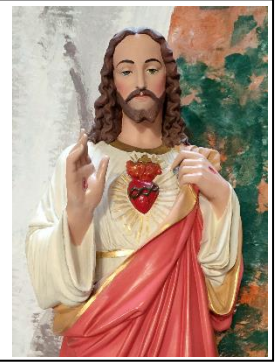




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Parish Finance Committee:

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 2 February 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

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



Adoration Resumes 18/01/2024

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

Reconciliation:

NOW - 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 5 February** in the presbytery after 9:10am Mass.

Bulletin printed 12/2/2024

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 14 January 2024

“Speak Lord! Your Servant is Listening.”

Vocation is normally thought of in terms of a once-and-for-all decision about the whole direction of one's life. But God's call is a day-to-day experience in which we learn to be watchful and open to the events that shape our lives. It is this openness to God's ongoing call which seems to knit the first and third readings today. The account of the call of the young boy Samuel is a great story to reflect on at the beginning of a new year.

Samuel was a young assistant to Eli the high priest. One night he heard a voice calling him out of the darkness and thought it was his master's. Eli told Samuel he was mistaken and to go back to sleep. Three times it happened until Eli recognised the presence of God in the voice and directed Samuel to respond to the call of God by saying “Speak Lord, your servant is listening”. Samuel began learning to be ready for that call whenever it comes.

Alongside this story is the call of the disciples from the Gospel of John. John the Baptist, watches with his disciples as Jesus approaches. “Look!” says John, “this is the Lamb of God!” Faith is stirred in hearts as Jesus makes direct, personal contact with some of His future disciples. He asks, “What are you looking for? They answer with a question. “Where do you dwell?” Jesus replies, “Come and see.” And they do.

As with Samuel and those first disciples, to set out on a journey of discipleship does not require anything more than a willing heart. The way to discover whether or not we are discipleship material is by living it.

The words of Paul from the second reading should give us hope and new heart. God is not to be thought of as an absent, stern deity wanting to put burdens on us. God is a God of merciful presence, the Spirit of love within and amongst us. The call this God makes to most of us is not a call to do extraordinary feats. It is a call to believe and to witness that God is present in our families, our church in our world and amongst the most vulnerable through our loving and our living. It is a call to choose to walk the way of Jesus of Nazareth, in openness and love for God's planet and God's people; to be ‘Good News to the poor, to proclaim freedom to the captives, to give sight to the blind to free the oppressed and suffering and be bearers of God's mercy to the most vulnerable.

“Ever present Father, help us to embrace your will. Give us strength to follow your call, so that your truth may live in our hearts and reflect peace to those who believe in your love”. (Opening prayer)



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-Jan-24	Mary Harb Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
20-Jan-24	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
27-Jan-24	Marlene Vergou Mary Harb	Terry Murphy

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Ministers of Communion
14-Jan-24	Hannah Lopez Albert D'Souza	Giovanna D' Intino
21-Jan-24	Albert D'Souza Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
28-Jan-24	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Eileen Stevens

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
14-Jan-24	Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard
21-Jan-24	Michelle Totawatte Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard
28-Jan-24	Natalie Baran	Damian Casamento

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Storrie

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:

Patricia Tuttle (RIP 2/1)

Rev Monsignor Gerard Diamond PE (RIP 10/1)

(Funeral: Tues 23/1, 11am at St Anthony's Glen Huntly)

We Commemorate:

Lupo Gugliotti and deceased members of the Gugliotti family.

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 7.1.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$834

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$865

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass



Please join us after the 10:30am Mass for a cup of tea or coffee at **Sacred Heart School.**

All are welcome



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 †

Wednesday 17 January St Antony, Abbot

Saturday 20 January St Fabian, Pope, Martyr

St Sebastian, Martyr



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



The voracity with which we have been devouring the resources of the planet for a few centuries now is compromising everyone's future. We have pounced on everything, aiming at becoming masters of all things, even though they were entrusted to our stewardship



Wedding Congratulations



We congratulate

Clarice & Joshua

for their Wedding



to be celebrated here at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 20 January

May God grant a happy and prosperous life to you both as you embark on your journey together as husband and wife.



SAFE PARKING PRACTICE AT SACRED HEART PARISH

All visitors and parishioners are reminded **not to park** vehicles in the driveways around the church building, including

1. The straight driveway leading to the rear car park.
 2. The curved shaped driveway in front of the church entrance.
- Parking in these driveways is a safety risk and restricts access for emergency services such as ambulances in the event of a medical emergency which could have serious consequences. Parking in these areas is also a safety risk for people, including children.

Thank you for being considerate and looking after each other in true Sacred Heart community spirit.



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support our parish and priest, 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.

Kindly consider donating to both the Church and Presbytery accounts.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support to Sacred Heart parish.



Please take the bulletin home

Announcement of the date of Easter and movable feasts

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the **fourteenth day of February** will fall **Ash Wednesday**,

and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **thirty-first day of March**, you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**,

the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **twelfth day of May** will be the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

On the **nineteenth day** of the same month, the feast of **Pentecost**.

On the **second day of June**, the feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**.

On the **first day of December**, the First Sunday of the **Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ**,

to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.



ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS –

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024



For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on *Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral*, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.



Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'

Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza

or phone 1800 024 413



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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.



Children's activity pages

Please find in the foyer of the Church activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).



Joke Corner

Believe it or not but the following actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at a church service!

~ Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

~ Announcement in the church bulletin for a National Prayer and Fasting conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."

~ "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. And don't forget your husbands."

~ The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ He answered, ‘Here I am.’ Then he ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli said, ‘I did not call. Go back and lie down.’ So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ He replied, ‘I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.’ Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, ‘Samuel!

Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

The Response Is:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;

he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ’s body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God.’ Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, ‘What do you want?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi,’ – which means Teacher – ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see’ he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas’ – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

