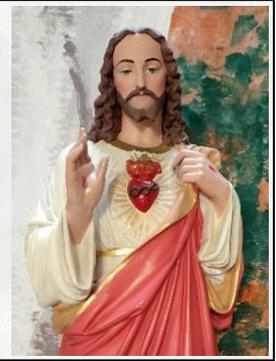




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Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

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Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

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Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Coordinators:

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Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion– (To Be Announced)

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – (To Be Announced)

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:

No more Adoration for 2024. Adoration will recommence in February 2025.



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 6 February in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass. All welcome

Bulletin printed: 27/12/2024

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

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph (Year C) *Sunday 29 December 2024*

“I Must Give Myself to The Affairs of Our Father.”

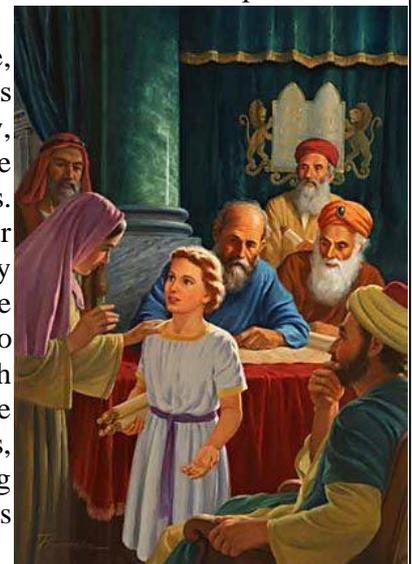
The Saviour has been born to us, has become one of us and shared our life experience.

He grew up in a family; parental authority, love and care shaped His human development. At the age prescribed for Jewish youths, He attended the Passover festival with His parents; a self-reliant lad, He was presumed throughout a whole day to be somewhere else in the caravan returning from Jerusalem.

We speak of family ‘bonds’ and ‘ties’ that will forever endure. But if they are not transformed into adult-to-adult relationships, as we grow, these family ties can inhibit personal development and independence. Luke’s gospel today reminds us that as Jesus’ life choices were made, His relationship with Mary and Joseph transformed. The first reading recounts a story of Samuel, the prophetic leader who anointed David as king. Despite similarities between this story and Luke’s of a family going up to Jerusalem foreshadowing a child’s destiny, there are differences. The first story is an introduction to historical traditions in which Samuel plays a key role. If we recognise the hand of God in Samuel’s young life of service in the temple, it does not come about through his own choice, but through that of his devout mother. Luke’s story is closer to our common human experience. Mary has to come to terms with intimations of a decision that will lead Jesus to leave home to take up the life of a wanderer, carrying out the mission that will shape His life - and will ultimately lead to His death. She begins to feel the ‘sword’ Simeon foretold that would ‘pierce her heart’.

Jesus, as Christmas reminded us, has come into the world to make the Father known. He grew up as a dutiful son of His human parents; but as He ‘grew in wisdom’ - through His contact with the faith traditions of His people - He knew in the mysterious depths of His human experience the call to identify with the great mission that had brought Him into the world: ‘Why are you looking for me?’ He says to Mary, ‘Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s affairs?’ Through this brief narrative, Luke intimates what lies ahead. His gospel narrative moves towards its climax when Jesus makes His way to Jerusalem to meet His fate. Ultimately, it is ‘after three days’ that He is restored to his disciples as their Risen Lord.

