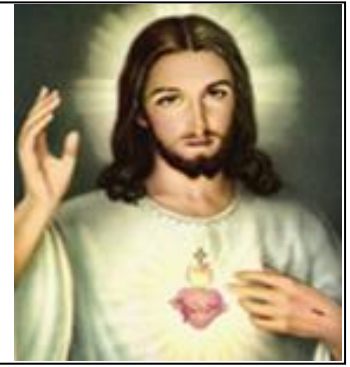




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 1 September

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) Sunday 21 August 2022

...will there be only a few saved?

Some people and groups seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement or privilege. This can be quite divisive and even destructive of family or workplace or community. Those who consistently presume to put themselves first will often find themselves last, in the sense that they are reluctantly tolerated at best, rather than welcomed into most circles.

Jesus knew what it was to be regarded as an outcast, by those who earnestly believed it was their duty to preserve the purity of their religion from contamination. After all, he often dined with such table companions as tax collectors, sinners and gentiles. Their exclusive views had no place for the gentiles and the insistence on strict observance of the Law was impossible for common people. Jesus challenged this narrow view of salvation. After all God was the Father of all people and grieved for the stray, the vulnerable, longing to welcome them home.

In today's reading from Luke, someone asks Jesus, "Are only a few to be saved?" Jesus responds to the crowd with a reminder that God's saving action cannot be taken for granted. One must strive to enter by the narrow door. In other words some hard work is involved in ensuring that God's saving power is there for the world. It was a call to conversion now to become a people of integrity, compassion and hospitality NOW – not sometime in the future. The Gospel way was about living the great commandment, "Love the Lord God with your whole heart, soul and strength and mind and your neighbour as yourself."

In the first reading the prophet presented a consoling vision to a despondent people returning from exile. Their homeland is in ruins. Where and how do they start to rebuild? Isaiah foretells the future glory of Jerusalem to which people of all nations would come. It would be a centre from which the knowledge and love of the one true and merciful God would be dispersed to people of all nations, regardless of race. Jesus' vision is of a huge feast in the kingdom of heaven in which those who are now considered last would be first and those considered first, now would be last.

Pope Francis seems to have been telling us something similar. The Christian Church is called to be a poor, serving, lowly church that reaches out and addresses the struggles of the poor, the exiled and rejected.

We are all invited to the feast, but only if we learn how to welcome in and wash the feet of the stranger, the poor, the abused and the refugee.



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
13-Aug-22	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
20-Aug-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
27-Aug-22	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Ministers of Communion
14-Aug-22	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez	Ivana Lo Bello
21-Aug-22	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani	George McBrien
28-Aug-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
14-Aug-22	Tim Rankin Albert D'Souza	Robert Dullard
21-Aug-22	Damian Casamento Ma Kathleen Adlaon	Margaret Bannan
28-Aug-22	Marijana Jurjevic Rachel Vorlander	Robert Dullard



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:

*Erika Rolfo
Elizabeth Anne Cook
Giuseppe Scriba*

We Commemorate:

*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... "



SACRED HEART Garden Working Bee



A big Thank You to those who came and worked so hard at our working bee last Sunday. The garden looks great.



Last Week's Collection: 14/8/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$841
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$368
electronic contributions for July 2022: \$875
CatholicCare: \$215
Thank you for your kind generosity!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Sacred Heart Community Preston acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrong people of the Kulin Nations, 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 22 August Our Lady, Mother and Queen
Tuesday 23 August St Rose of Lima, Virgin
Wednesday 24 August St Bartholomew, Apostle
Thursday 25 August St Loui of Frances, St Joseph of Calasanz, Priest
Saturday 27 August St Monica*



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Leigna Lambropoulos
for her Baptism
on 20 August.



The Catholic Landscape

The Catholic Landscape is an ideal introduction to the *Catechism and the Catholic Faith* for RCIA inquirers, as well as a practical refresher for parents, teenagers and young adults.

Renowned theologian and educator Anna Krohn, OAM will present these talks Thursday evenings during August.

August 4th - 7.00pm -8:30pm
August 11th - 7.00pm -8:30pm
August 18th - 7.00pm -8:30pm
August 25th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

Address:

"The Bethany Room"
St Gabriel's Catholic Church
Viola Street, Reservoir 3073
Note: Enter via Spring St carpark

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.



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 we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

A non-residential parish based weekend: **22- 23 October 2022** in Niddrie.

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



Inner Healing & Forgiveness through Meditation on Jesus

September 16-17, 2022

At: 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: Tel: 0424202191 or

Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Jesus shows us the patience of God, the merciful Father who calls us even at the last hour, who does not demand perfection but heartfelt enthusiasm, who wants to open a breach in our hardened hearts.



Serving at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church.

