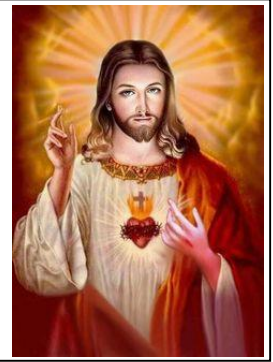




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Parish Mass Schedule

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 4 August

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour 

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

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

New Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

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

Monday 3 July in the presbytery after 9:10am Mass.

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 25 June 2023 (Year A)

Do Not Be Afraid

In Today's Gospel Matthew's account of Jesus' commissioning of the Twelve apostles to continue His mission is addressed to all baptised Christians. Continuing His instruction, Jesus tells the apostles that all the 'hidden' truths that they have come to know, as His companions during His earthly life, must be 'proclaimed from the house tops' and not kept safely to themselves. The term 'proclaim' came in the New Testament to stand for the message not only to be verbally preached but lived in action as did Jesus in His God given mission of being Good News to the Poor: in healing the sick, embracing and feeding the hungry, seeking out the outcast, comforting the sorrowful and the fearful and forgiving and welcoming back the sinners. It was about spreading the news of God's love for all humanity even in the threatening faces of opposition.

Jesus knows what the future holds for Him, and He warns the apostles that they must be ready for the same fate. The word, 'martyr' means 'witness'. In the early centuries, the fact that so many men and women, young and old, were ready to face a terrible death, rather than renounce their faith, so impressed their pagan neighbours that it led many of them to embrace the Christian faith. Most of us, however, will not have to face this ultimate test. All of us, in the other hand, will know times when it is not easy to stand up for the things of God.

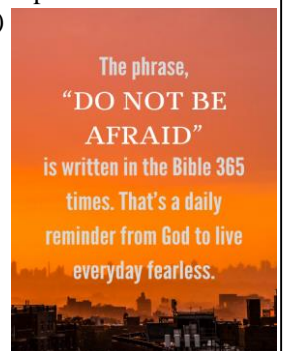
The courageous example of Jeremiah can still inspire us as we face these difficulties. The messages of the prophets were not miraculous communications, but the reflections of believers who – because they had a living faith in the God of the covenant – recognised God's desires for the people in their changing circumstances. Prompted by the Spirit, they shared their convictions with God's people. Jeremiah lived in a nation in crisis - because of the invasion of a powerful enemy. His prophetic reflections were unwelcome in influential circles. Turning to the Lord in his isolation - to the God who comes to the aid of the 'needy' - he echoed a great themes of Old Testament faith, 'the Lord hears the cry of the poor (those who have no one else to turn to).'

Now Jesus also encourages those who must overcome their 'fear', as they give witness to all that He stands for. He translates the theme that gave courage to Jeremiah into terms that bring to mind the whole message of the Sermon on the Mount. Why should they fear? Even the cheapest life in the market 'two sparrows for a penny', is in the watchful care of their heavenly Father. 'Why every hair of your head is numbered', He tells them. In the end, when He comes to judge the world, He will 'declare himself for them in the presence of His Father'. **Do Not Be Afraid** before the threats of the present world; make sure not to be found wanting, in the end.

Our essential Christian witness will not be given in the market place, but in the informal exchanges that are a constant part of life. – in the discussions that lead to family decisions, in our work place conversations, and in the attitudes that people know are the expression of Catholic conviction. It will not be so much what we say, as the respect and friendliness with which we express ourselves that matters. (John Thornhill sm)

As we move into this not so- Ordinary Time and in response to this week's World Refugee Day let us ask God as a community and as disciples of Jesus to strengthen us in establishing ways of supporting asylum seekers, refugees, the unemployed and underemployed, victims of racism, violence and the First Peoples of this country in their pursuit of justice that is their Right. They are precious in God's eyes and must not be abandoned. May our support reflect Jesus' words to them: **"Do Not Be Afraid."**

The phrase,
**"DO NOT BE
AFRAID"**
is written in the Bible 365
times. That's a daily
reminder from God to live
everyday fearless.



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
24-Jun-23	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
01-Jul-23	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
08-Jul-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
25-Jun-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
02-Jul-23	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
09-Jul-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
25-Jun-23	Rachel Vorlander Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
02-Jul-23	Marijana Jurjevic Michelle Totawatte	Damian Casamento
09-Jul-23	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento

A Heartfelt Thank You
TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!
We couldn't do it without you!



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Plum, John Storrie
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Jose Antonio Ly
Antonietta Karaminas
Antonio Loizzo

We Commemorate:

Luigi Mancini and Family, Anna Lucia, Serafino, Rita, Natalina, Teresa, and Tonino.
Arthur, Rashid, Salim and Family.

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



Last Week's Collection: 18/6/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,171
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$729
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

Please join Father for breakfast on, Monday 3 July in the presbytery after the 9:10am Mass.