As the bonds that unite parent and child mature, they are both blessed. In the background of Luke’s story, we recognise the ongoing fidelity of Mary, as she came to accept and identify with the response of her Son, as the first of all His disciples. The first letter of John chimes in with our reflections upon the shared life of the Holy Family as a model for the Infant Church and for all. In the end, the mission of Jesus was to open the way to our sharing in His risen life, sharing all things with the Father as One family of God, as it were. The choices He made, in the freedom He shares with us, can inspire us to make our life choices, knowing that each of us has a unique place in the Father’s loving plan. John Thornhill SM



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
28-Dec-	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb	
04-Jan-	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy	
11-Jan-	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
29-Dec-	Ophelia Swai Marilène Fortuna	Giovanna D'Intino	Jessy	
05-Jan-	Jessy Thambiraj Jessica Suppiah	Tony Eley	Jessy	
12-Jan-	Ophelia Swai Marilène Fortuna	Jessy Thambiraj	Judeline	

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
29-Dec-	John Gaffney Jenifer Cahapay	Natalie Baran
05-Jan-	Shanthy Antony Snehta Antony	Robert Dullard
12-Jan-	John Gaffney Shanthy Antony	Judith Pimentel

A Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers



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:

We Commemorate:

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



Christmas Day Collection

1st Collection for our Church: \$3,072
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$1,204
Christmas Offering: \$501
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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!



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 ✠

Monday 30 December 6th day within the Octave of Christmas
Tuesday 31 December Saint Silvester I, Pope
Wednesday 1 January Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Thursday 2 January World Day of Prayer for Peace
Sis Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops, Doctors
Friday 3 January The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday 4 January Saturday before the Epiphany



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Throw open the doors of your heart. Everyone knows how to do it. Everyone knows whether their door is closed or half-closed. I wish you a great Jubilee.



We are pleased to share the success of the inaugural Archbishop's Campaign and sincerely thank you for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese raised **\$811,178** including **\$365** contributed by Sacred Heart Parish, Preston.

These funds will support vital mission areas such as the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Thank you for being part of this important campaign and for living out your faith with action.

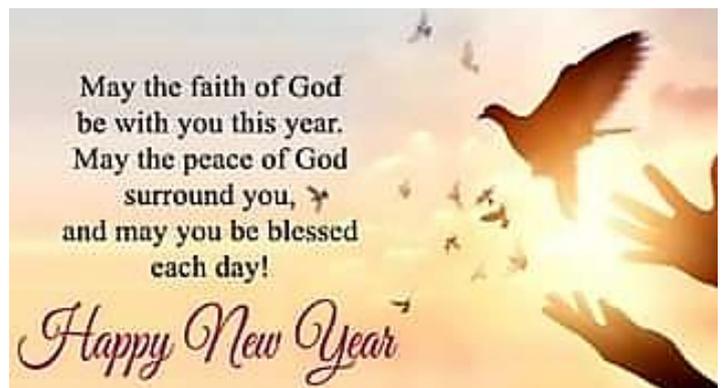


SAFE PARKING PRACTICE AT SACRED HEART PARISH

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.



UNDERSTANDING JUBILEE 2025

The most striking part of the logo is the cross. It bends towards humanity and forms an anchor. It depicts the cross as something to cling to, especially in rough seas. It is a contemporary 'riff' on an old biblical image. The epistle to the Hebrews describes the hope we have in Christ as 'an anchor of the soul, as sure as it is firm' (6:19)

The cross is not a dead symbol from the past. It is a living sign of God's unfathomable love and one that carries us together in the pilgrimage towards heaven.



Sacred Heart Giving Tree

Sincere thanks to all who have supported our parish giving tree. Over the past weeks our St Vincent de Paul Team have, on your behalf been delivering the generous gifts of our parish and school individuals, families, friends and other groups to families who have received them with much joy and gratitude.

All donations received will continue to go towards supporting our local families and neighbours struggling over the holiday period to meet everyday essential and back to school expenses.

Our Giving tree appeal and individually designated donations has raised over \$4,300.

May the peace and love of Christ whose humble birth we celebrate at this time be ever with you and your Families.

Thank you all!

The St Vincent de Paul team.