Our common commitment is drawn from the teaching and mission of Jesus with love and Justice and the dignity and sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 must maintain current Working with Children Check (WWCC) throughout their involvement in parishes as in other agencies: **all** are to attend a safeguarding essentials module and updates organised by the Parish or Professional Standards online: and **All** are asked to sign a Declaration to abide by the parish Code of Conduct. These requirements of volunteers are just one -but an essential part of our united commitment to creating and maintaining a culturally safe environment for the young and the vulnerable in which they feel safe, heard and respected.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – 13 & 14 August



Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full.

Thank you for helping those in need!



For more information about CatholicCare

Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au



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.



Fertility Literacy in the Digital World

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps"

on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST

Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps.

See the Billings LIFE website for details and registration.

Website: <https://www.billings.life/en/>



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



The Season of Creation begins on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation," and the urgency of doing so is symbolised by the Burning Bush.

2: Sweet song and bitter cry

Listening to creation, Pope Francis mentions that there is a "kind of dissonance": "On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home". "The sweet song of creation is mixed with its bitter cry, as evidenced by the intense heat wave that is experienced in much of the northern hemisphere and that has already killed, in Spain and Portugal, more than 1000 people or has left 5 million people without water in Monterrey, Mexico". Pope Francis encourages people to stop consumerism, change lifestyles and harmful systems. All scientific reports prove it, and the Pope reaffirms it: "We are reaching 'a breaking point'" and we must act now. "The crisis is no longer a hypothesis of a distant future but a tangible reality that is costing human lives".

52 ways to help the environment (cont'd)

40. Recycle better

Be diligent about separating recycling and waste. In some countries, recycling contamination – the average amount per load of recycling that isn't deemed recyclable – has tripled in the past decade. This costs money for companies that recycle, and already the amount of money they make off recycling isn't much. Improve your recycling efforts by first and foremost, knowing the recycling rules for your city or town.

41. Walk

Leave the car behind so you can help take care of creation and your health. In buildings, use the stairs more and the elevator less. Want some spiritual talk to accompany your walk? Listen to the Laudato Si' Movement podcast.

NOTICE: The BOUNTY BOX in the foyer of the church is for you to share fruit, herbs, or vegies from your garden with the parish community. Thank you for the Rosemary.



Joke Corner

Walking along a Tasmanian beach a laywoman was deep in thoughtful prayer. Suddenly she cried out, "Lord, please grant me one wish."

The sky darkened and from the heavens a loud booming voice said, "Because you have had faith to ask, I will grant you one wish."

The woman said, "Thank you Lord. I hate to fly but I'd love to go to the Australian mainland. Please build a bridge across Bass Strait so I can drive to Victoria whenever I want."

The Lord chastised the woman for such a selfish request and reminded her of the difficulty of constructing a bridge, saying, "Think of the logistics. Think of the supports required to reach the bottom of Bass Strait! Then there's the concrete and steel! I can do it but it's hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Do you have another wish that would honour and glorify me?"

The woman stopped to consider God's question. "Okay Lord, I wish I could understand men better. I want to know how they feel inside, what they're thinking, what they mean when they say there's nothing bothering them."

After a few minutes silence God said, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to
you all the day long.

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 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to
gather the nations of every language.
They shall come to witness my glory. I
will give them a sign and send some of
their survivors to the nations: to
Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh,
Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands
that have never heard of me or seen
my glory. They will proclaim my
glory to the nations. As an offering to
the Lord they will bring all your
brothers, on horses, in chariots, in
litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from
all the nations to my holy mountain in
Jerusalem, says the Lord, like
Israelites bringing oblations in clean
vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And
of some of them I will make priests
and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116(117)

The Response Is:

***Go out to all the world, and tell the
Good News.***

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

***Go out to all the world, and tell the
Good News.***

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.

***Go out to all the world, and tell the
Good News.***

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging
text in which you are addressed as
sons? My son, when the Lord corrects
you, do not treat it lightly; but do not
get discouraged when he reprimands
you. For the Lord trains the ones that
he loves and he punishes all those that
he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering
is part of your training; God is treating
you as his sons. Has there ever been
any son whose father did not train him?
Of course, any punishment is most
painful at the time, and far from
pleasant; but later, in those on whom
it has been used, it bears fruit in peace
and goodness. So hold up your limp
arms and steady your trembling knees
and smooth out the path you tread;
then the injured limb will not be
wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except
through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus
went teaching, making his way to
Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir,
will there be only a few saved?' He
said to them, 'Try your best to enter
by the narrow door, because, I tell
you, many will try to enter and will
not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got
up and locked the door, you may find
yourself knocking on the door, saying,
'Lord, open to us'' but he will answer,
'I do not know where you come
from.' Then you will find yourself

saying, 'We once ate and drank in
your company; you taught in our
streets'' but he will reply, 'I do not
know where you come from. Away
from me, all you wicked men!'

'Then there will be weeping and
grinding of teeth, when you see
Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all
the prophets in the kingdom of God,
and yourselves turned outside. And
men from east and west, from north
and south, will come to take their
places at the feast in the kingdom of
God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will
be first, and those now first who will
be last.'

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.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE

FAITHFUL: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your
work, O Lord;

you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

