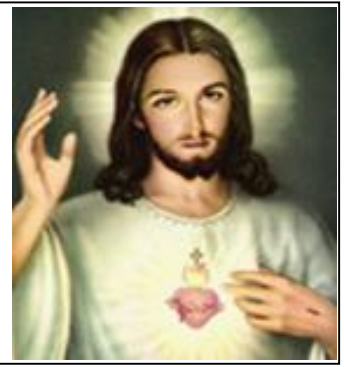




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Parish Mass Schedule

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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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 1 January 2023

“As for Mary she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

Today's Gospel reading continues from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Eve Mass. In it the shepherds act upon the message they received from the angel and go to find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. They get to the animal shelter and find things just as the angel had said. Their visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfilment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Jesus the Saviour, and Prince of Peace proclaimed by the prophets.

This reading also tells us three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how responsive and obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the Angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events and persons in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This selfless prayer of trust in God made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation for all.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation whatever it required of her. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives and our world. Second, discipleship means faithfulness to God and acceptance of God's will. Third, discipleship includes active fidelity to a community of faith.

Today's Feast in honour of Mary, the Mother of God is a blend of the old and the new. It is one of the most ancient feasts in the Roman calendar dating back to 431. But there is a newness about it as well. It always coincides with New Year's Day in the secular calendar. In 1967 Pope Paul VI declared January 1st the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God- to be the World Day of Prayer for Peace. The hope being that a fresh start of the year may be a good time to take a fresh look at our world and our involvement in it. So let us this day, as we honour Mary Mother of our Church and our Model of Discipleship, hold in our hearts the vulnerable and the suffering of our world- the poor, the war-torn, the bullied, the abused, the displaced and neglected and pray for strength to be disciples of "Peace" in our families, communities and our World.



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
31-Dec-22	Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
07-Jan-23	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
14-Jan-23	Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
01-Jan-23	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Eileen Stevens
08-Jan-23	Jessica Suppiah Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
15-Jan-23	Alisha Verga Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
01-Jan-23	Albert D'Souza	Robert Dullard
08-Jan-23	Marijana Jurjevic Rachel Vorlander	Damian Casamento
15-Jan-23	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	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:

Mary Gangi

We Commemorate:

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 25/12/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$2,117

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$1,933

Thank you for your kind generosity!



✠ **Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week** ✠

Monday 2 January Sts Basil the great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors

Tuesday 3 January The Most Holy name of Jesus

Saturday 7 January St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest



Volunteers Christmas Masses

A very big thank you to all Readers, Ministers of Eucharist, Overhead Projectionists, Ushers/Welcomers, Collectors, Candle Lighters, Singers etc who volunteered their time during the Christmas Masses.

It was much appreciated!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Sacred Heart Community Preston acknowledges the Wurundjeri Peo ple 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 pa y our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



A Prayer For Our Earth

By Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe

and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this Earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and
destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize
that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

*Pope Francis published this prayer in Laudato Si', and is
meant for sharing with all who believe in our Creator God.*



CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16–20-year-old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2023. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website:

www.campion.edu.au/summer-program



Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land creatively blends live music, media and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love and human destiny. Join Christopher West and team as they offer a vision of the Gospel through the lens of St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Choose from:

Tuesday 24 January 2023, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park

Wednesday 25 January 2023, St Mary's Community Centre, 26 New Street, Dandenong

Schedule:

6pm - food for purchase, 7pm start, 9.30pm finish

Open to all.

All children under 18 years must be supervised by an adult.

Tickets: \$25 general, \$10 concession/student, free for children 10 and under.

Register: www.trybooking.com/CETXQ



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.



Sacred Heart Giving Tree.

To all who have supported our Parish Giving Tree Appeal, A very sincere "Thank you!" Through your kind generosity our St Vincent de Paul team was able to deliver Christmas joy to More than 40 households this year and will enable us to bring relief to families who will be struggling to make ends meet during January. Over all your kind donations amounted to over \$1400.

May the Peace the Christ child bring rest with you and your families.

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Love of God that was revealed in Bethlehem brings consolation to our hearts troubled by the drama of the war in Ukraine and in other parts of the world. Let us remember that the last word in the history of humanity belongs to God because "everything pertains to love".



Hail, O Mary, Mother of God

Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Virgin and Mother!
 Morning Star, perfect vessel.
 Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Holy Temple in which God Himself was conceived.
 Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Chaste and pure dove.
 Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Who enclosed the One who cannot be encompassed in your sacred womb.
 Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, From you flowed the true light, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Through you the Conqueror and triumphant Vanquisher of hell came to us.
 Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Through you, the glory of the Resurrection blossoms.
 Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, You have saved every faithful Christian.
 Hail, O Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
 Amen



Joke Corner

Sister Hildegard had worked for a home health care agency for 40 years checking on the elderly and infirmed. One Sunday night she was making her rounds when she ran out of petrol. As luck would have it, a petrol station was just 200 metres away. She walked to the station to borrow a can and buy some petrol. Noticing a cross on her lapel, the attendant politely told her that he had run out of cans but one was likely to be returned in the next hour. Since she was on her way to see a patient, Sister Hildegard decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She searched the vehicle for something that would be a good substitute for a petrol can and found a bed pan on the back seat. Always resourceful she made her way back to the petrol station, filled the bed pan with petrol and carefully carried it back to her car. As she was pouring the petrol into the tank two eagle-eyed men were watching from across the street. Amazed, one turned to the other and said, "If her car starts then I'm turning Catholic."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth 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

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5,6,8

The Response Is:

May God bless us in his mercy.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

May God bless us in his mercy.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

May God bless us in his mercy.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name

the angel had given him before his conception.

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

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

