



# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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## Office Hours:

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## Safeguarding Committee:

### Safeguarding Officers:

Robert Dullard

### Safeguarding Committee: Members:

Mary Harb

Teresa Dang

Pauline O'Day

## Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Ophelia Swai,

Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark

Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran,

Judeline Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

## 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)



**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (English) after the

9:10am Mass

### Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:** By appointment only

## Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, the next one is on

**Monday 4 December** in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass.

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

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 12 November 2023 (Year A) *Do Not Be Afraid I Am With You.*

One saying that recurs time and again in the Scriptures is, “**Do not be Afraid**”. Jesus repeatedly tells His disciples, “Fear not”. This is often accompanied by His insistence that His followers need to be alert and ready for the ‘coming of the Son of man’ which might be unexpected. These two approaches are not contradictory but compliment each other as they did for Jesus who had total trust in God through all events of His mission.

At the end of his gospel expounding the teaching of Jesus, Matthew presents three parables which have to do with the ‘end of time’. We hear each one in turn over these last weeks of the Church’s year, culminating in the parable of the sheep and the goats on the feast of Christ the king. It is this parable that gives us insight into what Jesus meant by reminding us to be alert at all times for His entry into our lives.

Today’s story is the familiar one of ten bridesmaids, five wise and five deemed foolish; foolish because they had not come prepared for the long wait that eventuated before they were to accompany the bridegroom’s ceremonial journey to his bride’s house where her father would officially ‘hand her over’ to the husband. Such was the age old custom in biblical times. Before the groom appears however, five of the bridesmaid’s lamps soon burn out and they have no oil to relight them. Should the wise share their oil and all have a shorter burst of light but risk total burn-out before they are able to complete their task of lighting the way for the groom? Or do they keep their oil so there is some light for the whole journey? Our instinct might be to question how could the wise not share the oil they have prudently bought? But would this have truly been ‘wise?’ Like all parables of Jesus there is always a bit of a twist and an unexpected conclusion. In this case wisdom is about being fully prepared for the unpredictable. It has nothing to do with self-obsession. True wisdom is about being able to discern the broader picture and the deeper impact of actions and judgements upon ourselves in relation to the Other. Biblical wisdom brings the seeker out of him or herself towards truth which can be found in God. The point of the parable for us would be that we must strive to be wise – that is, ready for the sudden and sometimes unforeseen demands of our Christian living. Christ reveals Himself to us in ways and times we do not expect.

Commenting on today’s parable, Sr Patricia Stevenson RSJ concludes: “*The most important point of the story is watchfulness, and that implies wisdom. So where is our focus? On some unknown future? Or are we busy now, doing our best to bring about the partnership of God and our community for the good of all.*”

Earlier in the year, Matthew’s account of the Ascension ends with these reassuring words of Jesus: “Go and make disciples of all the nations.... and know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.” At any time, Christ might come to us in the guise of a homeless person, sitting outside the lotto agency; or in the finally expressed silent pain of a person abused in childhood; in the fearful tears of a lost child, in the repeated story of a bedridden aged relative; through the image of an asylum seeker living in fear of tomorrow. For these and all we encounter may we be lamps of welcome, hope and peace for the fearful, the abandoned and suffering in 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.*

	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
04-Nov-23	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
11-Nov-23	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
18-Nov-23	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy

	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
05-Nov-23	Albert D'Souza Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley
12-Nov-23	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
19-Nov-23	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani	Eileen Stevens

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05-Nov-23	Joanne Verga Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard
12-Nov-23	Michelle Totawatte Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
19-Nov-23	Natalie Baran Joanne Verga	Robert Dullard

### Attention Ministers of Communion and Readers

**NEW ROSTERS** and updated phone lists have been emailed. Please check your junk mail folder if you haven't received yours in your inbox. For those who do not receive an email copy please check the Church foyer for your copy. Thank you all for your faithful service to our Eucharistic Celebrations.



A Heartfelt  
Thanks  
To our volunteers!

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

#### The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Ylenia Useli, *Our parishioners, family members and friends*, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

#### Those who have died recently:

#### We Commemorate:

Antonio Stigliano (1 month)  
Giovanna Sassano (1st Anniv. Wed 15/11 at 7pm)  
Charles Psaila  
*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



#### Last Week's Collection: 5/11/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,007  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$1,155  
Thank you for your kind generosity!



