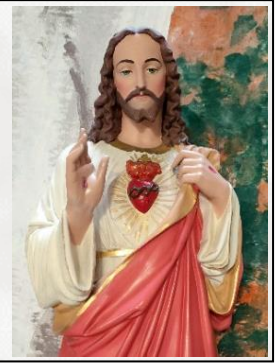




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Safeguarding Committee:

Safeguarding Officer: Robert Dullard

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Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Mark Tierney,

Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Coordinators:

Lectors and Audio Visual – Jessy Thambiraj

Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica

Stanley and Teresa Bernardini

Safeguarding – Pauline O'Day

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 7 Feb. 2025

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



Holy Rosary: Thurs 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 2 December in the presbytery

after 9:10am Mass. All welcome

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



First Sunday of Advent (year C) Sunday 1 December 2024 “Watch, Hope and Pray”

From early November, we have been well aware in shopping centres of drapes of red, green and gold and silver. Our ears might be filled with piped music about bells, snow, etc. interspersed but rarely with a Bethlehem Christmas Carol. These may provoke nostalgia for the past in some and lure many to put more time and money into the immediate and material aspects of our individual family one day of the year celebration.

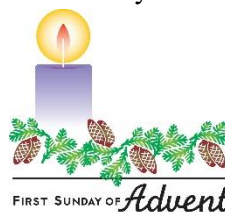
In contrast Advent is silent and subtle in observance and visually the colour of dawn; the deep purple that slowly lightens the night sky reminding us that the sun, ever present but temporarily hidden by the earth's turning, is about to overcome the darkness and reveal a new day. Time to brace ourselves and be alert for that new beginning with all it brings.

Advent is all about comings; in fact, it means ‘a coming’. The Scripture looks back to the revelations of God's saving presence in the lives of a people fleeing from slavery, exiled from a land of their own, their liberation and final return – a ‘coming home’. We look back to the coming of a child born in poor circumstances in a cattle shed in Bethlehem. This ‘coming’ is the reason for our Christmas celebrations. And Luke's Gospel today in the words of Jesus, reminds us to keep hopeful and stay awake in times of adversity for His second coming as the “Son of Man” in the future time. But most significantly, Advent allows us a time of awakened hope and renewed sensitivity to the pervading subtle presence of God in our lives NOW.

God is with us in the successes and failures, struggles, sadness and joys of daily living. We meet God in the least likely, the unassuming, silenced people of our world and in the actions of caring people. And we long for God, to pierce through the dark moments of life in our world, our wounded church and in our families, so that with hope and courage we will pass through the darkness and not allow it to overcome us. As Archbishop Dolan stated, “Even though Advent comes but once a year in the liturgical calendar, I am convinced that Life itself is all about Advent.”

A man sits at the bedside of a dying neighbour who has lived alone for many years... Advent. A mother waits anxiously in the early hours of the morning for a child who has left the house in anger... Advent. A couple, in joyful anticipation prepare the nursery for their first child about to be born... this is Advent. Some parishioners bring a hamper to the mother of a large family, struggling to get by day to day... this too is Advent. Yes, Advent is a chance to deepen our awareness that God dwells with us in our human family, our culture, our work and our church. As we hear the challenging voices of the prophets of scripture, let us open our eyes, ears and hearts to realise the blessings of life around us that we may be Advent prophets bringing hope and the presence of “God with us” to those who struggle in the darkness, of despair, solitude, pain and poverty.

“Lord open our eyes to see you and our ears to hear you in all we meet. Let others meet you through our actions.”



Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”
Luke 21:36

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.

Sat 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
30-Nov-	Terry Murphy Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy	
07-Dec-	Mary Harb Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
14-Dec-	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
01-Dec-	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D'Intino	Judeline	Aleisha Jasmine
08-Dec-	Judeline Wadhvani Darina Lobo	Eileen Stevens	Judeline	Shamus Maxi
15-Dec-	Jessy Thambiraj Jessica Suppiah	Tony Eley	Jessy	Azariah Natalie

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
01-Dec-	Susan Bakani John Gaffney	Natalie Baran
08-Dec-	Shanthi Antony Jenifer Cahapay	Robert Dullard
15-Dec-	Snehita Antony Susan Bakani	Damian Casamento

♥ Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers
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WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, 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:

Antonio Marasco RIP 15/11

We Commemorate:

Antonio Ferraro - 1st mth. Sat 30/11 at 6pm & Sun 1/12 at 10:30am

Rachela Ciavarella – 38th Anniv. Sun 1/12 at 9am

Domenico & Clara Sassini - Sun 1/12 at 9am

Giovanni, Filippina & Fedele Paoli - Sun 1/12 at 9am

Ylenia Useli – 1st Anniv.