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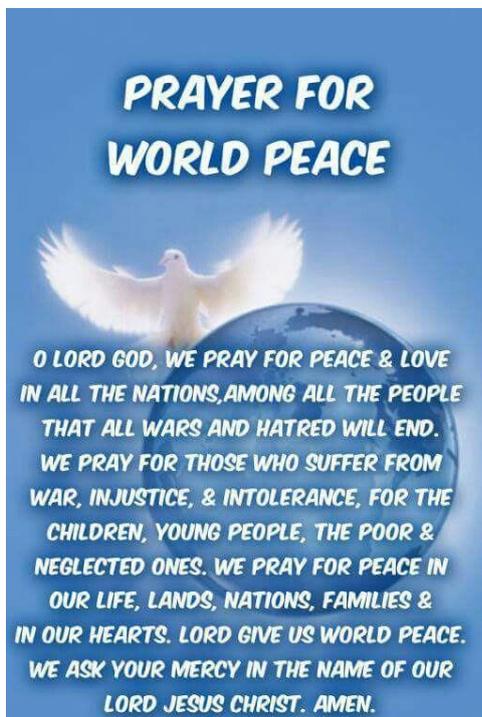
Family is not about power and ownership, it is about relationships. Relationships are built on love and at the heart of Love is God.

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us of this. It is never perfect and it needs to be nurtured every moment of every day.

The Gospel today ends with the understanding that Mary 'pondered all these things in her heart'.

The example of Mary is needed when one moment of family life is a celebration and the next moment is lost in frustrations, disappointment and even sadness."

(From St Vincent de Paul "Spiritual Reflection Guide" December 2024)



Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal

Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties.

There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis.

This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts.

Please **Donate today:**

<http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>



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.



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Children's activity pages

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



😊 Joke Corner 😊

What is a New Year's resolution?

Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up for New Year's. Middle age is when you're forced to.

What's the easiest way to keep your New Year's resolution to read more?

Watch TV with subtitles.

A woman took an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?"

He replied, "Aha, you'll know tonight!" At midnight, her husband handed her a small gift-wrapped present.

Excited, she opened it quickly, but was even more surprised: In it was a book titled The Meaning of Dreams.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant
lying in a manger.

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 1:20-22,24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a
son, and called him Samuel 'since' she
said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband
Elkanah went up again with all his family
to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord
and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however,
did not go up, having said to her husband,
'Not before the child is weaned. Then I
will bring him and present him before the
Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him
up with her together with a three-year-old
bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine,
and she brought him to the temple of the
Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with
them. They slaughtered the bull and the
child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If
you please, my lord. As you live, my
lord, I am the woman who stood here
beside you, praying to the Lord. This is
the child I prayed for, and the Lord
granted me what I asked him. Now I
make him over to the Lord for the whole
of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 83(84):2-3,5-6,9-10

The Response Is:

***How happy they who dwell in your
house, O Lord.***

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

***How happy they who dwell in your
house, O Lord.***

They are happy, who dwell in your
house, for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you,
in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.

***How happy they who dwell in your
house, O Lord.***

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed.

***How happy they who dwell in your
house, O Lord.***

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2,21-24

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.

My dear people, if we cannot be
condemned by our own conscience, we
need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him, we shall
receive, because we keep his
commandments and live the kind of life
that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we
believe in the name of his Son Jesus
Christ and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives
in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit
that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go
to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.
When he was twelve years old, they went
up for the feast as usual. When they were
on their way home after the feast, the boy
Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without
his parents knowing it. They assumed he
was with the caravan, and it was only
after a day's journey that they went to
look for him among their relations and
acquaintances. When they failed to find
him they went back to Jerusalem looking
for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the
Temple, sitting among the doctors,
listening to them, and asking them
questions; and all those who heard him
were astounded at his intelligence and his
replies. They were overcome when they
saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My
child, why have you done this to us? See
how worried your father and I have been,
looking for you.'

'Why were you looking for me?' he
replied. 'Did you not know that I must be
busy with my Father's affairs?' But they
did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came
to Nazareth and lived under their
authority.

His mother stored up all these things in
her heart. And Jesus increased in
wisdom, in stature, and in favour with
God and men.

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.

