appreciated.



### **Northern Region Mass for Young Adults**

Get together with other young people from the local area for Mass, dinner, and a conversation with Bishop Terry Curtin. This will be an awesome opportunity to meet other young Catholics from across the North and share with Bishop Curtin your hopes, dreams, and expectations for the future of the Church.

Sunday, May 29, 2022 5:30pm – 7:30pm

VENUE: Good Shepherd Parish, 88 South Circular Rd, Gladstone Park



## A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

AMEN

**Pope Francis Laudato Si'**



### Accommodation Sought

A family (mother and two children) is anxiously seeking accommodation in Preston that is affordable to their circumstances and accessible for the mother's place of work and children's schools. Please contact Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 if you are able to advise or refer us to access a unit appropriate to a small family situation.

With thanks,

St Vincent de Paul Preston Conference



### MAY MASS COUNT.

During the month of May, the Archdiocese organises this survey during the weekends so as to know how Catholics are faring in their church attendance and to organise better the pastoral needs of the parishes.



### **Bell Street parking**

For 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



### **Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments**

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are now open and officially close on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. 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.

## **LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**



@LiveLaudatoSi

Answering Pope Francis' urgent call in  
Laudato Si. I pledge to:

- Pray for and with creation
- Live more simply
- Advocate to protect our common home.



Today, April 22, coinciding with the celebrations of the **52nd World Earth Day**, which reaffirms the importance of the environment and the safeguarding of the planet, we are pleased to announce the launching of the **Laudato Si' Week**.

**52 WAYS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT** (continued)

### **7. Attend a Laudato Si' Prayer Gathering**

This movements activism must include the sharing of faith and interior life. Participate with people all over the world and pray together for God's creation by joining Laudato Si' Movement prayer gatherings throughout the year. Watch: Laudato Si' Movement Prayer Gathering.

**8. Clean the house, school, or parish with ecological and biodegradable products.** We care for the atmosphere and our health by avoiding chemical compounds that degrade ozone, pollute the air and cause damage to our respiratory system.

### **9. Conserve the rainforests**

Know, listen to, and support those who live in forests across the world, especially indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. Support efforts that work against deforestation by not consuming the products that cause it, connect with like-minded groups, and collaborate with other organisations that advocate for such sustainable living.

Creator God, we know you are with us in this journey to restore your Earth. We know your people in Northern India and Pakistan are suffering from unprecedented heatwaves. Please be with them in their suffering. Please help us to change how we live so that others may live.

### **Joke Corner**

While walking to work a Member of Parliament is hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven where he is greeted by St Peter.

"Welcome to heaven," says St Peter. "Before you settle in, there's a problem. We seldom see a top official around here, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"Just let me in," says the politician.

"Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. So, we'll have you spend one day in hell and one day in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

St Peter escorts him to the elevator and the MP goes down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a lush green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians he had known. Everyone is smiling. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of other people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who is a friendly and jovial bloke who dances and cracks jokes. They are having such a good time that before too long it's time to go. Everyone gives the politician a hearty farewell as the elevator heads skyward. The door soon opens and St Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven," declares St Peter.

A day passes with the politician joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realises it, the 24 hours have gone by and St Peter returns.

"You've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity," says St Peter.

The MP reflects for a minute, then answers: "Heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St Peter escorts him to the elevator and the politician descends to hell. When the doors open, he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the rubbish and putting it in black bags. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

"I don't understand," stammers the MP. "Yesterday there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, danced and had a wonderful time. Now there's just a wasteland and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil smiles and says,

"Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted."

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## 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

*Acts 15:1-2,22-29*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we

are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8**

*The Response Is:*

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

## SECOND READING

*Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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

*John 14:23-29*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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.

## RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

