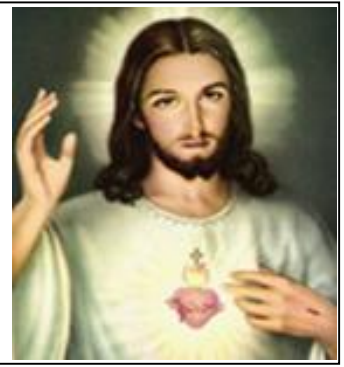




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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.

**No healing Mass in January**

**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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## The Epiphany of the Lord 8 January 2023

**“Arise, shine out for your light has come.”**

Today’s poem from Isaiah presents the beautiful images that unfold as dawn bathes the morning sky with light. “Rise in splendour in the light of God’s radiance.”

The Epiphany brings the fullness of light to the Christmas feast. Yet this light is not from the star followed by the Magi - the Wise ones. These come to recognise the light of God’s Presence shining out of a frail little human being- Son of Mary/Son of God.

The feast proclaims God’s love for *all people*. The Church community exists to proclaim this message in word and action to the whole of humanity – not just to a select few.

Hand in hand with this mission is the message of the embedded goodness of our humanity – as our Hebrew ancestors reminded us in the Genesis Creation story, God created the human being in the image and likeness of God’s self. And the goodness Christianity was meant to reveal to the world – Incarnation -was that the Sacred is entwined with our Humanness and we are called to be messengers of God’s being - God’s Love - to the world.

Epiphany, which means the ‘manifestation of God’s presence,’ invites us to welcome Jesus who came to everyone and who, as the gospels recall was acknowledged at His birth, not by local leaders of religion at the time or those in power by virtue of political appointment, wealth or social status. Truly these would not have acknowledged Him as a Messiah or a Challenge to them given the lowliness of His parents or the state of His birth. Rather, Jesus’ coming witnessed by lowly shepherds and strangers from afar, represented all sincere seekers after truth and harmony among peoples.

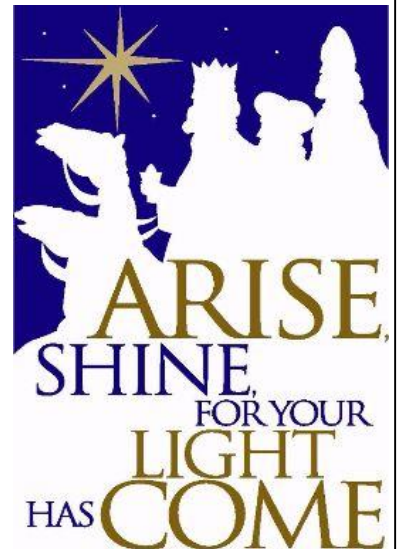
This feast invites us to break through narrow attitudes, to recognise goodwill and truth that flows out from others and to take upon ourselves some of the big heartedness of our God towards those who need us most. The Epiphanous light that we, as Christians display to our world could well be measured by our openness to share the big-heartedness of God with our brothers and sisters who long for some gestures of welcome, respect and healing to pierce the darkness of their world.

The Crib will be taken down in a few days time and the season will be over but the message will be forever with us in the final words of Jesus spoken to His followers at the end of His missionary epiphany: ‘Make disciples of all nations ...and I will be with you all days ‘til the end of time’.

So now, as we go in peace to love and serve God in caring for our Mother Earth, our families and our neighbours, let’s finish with the words of this old poem:

*“When the song of the angels is stilled and when the star in the sky is gone, when the shepherds are back with the flocks and the men from the east have gone home, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, enlighten the ignorant, rebuild the nations, bring peace among people, make music with the heart.”*

Howard Thurman



ISAIAH 60:1

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

## 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 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13**

**The Response Is:**

***Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.***

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

***Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.***

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

***Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.***

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

***Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.***

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

***Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.***

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in

Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

