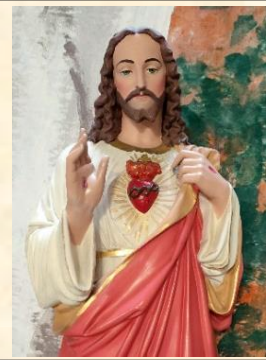




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Safeguarding Committee:

Safeguarding Officer: Robert Dullard

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Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

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Gerard Grant (chairperson), Mark Tierney,

Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Co-ordinators:

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 1 Nov. 2024

Anointing Mass: Sat 17 Aug at 11am

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Please Note: There will be NO Adoration on following Thursdays: 13 June, 20 June, 27 June and 4 July.

Adoration resumes Thursday 11 July.

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 August in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass.

Bulletin printed: 14/6/2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 16 June 2024

“The Kingdom of God is within you!”

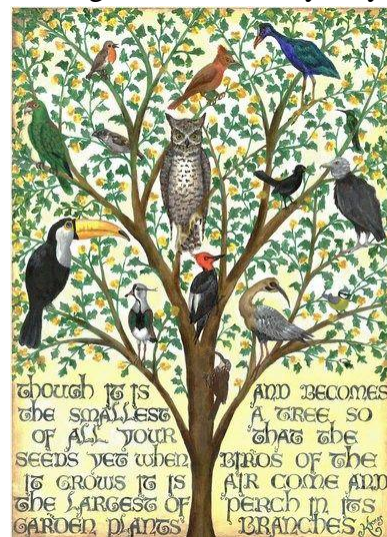
After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to ‘Ordinary Time’ We continue to reflect on the teaching and ministry of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels and how we are to interpret and embrace His mission to spread the gift of God’s love throughout the world.

Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about the planting of seeds. The kingdom of God (or God’s Rule) is like a seed that is sown and left to grow on its own. Once the farmer has sown the seed, the growth begins to take place in God’s good time. When the seed has finally yielded a great harvest, the farmer then goes back to work with his sickle. The parable could have been chosen by Mark to encourage the early Church community not to grow discouraged over apparent lack of growth or opposition to their mission to proclaim God’s presence in the world. The full harvest is up to God. Meanwhile the community of faith must, as Jesus did in them, continue to plant the Word not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and His group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s Rule.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. From tiny and humble beginnings comes the great kingdom of God that will bring protection and nourishment to all people.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. Today’s Gospel highlights that God’s rule is not over us or something that will come in a distant apocalyptic time but is already active among us, even when it does not seem distinguishable from our every day life. In fact it is not. It is about how we are in our relationships with others; how we reach out to those around us; how we live as messengers of God’s all embracing love for all. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and His kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness. All we need is to nourish and live by the faith we have been given and never be discouraged or give up ... as Mother Teresa once said:

**“We cannot do great things,
but small things with great love!”**



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 Lectors	Saturday 6:00pm Mass - Ministers of Communion
15-Jun-	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
22-Jun-	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
29-Jun-	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy

	Sunday 10:30am Mass Lectors	Sunday 10:30am Mass Ministers of Communion	Slide Projectionist
16-Jun	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley	Judeline
23-Jun	Judeline Wadhvani Albert D'Souza	Eileen Stevens	Judeline
30-Jun	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino	Judeline

	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Lectors	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Ministers of Communion
16-Jun-	Jenifer Cahapay	Damian Casamento
23-Jun-	Jenifer Cahapay	Damian Casamento
30-Jun-		Robert Dullard

A Heartfelt
Thanks
To our volunteers!



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

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

Father Brendan Michael Dillon PE – RIP 6/6

We Commemorate:

*John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini,
Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin,
Teresina & Valter De Stefani,
Carlo, Duilio, Livio, Pasqua & Beppi Trentin
and all deceased members of the Ottaviano Bertoncetto & Carlo Trentin families.
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Last Week's Collection: 9.6.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,124
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$772
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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

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 19 June *St Romuald, Abbot*
Friday 21 June *St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*
Saturday 22 June *Saints John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs*



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Making peace requires courage, much more courage than making war. I hope that peace proposals for a ceasefire on all fronts and the release of hostages will be immediately accepted for the sake of Palestinians and Israelis.



✠ 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

Charlie Day,

in preparation for his Baptism on Saturday 22 June.



SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

to be Eucharistic ministers for all weekend Masses

If you are a regular attendee of our weekend Masses, you are most welcome to apply to become a Eucharistic Minister.

