

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Year C

22nd - 23rd June 2019

First Reading: Ez 34:11-16

I will watch over my sheep and tend them.

The Lord God says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I shall bring them out of the countries where they are; I shall gather them together from foreign countries and bring them back to their own land. I shall pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in every inhabited place in the land. I shall feed them in good pasturage; the high mountains of Israel will be their grazing ground. There they will rest in good grazing ground; they will browse in rich pastures on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22: R. v.1

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11

God has entrusted his love to us.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 15:3-7

Share my joy: I have found my lost sheep!

Jesus spoke this parable to the scribes and Pharisees:

‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.



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Love, not with Words but with Deeds

Along the path of life we come across both selfish and unselfish people. Perhaps we are all a mixture of generosity and selfishness. But to the extent that we may be still partly selfish, self-centred and indulgent, we still have a way to go to be living the message of Jesus to ‘love one another as I have loved you’! There is no greater love than this - to give one’s life for one’s friends. This goes to the source of what it means for us to be under the patronage of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart which proclaims God’s love channelled to us through the life and mission of Jesus is meant to be humane and practical. The word of God today draws us to reflect upon the infinite depths of the Love of God. To be All-powerful, happiness itself, yet like a devoted shepherd is disturbed over a single straying sheep, to fear for it, go to any lengths to rescue it and bring it home, holding it close to his heart, reveals God as Mercy and Love. Such is the love embodied and lived by Jesus which is symbolised in our traditional images of the Sacred Suffering Heart of Jesus.

To love from the heart is to look beyond oneself - not to become preoccupied with one’s own weaknesses but through them understand and empathise with others. Jesus gave his life for others, reaching out to all of humanity, responding to their deeper needs, healing, forgiving, including and empowering. In his person he was the human expression of God’s Love.

As we observe this feast, let us pray that this love may be reflected in our own attitudes, through our sympathy towards an understanding of people who are hurting in our families, neighbourhoods and wider world. Let us be people who act from the heart.

On this day, as we come together to honour the gift of God’s divine Love to all, let us give thanks for the courage and self-sacrifice of those who went before us: pastors, families, religious sisters, lay people, who in extremely difficult and frugal times welcomed and supported each other to establish Sacred Heart Parish and School. Today we celebrate the diverse gifts, experiences, talents, wisdom and richness of each other. May we strive to be a community grounded and built on Love that embraces the hurting and lost and that flows through our actions of service into the world.

One with the mind and heart of Christ Jesus.



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

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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

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday

(English) & Friday (Italian) after

9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



"I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments.

My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment" (Jesus to St. Margaret Mary).

Sixteenth century Calvinism and seventeenth century Jansenism preached a distorted Christianity that substituted for God's love and sacrifice of His Son for all people the fearful idea that a whole section of humanity was inevitably damned.

The Church always countered this view with the infinite love of our Saviour who died on the cross for all people. The institution of the feast of the Sacred Heart was soon to contribute to the creation among the faithful of a powerful current of devotion which since then has grown steadily stronger. The institution of the feast was a result of the appearances of our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675. The celebration of the feast was extended to the general calendar of the Church by Pius IX in 1856.

Prayer for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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.

Dates to Remember

- Monday 24th June:** Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
- Saturday 29th June:** Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul
- Sunday 30th June:** Corpus Christi Sunday

Next weekend there is a special collection for:

PETER'S PENCE

(Annual collection for the Holy Father)

Last Week's Collection: 16/06/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1003.50
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$596.15
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacred Heart Parish Vision

Sacred Heart Parish is a Catholic community, growing in the love of God, sustained by the Word, and enriched by God's many gifts. We are called to live out our faith through worshipping together, welcoming and helping one another, being open to the challenges of the world, and embracing differences, caring for God's creation and facing our future with hope.

Mission

Following the Way of Jesus we strive to create vibrant liturgical celebrations, to build a hospitable and caring community, to respect and appreciate different cultures and values, to reach out to all people with compassion, and to promote and care for our environment.

Thank you!!