Lilia Crupi – 40 days. Sun 1/12 at 9am & 10:30am

Juan H. Pimentel – 3rd Anniv. Sun 1/12 at 6pm

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 24.11.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$855

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$568

Thank you for your kind generosity!

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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.



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† Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week †

Tuesday 3 December St Francis Xavier, Priest

Wednesday 4 December St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor

Friday 6 December St Nicholas, Bishop

Saturday 7 December St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

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THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

The word "Gospel" means glad tidings, and it cannot be communicated with a long face and sombre countenance. We must share the Gospel with the joy of those who have unearthed a hidden treasure and precious pearl.

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† 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

Daisy Galvin-King & Cooper Galvin-King,

in preparation for their Baptisms on

Sunday 8 December.

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Advent Candles:

hope, peace, joy, love

The first week of Advent is all about **hope**.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

God's mercies never come to an end;

"therefore let us hope in the Lord." Lamentations 3: 21-24:

One purple candle is lit.

Gracious God, As the Advent season begins, we cry out to you. We come to you looking for **hope**. When everything else we rely on fails us, our **only hope** is in you. When we do not understand what has happened, **we hope in you**. We can **hope** for better days because we trust you. We know you and we know you are here with us no matter what we are facing.

Loving God, remind us that **our hope is in you**. Be with us on this journey. Amen.

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2024 Christmas Mass times at Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

6:00pm Family Mass

9:30pm Carols before 10pm Mass

10:00pm (in lieu of midnight) Mass

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day

9:00am Italian Mass - Nativity

10:30am Parish Mass - Nativity

Volunteer End of Year Function

All parish volunteers and staff are invited to our **End of Year "Thank You" BBQ** Friday 13 December from 6:00 pm onwards in the Parish presbytery. Barbecue meats will be provided by the parish However, BYO drinks and plate to share E.g.: starters, salad, side dishes, bread, desert, fruit etc. Kindly RSVP BY 1 Dec on the sign-up sheet in the foyer or contact Rachel on 9480 3398 or preston@cam.org.au



UNDERSTANDING JUBILEE 2025

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



Sacred Heart

Christmas Gift Appeal 2024

Advent begins this week and the Giving Tree will once again appear in the Church foyer.

This year once again parishioners are invited to:

- * **Take a labelled gift token** from the giving tree to:
- * **Donate a food gift card** of \$10 or more (Coles Woolworths or Aldi) for a family to purchase Christmas food items or
- * **A Kmart, Toys R Us or other Card** as a gift for a family member to purchase for another or
- * **Give a cash donation** for us purchase a gift card on your behalf. If so, please place your donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas Gift Appeal" with your contact details if you require a receipt. You may either:
- * Return the envelope to the Church and place in a secure labelled box by the third Sunday of Advent (15th December) or
- * Deliver your gift to the Presbytery or
- * Contact Moira McMahon 0439 619 623 or Pauline O'Day 0497 935 593 to arrange collection of your donation.

* We are not specifying gifts of toys or items. But if you or members of the family would like to donate a small gift for a child or young person, please feel free to leave it in the large box by the giving tree and we will deliver it. Thank you.



Volunteers Needed

Ministers of Eucharist, Lectors, Overhead Projectionists, Ushers/Welcomers, Collectors, Candle Lighter, Singers are needed for all Christmas Masses.

A sign up sheet is available in the foyer today for our parish volunteers who would like to participate at one of the Christmas Masses. Please write your name, role and contact details clearly or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au by 2pm Friday 13/12
Thank you



Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

Please join Father for the **last** breakfast for 2024 on, **Monday 2 December** in the presbytery after the 9:10am Mass. All Welcome



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish



Piety Shop

Columban calendars are now available in the Piety shop - \$10

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.



THE CATHOLIC GUY
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ADVENT 2024 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Jesus is Coming – Time to Get Ready

Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes.

- Inspiring and transforming talks
- Opportunities to pray and reflect
- Practical strategies for impactful living
- Life-changing encounter with Christ

To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the **Advent Mission Event Retreat online** from 7-9 December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent> Register now on the website or for more information, email: info@brucedownes.org



😊 Joke Corner 😊

A man goes into a pet shop to buy a parrot. The shop owner points to three identical-looking parrots in a cage and says, "The parrot on the left costs \$500 dollars."

"Why does the parrot cost so much?" asks the man.

The owner says, "Well the parrot knows how to use a computer."

The man then asks about the parrot in the middle and is told it costs \$1000 dollars because it can do everything the first parrot can do plus it knows how to use Windows.

Naturally, the increasingly startled man asks about the third parrot, only to be told that it costs \$2000 dollars. Needless to say, this begs the question, "What can it do?"

To which the owner replies, "To be honest, I have never seen it do anything, but the other two call him boss!"



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:
‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:

The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

The Response Is:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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.

