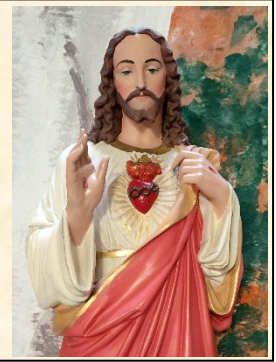




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Parish Finance Committee:

Peter Constable (Chair)

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Stephen Costello (President)

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 3 May 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.
(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



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

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on
Monday 6 May in the presbytery after
9:10am Mass.

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*Our Parish is committed to the safety,
wellbeing and dignity of all children
and vulnerable adults.*

4th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sunday 21 April 2024

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

“The Good Shepherd lays down His Life for His Sheep”

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Every year the Gospel is taken from Jesus’ discourse on this theme from the tenth chapter of John. But we rob the image of its power by contenting ourselves with sentimental representations of a gentle herdsman carrying a meek lost little lamb over his shoulders. We must look further. The Good Shepherd passages of John present a strong compassionate and assertive protector whose leadership was not about power, control or noble heritage as represented by some Pharaohs of Egypt but who knew and identified with those in his care to the extent that he would lay down his position and life to protect them.

In Jesus cultural history ‘Shepherd’ had strong leadership connotations. God was the True Shepherd of Israel and the role of ‘shepherd’ was associated with the great leaders- Abraham, Moses, David and Prophets appointed by God to lead His beloved Israel through the darkest and most treacherous times of their history. On ground level, however, the job of hired shepherds was by no means idyllic. If they were not actually owners of the flock but hired for the purpose, shepherding was a lowly state, identified as on a par with tax collecting, swine herding and sinners - occupations rendered to the unclean or socially outcast. Shepherding was also a job wrought by dangers. Tending to sheep was done in desert places and hillsides away from safe living area and at the mercy of the elements, wild beasts, sheep rustlers and outcasts. When danger was immanent, the sheep would often be abandoned.

However, a good and dedicated shepherd, would never abandon the flock. He was on duty every day of the week. When darkness fell he would herd the flock to a semi-enclosed area that had but one entrance. The shepherd - at one with his sheep, would sleep in that entrance space so that no sheep could stray and no wolf or robber could get in except by attempting to cross over his body. This characteristic of the good shepherd “laying down his life for his sheep” was how Jesus presented His relationship with God’s people.

He would protect His flock from the threats to their lives at the expense of putting His own at risk and devote Himself to nurturing their wellbeing. His love and devotion for each member of the flock without discrimination was a sign of His Mission to draw all into His Father’s eternal Love and Care.

Jesus’ image of the good shepherd described by John pointed to how authority was to be exercised in the Christian community. Leaders were to be servants ‘rulers’. The Latin word for ‘shepherd’ is the root word of ‘pastor’ which is often used to describe one appointed to lead the faith community and from which we derive the words ‘pastoral council’ and ‘pastoral care’ towards others. Today, on this “Vocation Sunday” we pray for our Priests and Community leaders and that more will respond to God’s call to leadership through the Priesthood, Religious and Lay leadership and for all who, whether in the home, parish, local community and broader church have responded to God’s call and challenge to be shepherds and signs of God’s faithful Love for all people.



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 Lectors	Saturday 6:00pm Mass - Ministers of Communion
20-Apr-24	Mary Harb Celia Lemos	Terry Murphy
27-Apr-24	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
04-May-24	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy

	Sunday 10:30am Mass Lectors	Sunday 10:30am Mass Ministers of Communion	Slide Projectionist
21-Apr	Judeline Wadhvani Albert D'Souza	Eileen Stevens	Jessy
28-Apr	Ophelia Swai Marilene Fortuna	Giovanna D' Intino	Judeline
05-May	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley	Judeline

	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Lectors	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Ministers of Communion
21-Apr-24	Tim Rankin Natalie Baran	Damian Casamento
28-Apr-24	Michelle Totawatte Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
05-May-24	Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, Ampelio Cavallin
Our Sacred Heart School student Samantha Corsi
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Anna Gallo RIP 11/4 (Funeral Thurs 23/4 at 11am)

We Commemorate:

John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini,
Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin,
Teresina & Valter De Stefani,
Carlo, Duilio, Livio, Pasqua & Beppi Trentin
and all deceased members of the Ottaviano Bertinello & Carlo Trentin families. – all Sun 21/4 at 9am Mass
Natale D'Aloia (first anniversary) - Sun 21/4 at 9am Mass
Mario Trentin - Sun 21/4 at 9am Mass
*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Last Week's Collection: 14.4.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,007
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$754
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacrificial giving via QR code

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.