Our Parish Feast gives me the opportunity to thank you all for being part of our Sacred Heart Community. A special welcome to all new Parishioners and School families. Welcome to the Sacred Heart Family!!! We are glad that you have come ...

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our Parish in many different ways. Most of all I thank all ministers and volunteers who serve our Community on the Parish Council, Finance Committee, the Child Safety Standards Committee, the Sacramental Program Coordinator, those in the Hospitality and Welcoming ministry, the Music ministry, as Lectors, Communion Ministers, Projector Operators, Altar Servers, Visiting the Sick and Elderly Parishioners. Also those who provide transport for those who cannot come on their own, those who clean the church, look after church loans and in any other ways. Thank you to the Legion of Mary, the Lady's Prayer Group and the Rosary Groups for all your prayers and sacrifices.

Thank you to our School Principal, Mark Tierney, the Staff and Board of the Sacred Heart School for an effort to strengthen the quality of the education our students receive and their Christian formation.

Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:
Louis Enzo Carrocci and Aleks Gerard Silva into our Parish family



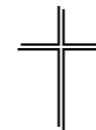
Welcome to Fr. Asaeli Raass, SVD

Welcome to Fr Asaeli Raass, the Vice Provincial Superior of the Divine Missionaries in the Australian Province. Fr Raass hails from Fiji, did his theological studies in Australia and was ordained in 2002. Currently he is the Parish priest in Alice Springs. He is the main celebrant for our Parish Feast this weekend. Bula Vinaka, Fr Raass!



Welcome to Fr. Jacob Kavunkal, SVD

Today we also welcome Fr Jacob Kavunkal who will serve in our Parish until July 25th, while Fr Jan is taking annual leave to visit his parents and celebrate the 40th ordination anniversary with his classmates in Poland. Fr Jacob was born in India but spent many years in Australia. He specialised in missiology and was teaching at Yarra Theological College, Box Hill and oversees, until his retirement last year. Welcome Fr Jacob!!



Liturgical Ministers Roster

The current Liturgical Ministers roster will conclude in three weeks time and the next roster is now being prepared. Ministers now serving, please advise if you:

- * Are able to continue as reader according to the current schedule;
- * Wish to change the Mass time for which you will be available;
- * Wish to continue, but will be absent on certain dates.

Contact Pauline on: pauline.oday@optusnet.com.au or phone 9484 2445.

We require readers for the Saturday Evening Mass. Experienced Lectors/Readers welcome. Contact Father or Pauline as above.



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 29th June 2019
Anna O'Neill/Lucy
Thank you for your help!

Sacred Heart Parish Children's Liturgy of the Word



To be kept informed of developments, please fill out the expression of interest register in the Church foyer or contact Natalie on 0422 718 681.



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon, Barbara Fitzgerald, Stanislaw Kotowski, Maria Santa Lucia, Stephen Meese, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Potter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Ercolina Zoppi

Those who have died

Duilio Malavisi, Vincenzo Capobianco, Graziano Caruso, Raffaele Caruso, Narcisa Liwanag & Livia Mazzone
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pledge to Pray

Recently, the Vocations Office in Melbourne partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an online platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery', popular in some parts of the USA. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au. This site is dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia, particularly in the lead up to ACYF in Perth in December this year.

Fr David Cartwright and Fr Nicholas Pearce
Melbourne Vocations Team



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Help End the Pain of Poverty

Our deepest thanks to all who responded to our Winter appeal. Your generosity will make a difference to the lives of those struggling every day to meet the daily costs of living. A summary of our parish donations will be published over the coming weeks. The Conference meets every second Tuesday evening of the month, in the presbytery. If you are interested in knowing more about the work of the Society please contact Pauline on: pauline.oday@optusnet.com.au or phone 9484 2445.

Roster for weekend of 29th - 30th June 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Celia Lemos Renato Tonini	Charlotte Bainy Mary Harb	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Bozzella C.	Gugliotti A. Ilardi L.	Tamburrini M.
Sun 10.30am	Alan Castles Sonya Bading	Pauline Veamatahau Ivana Lo Bello	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Damian Casamento Abigail Roberts	Margaret Bannon	Jessica Suppiah