Please speak with Fr Aloysius after Mass or phone Tony Eley on 0432 329 830. Minimum requirement is that you have a WWCC linked to the parish and in due course, safeguarding documents are to be signed. Training will be provided.



Fr Aloysius absence

Fr Aloysius will be taking some leave from Tuesday 18 June to Friday 5 July.

During his absence, our priest in residence Fr Trinold will be saying all the weekday Masses.

Fr Elmer Ibarra will be saying all the English weekend Masses during this time.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



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.



REFUGEE JOURNEY FINDING FREEDOM: FAMILY

This year, the Refugee Week theme's focus is on family. For our refugees and asylum seeking brothers and sisters, the bond of family transcends borders, language and culture.

During this Refugee Week, let us celebrate the power of family, unity and solidarity.

Please join us on Friday 21 June 2024



at Preston City Hall 284 Gower St Preston 3072 from 6-9 pm.

This event is organised by the Darebin Interfaith Council in collaboration with Focolare Movement and Victoria Police.

Please register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/refugee-journey-finding-freedom-family-tickets-911632777177>



FAMILIES IN FLIGHT – FINDING FREEDOM

“Refugees are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, with the same hopes and ambitions as us – except that a twist of fate has bound their lives to a global refugee crisis on an unprecedented scale.” – Khaled Hosseini

In the quiet of the morning light, refugees yearn for freedom's flight. Families torn, but hearts so strong, in search of peace, where they belong.

Steps of hope on paths unknown, together, they are not alone.

Through trials deep and nights so cold, in love and strength, their stories told.

Leaving behind a world of strife, dreaming of a better life.

The weight of fear, they cast aside, in freedom's name, they now reside.

Voices soft, but hearts so bold, a tale of courage, gently told.

With every step, with every mile, they find their hope, they find their smile.

Eyes that see beyond the pain, hands that build a life again.

In every moment, in every sigh, they find their freedom, reaching high.

In the quiet of the morning light, refugees embrace a future bright.

With hearts as one, they greet the day, together strong, they find their way.

“Dear Lord, we lift up to You all refugees and their families. Grant them strength and courage as they seek new beginnings.

Shelter them with Your love and peace in times of uncertainty and guide them to places of safety and hope, where they can rebuild their lives and find freedom.

Bless their journey with compassion and support from others and may they always feel Your presence beside them. Amen.”

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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.



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.

Feast of Sacred Heart Celebration

A BIG thank you to the Social Planning Group for all their hard work in organising the 'Feast of Sacred Heart Celebration' last Sunday after Mass.

We also thank all those who volunteered and helped on the day.

A good time was had by all.

We look forward to the next function.



Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass THANK YOU

Fr Aloysius and the Liturgy Committee would like to thank all parishioners who participated in the **Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass** in so many ministries. The Mass was a grand celebration of our diversity as a parish, gathered in worship of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The generosity of time and effort by all participants: SVD fathers who concelebrated the Mass, Altar, Hospitality and Environment, ministers, First Nations rituals, the Tongan community for the procession of the Lectionary, Lectors, and Slide Projection, musicians and singers, bearers of Symbolic Gifts and Offertory Gifts, collectors, and Sacred Heart Primary School. *Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us.*



Join the YCW Veterans Support Group

Any Member of Sacred Heart Parish who are returned Veterans and were members of the Young Christian Workers (YCW) back in the 60's and 70's are invited to join the Veterans Support Group. The group's objective is to help revive the YCW Camp at Phillip Island. The Group is just starting out and they keen to hear from anybody that holidayed at the camp or is interested in helping get it back to it's former glory so that it can be used by Returned Veterans for short stays.

If you are interested, please contact me as per details below.

John F Sheehan,

Secretary Veterans Support Group

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☺ Joke Corner ☺

A television reporter at a local TV station was sent on assignment to interview a ninety-year-old woman who had just been married for the fourth time. The journalist began the interview with questions about her new husband.

“So, what does your new husband do?”

“He's a funeral director?” she replied.

The reporter then asked if she wouldn't mind talking about her previous husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused, then said with a smile that her first husband was a banker. After he died, she wed a circus ringmaster. Widowed again, she married a man who later became a deacon in her parish. Finally, after outliving him, she tied the knot with the funeral director.

The journalist was staggered that she had married men with such diverse careers.

“Not at all,” she told him. “I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go.”



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot

and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

The Response Is:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,

still bearing fruit when they are old,

still full of sap, still green,

to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would

not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