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 23 April St George, Martyr/ St Adalbert of Prague, Bishop, Martyr
Wednesday 24 April St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr
Thursday 25 April Anzac Day
Friday 26 April St Mark, Evangelist
Saturday 26 April St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, Priest



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

*No more war, no more attacks, no more violence!
Yes to dialogue and yes to peace!
Let us Pray Together for peace.*



Together We Rise:

Embracing Friendship and Solidarity

"Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter: whoever finds one has found a treasure." – Sirach 6:14

Friendship is the lifeline we hold onto when the waters get rough, and solidarity is the pact we make to never leave anyone behind. It's the friend who listens without judgement, offers a shoulder to lean on, and celebrates our successes as if they were their own. It's the collective strength we draw upon when faced with challenges or injustices, knowing that together, we can effect change and overcome obstacles. In friendship and solidarity, we're a team, ready to tackle whatever life throws our way. It's the phone calls just to say hi, the late-night talks and the shared jokes that make us feel at home, and it's in these moments that the true depth of our relationship is revealed, as we offer unwavering support and encouragement to one another. Together, we're a force to be reckoned with, bound by trust, loyalty, and an unbreakable bond.

Dear God, bless our friendships with depth and sincerity, and may solidarity be our guiding light. Grant us the strength to uplift one another, to stand firm in unity and to journey together through life's trials and triumphs, always bound by love. Amen

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Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 9 online sessions.

Engaging Your Faith - Commencing 14 May 2024

Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.
COME & SEE!



An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 4 May 2024**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.
For more information: <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org.au>
Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au



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Sacred Heart Primary School 2025 Enrolments



Enrolments for the 2025 school year Foundation classes, have opened. 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.



CDF

5.35% p.a. 12-month term investment

5.05% p.a. 6-month term investment

By opening an account with CDF Community Fund, you are saving for a reward greater than money alone. Help build classrooms for students, places of worship for communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the most vulnerable.

It's a way to save while doing good.

Call 1800 134 135
or visit catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer
to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code.

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

World Mission May Rosary Prayers

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID:
893 8798 2280
Password:
876574

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet

catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.

GLORY OF EUROPE PILGRIMAGE:

We invite you on a 14 day remarkable journey to explore the **Glory of Europe**. Starting in Lisbon and concluding in Rome 3 Oct. Fr Simon Grainger will be the Chaplain of the tour.

Visiting Shrines of Our Lady of Fatima & Lourdes; St Chapelle Paris; Padua: Shrine of St Anthony, Tomb of St Luke; Assisi: St Francis, St Clare, Bl. Carlo Acutis Audience with Pope Francis. Excellent hotels.

The package cost is \$5,300 AUD exclusive of Airfare.

The tour commences on 21 September 2024.

For enquiries or booking, please phone 0459 726 360 or nativitytoursau@gmail.com.

See poster in church foyer for more details.



Earth Day 2024



HEALING OUR THROWAWAY CULTURE: A FOCUS ON PLASTICS

This week we celebrate **Earth Day**, April 22 (EarthDay.org).

The theme for this year is **Planet vs. Plastics**.

Everywhere we look we will find plastic. Unfortunately it is overflowing from our landfills, floating in our waters and polluting our soil. You can even find it in our own bodies and those of other living creatures. Despite the fact we have learned so much about the harm plastic can do, production is steadily increasing.

Your role as a steward of creation is important! Even the smallest actions to reduce plastic consumption can have a positive impact, like using a refillable water bottle, buying hard soap instead of liquid soap, remembering to bring your own shopping bags.

Head to EarthDay.org if you would like to learn more about the impact of plastic (read the Babies vs. Plastics report) or strengthen your commitment to reducing plastic harm by taking the Plastics Detox Challenge and signing the Global Plastics Treaty petition.

We cannot allow our seas and oceans to be littered by endless fields of floating plastic. Here too, our active commitment is needed to confront this emergency. We need to pray as if everything depended on God's providence and work as if everything depended on us. Pope Francis

Source: Catholic Climate Covenant and Earth Day Org.



Flowers in the Church



Thank you to those who bring flowers to the Church.

We would be grateful if you kindly return after 5 days to remove the dead flowers and dispose of them in your green waste bin. Thank you



☺ Joke Corner ☺

After a long and successful career as a small business owner, a man decides he wants to devote the rest of his life to God, so he joins a seminary and studies to be a priest. A few years later after his ordination he is assigned to a parish.

One Saturday afternoon he was about to hear confessions when he met an old friend from his former life.

"How do you like the new job?" the friend asked.

"Well," said the new priest, "The pay is not as good and the hours are long." Then pointing to the confessional, he added, "But what I do like is that in this business the customer is always wrong!"



The taxation office was auditing the pizza show owner, a very devout Catholic. The investigator wanted to know how the man could justify adding deductions for trips to Rome, Fatima, Lourdes and the Holy Land in a single year.

With a shrug, he said, "We deliver."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Response Is:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

