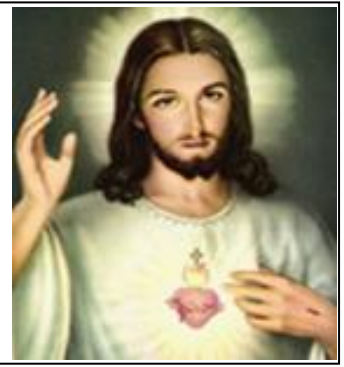




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 Thursday of the month at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 6 October

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Sunday 18 September 2022

Living As Children of the Light

The readings today point in their various ways to issues of social justice. Christians are urged to look beyond ourselves and not neglect these issues. Corruption and self-interest has different forms these days than in the days of the prophet Amos but still corrode community life. The abuse of the natural environment and inequitable sharing of the world's resources that horrifically disables the poor and most vulnerable should be a matter of concern for all Christians.

The situation in the letter to Timothy is very different from ours - but at the same time has similarities. Christians then had no possibility of manipulating the levers of power in the politics of the Roman Empire. Nor is the Church in our time about manipulating the political processes of today's democratic state. However, in both situations, Christians still have great responsibility as citizens. We must make an honourable contribution to the common welfare, at whatever level we are involved and have no part in any forms of corruption or abuse of rights of others. We must support legitimate authority; bear good will towards our fellow citizens and work with them to make a just society. Our greatest contribution is the Christian values we live by. The vitality of a human community comes from the values its citizens are committed to.

In today's gospel, Luke brings home to his fellow Christians the responsibilities and dangers brought by this world's possessions. All will be well in this area of our social responsibility, if we can look beyond the material things that are a necessary part of our lives. The witness and example it gives calls the Church not to be a competitor in the game of politics, but to contribute to the wellbeing of the human community. Our lives, and the quality of our relationships as a Christian community, the mercy, compassion and practical support we give to others, should demonstrate that living according to the ways of Christ is not a bondage but a way of working towards a just world.

The parable of the unjust steward is tricky. Was the master praising the steward for making fraudulent changes to his debtors' promissory notes, or for forgoing claims for the commissions? In either case, the lesson is clear: those dedicated to worldly pursuits are often more wholehearted in their projects than believers are in promoting the ways of God (Fr John Thornhill SM R.I.P. The Emmaus Series)

During the year of mercy (2016), Pope Francis invited Christians to open our hearts and to "LIVE" mercy. He was reminding us that like Jesus, we are called to be a human expression of God's love in practical ways -not just in our small Christian communities but by maintaining connections with our broader community, and speaking up for the care of our Earth and the excluded of our world.

"The mercy of God is not some beautiful idea but rather a concrete action.

There is no mercy without concreteness."
(Pope Francis)



The Parable of the Dishonest Steward
(Luke 16:1-13)

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
10-Sep-22	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
17-Sep-22	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
24-Sep-22	Rohan Lemos Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
11-Sep-22	Alisha Verga Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
18-Sep-22	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani	George McBrien
25-Sep-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
11-Sep-22	Margaret Bannan Michelle Totawatte	Damian Casamento
18-Sep-22	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
25-Sep-22	Damian Casamento Ma Kathleen Adlaon	Margaret Bannan



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:

We Commemorate:

George Harb (24th Anniv.)

Tony Grieve

Joseph Giansiracusa

Emilia Beucar

Pietro Tancredi

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



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... "



Last Week's Collection: 11/9/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$805

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$445

Thank you for your kind generosity!



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 †

Monday 19 September

St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

Tuesday 20 September

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday 21 September

St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

Friday 23 September

St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest (Padre Pio)



Finishing Well Forum

Many of us have questions about end-of-life matters but struggle to know how and where to start those conversations and access good information.

The Finishing Well Forum brings together presenters with experience in topics around wills, powers of attorney, advance care plans, palliative care, grief and funeral planning.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of each of the presenters as well as information packs, and a morning tea.

This is a **free** event open to all community members.

There is a simple registration process online or by phone (9484 4788).

Saturday 15 October 2022 9:15 am to midday
81-91 High Street, Preston



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

22- 23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings:

Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



Heart of Life
Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

'Walking with Wisdom Series'

(in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Each day children, born and unborn, migrants and elderly persons, are discarded. Many brothers and sisters die sacrificed on the altar of profit, amid indifference. Yet every human being is sacred. It is the task of religions to remind the world of this!



Serving at Sacred Heart

As a parish of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Sacred Heart parish holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church; and shared by all participants.

All clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 must comply to the following in order to begin or continue in their valuable and much appreciated roles:

- * Hold a current Working With Children Check that is linked to the parish.
- * Attend a Safeguarding Essentials Module and updates organized by the parish or as presented online by the Archdiocesan Professional Services Unit.
- * Sign a Declaration to abide by the Parish Code of Conduct and submit to the parish prior to beginning or continuing their active role in the parish.

For clarification or assistance, please contact a member of the Child Safety Committee. (phone numbers are on the front page of this bulletin)



Legion of Mary

St Gabriel's parish praesidium (group), dedicated to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, meets every Monday at 1:30pm in the Bethany Room at St Gabriel's Parish Centre. New members are always welcome. St Gabriel's Legion of Mary invites families to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week of family prayer. Enquiries: 9460 6036



Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are still open as we have some positions for Year Prep. 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.



Sacred Heart Young Adult Group Youth Choir

All young adults who are musicians and those who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Youth Choir at the Sunday 10:30am Masses on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. For more information contact Priscilla on 0415 061 781



Listen to the Voice of Creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

2022 Season of Creation Theme: Listen to the Voice of Creation

Each year, the ecumenical steering committee that provides this Celebration Guide proposes a theme for the Season of Creation. The theme for 2022 is:

Listen to the Voice of Creation.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have become familiar with the concept of being muted during virtual conversations. Often, people using a platform do not have the capacity to unmute themselves. Even more do not even have access to digital platforms, and so their voices are never heard. Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change; these are the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are the voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth. The 2022 Season of Creation theme raises awareness of our need to listen to the voice of all creation. If Mother Earth, birds, animals, fish, reptiles, insects, ocean, rivers, soil, air, plants, water, ice and all creatures that have shared our evolutionary journey could speak, what would they be saying to us? Can we hear the Cry of the Earth?

2022 Season of Creation Prayer:

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, we close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures. Help us to listen to the voice of creation and respond in love and care. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.



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

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY JESUS LIKES THIS GUY. HE'S A CROOK!



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SOME SCHOLARS* BELIEVE HE WAS ACTUALLY CUTTING OUT HIS OWN PROFIT FOR THE SAKE OF HIS RELATIONSHIPS.



HAH! AND I THOUGHT THE BIBLE SAID "MONEY CAN'T BUY ME LOVE." UHH... THAT'S LENNON/MCARTNEY.



LUKE 16:1-13

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord 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

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 112(113):1-2,4-8

The Response Is:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,

praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.

Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.”’

Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred

measures of oil” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.” ‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?’

‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

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 laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