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 †

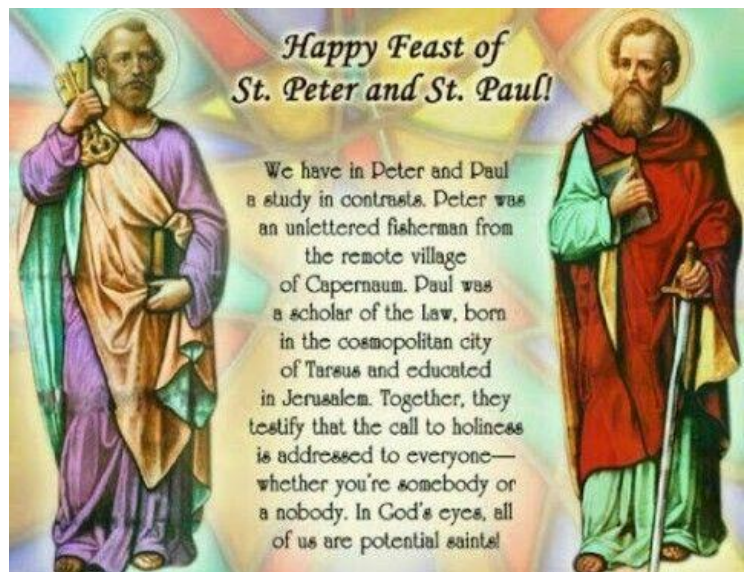
Tuesday 27 June St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor

(Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Wednesday 28 June St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

Thursday 29 June Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Friday 30 June The First Martyrs of the See of Rome



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus encountered wounded humanity, he caressed suffering faces, healed broken hearts, freed us from the chains imprisoning the soul. In this way, he reveals to us that the type of worship most pleasing to God is to care for our neighbour.



† Welcome before Baptism †

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Sacred Heart rejoice that you have chosen to baptize your child and we pray that in the coming years you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God, that is everlasting.

The Parish introduces to the Sacred Heart community

Samuele Ganci,

in preparation for his Baptism on 2 July.



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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

All are welcome to spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.

"Stay with Me, remain here with Me... Watch and pray..."



Italian speaking volunteers needed

Hello, my name is Marianna, and I am the Regional Coordinator for the **COASIT** Visitation Program in the North-West. Our wonderful program has been running since 1985, and during this time we have managed to help so many of our vulnerable elderly in the community. I am currently looking for an Italian-speaking male and two female volunteers who are willing to visit an elderly gentleman and two lovely elderly ladies in the Preston/Coburg area for one hour per week for a friendly chat. These people are socially isolated and in need of a friend.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference in their life, and your own.

If you are interested or would like further information, please get in touch with me on

0481 603 758

Thank you

Marianna Cibin



\$\$ MANAGING FINANCES AS A FAMILY \$\$

"The greatest gift you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."

— Dennis Waitley

It's never too late to learn about money and involving the whole family from a young age is a great idea. Imagine a home where everyone learns about managing money together. Parents can teach their children about saving, spending wisely and setting goals. They can explore topics like investing, compound interest and handling debts.

By involving everyone, the family becomes a team, supporting and inspiring each other. The children will grow up with a strong financial foundation, learning valuable skills for life. Parents also benefit from new ideas and resources.

Learning about finances as a family creates open communication and strengthens bonds. It empowers each member of the family to make smart money choices and reduces financial stress. Starting early and learning together sets the stage for a brighter future, where everyone can enjoy financial security and a harmonious family life.

Dear God, bless our family with wisdom and guidance as we manage our finances.

Grant us the strength to make responsible choices, the discipline to save and the gratitude to appreciate what we have.

Amen.

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Piety Shop

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

Please take the bulletin home

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus celebration

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was Celebrated last **Sunday 18 June.**

A special **thank you** to the Vicar General Fr Joe Caddy AM, Fr Albano and Fr Elmer who concelebrated the Mass with Fr Aloysius, to those who participated in the Mass - readers, singers, musicians, performers...

A big **thank you** to our newly formed Social Committee who organised the wonderful lunch and celebration in the hall, to those who provided food, helped with the set-up, serving and pack-up and for those who provided entertainment.

A special **thank you** to the Sacred Heart School principal Mark Tierney, teachers, parents and children.

A big heartfelt **thank you** to our parish community for coming together and your generous help in making last Sunday's celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus a success.

P.S. Look out for photos on the website.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes, open on Monday 6th March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

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

Our school was ranked in the top 7% of primary schools across Victoria for NAPLAN in 2022.

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.



A Vocation View:

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.



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

Lying on his deathbed, a rich, miserly old man calls to his long-suffering wife. "I want to take all my money with me. Promise me you'll put it in the coffin."

She agrees and after the man dies, his widow attends the memorial service with her best friend. Just before the undertaker closes the coffin, she places a small metal box inside.

Her friend looks at her in horror. "Surely," she says, "you didn't put the money in there."

"I did promise him I would," the widow answers. "So, I got it all together, deposited every penny in my account, and wrote him a check.

If he can cash it, he can spend it."



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has
anointed.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your
heritage, and govern them for ever.

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

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
“‘Terror from every side!’”

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’

All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he
will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our
revenge!’

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will
be theirs.

But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice, who scrutinise the loins and
heart, let me see the vengeance you will
take on them, for I have committed my
cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

The Response Is:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that
shame covers my face, that I have
become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.

I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their
chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him
praise, the sea and all its living creatures.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death has
spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was
given. There was no law and so no one
could be accused of the sin of ‘law-
breaking’, yet death reigned over all from
Adam to Moses, even though their sin,
unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of
breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but
the gift itself considerably outweighed
the fall. If it is certain that through one
man’s fall so many died, it is even more
certain that divine grace, coming through
the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so
many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to
me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is
now covered will be uncovered, and
everything now hidden will be made
clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell
in the daylight; what you hear in
whispers, proclaim from the housetops.
‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the
body but cannot kill the soul; fear him
rather who can destroy both body and
soul in hell. Can you not buy two
sparrows for a penny? And yet not one
falls to the ground without your Father

knowing. Why, every hair on your head
has been counted. So there is no need to
be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in
the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in
the presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you
give them their food in due season.