#### Sunday 12 November - Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass

Please join us after the 10:30am Mass on **Sunday 12 November** 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 15 November* Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor  
*Thursday 16 November* Saint Margaret of Scotland  
*Friday 17 November* Saint Gertrude, Virgin  
*Friday 17 November* Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious  
*Saturday 18 November* Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Let's Pray Together for the people suffering due to war. Yes, they're suffering a lot. Children, the sick & elderly are suffering; many young people are dying. Let's not forget Ukraine. Let's think of the people of Palestine & Israel, that the Lord might bring them a just peace.*



### ✠ 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

#### **Aurora Skinner**



in preparation for her Baptism on 18 November.



### 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.

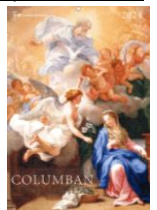


### Piety Shop

**Columban callendars** 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



## Please take the bulletin home



### Proclaim 2023

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and pequipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission!

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232>

use the discount code: **parishmember** to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)



St Luke's Parish, 1A David St, Lalor, invites you to a...

### NIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION WITH RON HUNTLEY

- Intentional Parish Renewal

Please join us in the St Luke's church on

**Wednesday, 15th November**

at 7.00pm for this FREE event

Be inspired by this world-renowned speaker and author on his mission to help create fruitful parishes around the world.

For further information, please contact St Luke's Parish, (03)94652180, [lalor@cam.org.au](mailto:lalor@cam.org.au)



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

*"For those who leave never to return.  
For those who return but are never the same.  
We will remember them."*

On Remembrance Day, we pay tribute to the heroes who gave their all for our freedom and peace. Their sacrifices remind us that strength, courage and unity can overcome any challenge. Their legacy inspires us to build a world where kindness prevails over conflict and understanding triumphs over division.

Let us remember with gratitude and stand together to work toward a future where we are guided by love and harmony. In their memory, we should find a way to live in unity and peace.

*Dear Lord, on Remembrance Day we remember the brave souls who sacrificed their lives in war. Grant them eternal peace and inspire us to work toward a world filled with love and harmony where we all 'Love one another as Jesus loved us'.*

*May their memory be a guiding light for a brighter tomorrow.*

*Amen.*

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### Catholic Deaf Appeal – 11 & 12 November

Collection after all weekend Masses

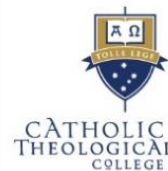
The John Pierce Centre for Deaf Ministry is a not for profit organisation which funds its activities from donations, bequests and some support from the Catholic Church in Victoria. It receives no ongoing Government funding. Its programs and facilities are available to all Deaf people who wish to use them. We need your help to work effectively in extending to Deaf people, and particularly the users of Auslan, the knowledge and skills which empower them to be active participants in the wider culture.

Please give generously.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.



### 2023 Knox Public Lecture

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

Live videostream via Zoom

*"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"*

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ



To book scan the QR code or go to: [trybooking.com/CMYVM](http://trybooking.com/CMYVM)

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## Southern Stars Social Club!

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Over 28's Party Night for Single Catholics aged 28 – 60

Saturday 18 November at 8pm

St Scholastica School Hall

Cnr Burwood Hwy & Stirling St, Burwood

Cost: \$13 includes lucky door prize and supper

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167



### 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

The billionaire owner of a computer software company dies at the ripe old age of 90 and goes to heaven where Saint Peter gives him a nice, modern four-bedroom house with a pretty garden and a tennis court. Pleased with his lot, the man quickly settles into the afterlife. One day he is out walking when he bumps into a man with a white beard wearing a fine tailored suit.

"That's a really nice suit," says the rich man. "Where did you get it?"

"Actually," says the bearded man, "I was given 50 of these, plus two mansions, a yacht, a golf course and four Rolls-Royces."

"Wow, were you a pope or a doctor healing the terminally ill?" asks the rich man.

"No, actually I was the captain of the Titanic."

The rich man is puzzled. He finds Saint Peter and asks, "How come the captain of a sunken ship with all those lives lost gets all that while me, the inventor of a software company that has helped millions of people gets a pokey little house?" he asks. With a wry smile Saint Peter says, "The Titanic only crashed once."

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## 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

*Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,

in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 62(63):2-8**

*The Response Is:*

***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water.

***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night

for you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

*Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

***Alleluia.***

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But

at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,

near restful waters he leads me.

