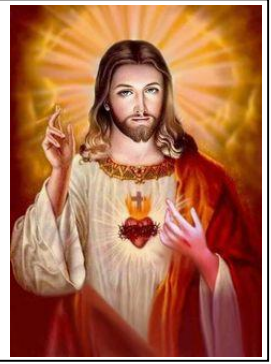




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Parish Mass Schedule

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

Next Healing Mass:

Friday 5 May

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour



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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4th Sunday of Easter 30 April 2023 (Year A)

“I Have come so that they may have life”

On the fourth Sunday of Easter we are presented with an image of Jesus as a Shepherd leader. But it is a pity that this great theme is associated for many people with a sentimental image of the Saviour. The passages of John's Gospel presents a courageous leader and protector who knew, loved and identified with those in his care.

This image of shepherd Leader reaches back into the history of the people of Israel. In contrast to many tyrannical Rulers of the Middle East, God was identified by the prophets as the True Shepherd of His people. The role of 'shepherd' was also associated with the leaders God called forth to guide His people through dramatic times: Abraham – leading a nomadic people with their families and herds to safety from famine; Moses guarding pasturing sheep when called by God to lead the Hebrew people out of slavery; David- from shepherd son to shepherd king uniting tribes in a land of their own.

In Jesus' time the life of a shepherd was by no means idyllic. Shepherding was a lowly state, identified like tax collectors, swine herds and sinners as menial occupations. Shepherds were known to trespass on the property of others in search of food or shelter but have little regard for the safety of the sheep. Tending sheep was done in desert places and hillsides away from regular living areas and at the mercy of the elements, wild beasts and raids by thieves and brigands. When danger was immanent, shepherds might opt for their own safety and bolt, leaving the flock at the mercy of predators.

However a good shepherd knew his sheep, identifying with their vulnerabilities and sharing the dangers they faced. He would never abandon them. When darkness fell he would herd the flock into a semi- enclosed area that had but one entrance – an opening with no gate. He himself became 'the gate', sleeping in the open space so that no sheep could get out and no robber get in except by crossing over his body hence arousing him to protect the flock. A good shepherd put his life on the line to save the flock.

In today's gospel, Jesus makes it clear that in His role as 'shepherd' who enters the sheepfold with proper authorization, He is the Gate to the Father's mercy and care for all people. 'I have come', He says, 'that they may have life and have it to the full'.

Jesus' image of the good shepherd pointed to how leadership was to be exercised in the Christian community. Those who aspired to leadership were to be close to the people, share their lives, understand their hopes, fears and needs; lead with firmness but compassion, removing any threats of danger and drawing them into 'life in Christ Jesus'. On this Vocation Sunday we pray that Young people will be inspired to respond to the call to leadership in our Church and we pray for all who, whether in the home, parish, local community and broader church, have responded to the call and challenge to be shepherds towards others. This call extends beyond the formal leadership of the Church.

May each of us at Sacred Heart, continue to strive to fulfil our commitment to 'embedding a culture of respect, safety and protection -in all its aspects- of all especially children, youth and vulnerable persons in our community. Such is the spirit of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who came that all may have Life and have it to the full'.



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
29-Apr-23	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
06-May-23	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
13-May-23	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Apr-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
07-May-23	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
14-May-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Apr-23	Michelle Totawatte Rachel Vorlander	Damian Casamento
07-May-23	Albert D'Souza Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard
14-May-23	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard

A Heartfelt Thank You
TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!
We couldn't do it without you!

Volunteers
To all our Volunteers
Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

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

Those who have died recently:

Natale D'Aloia (RIP 18/4. Funeral Wed 3/5 at 11am)

We Commemorate:

Alberto Klancic (Memorial Mass Fri 5/5 at 6:30pm)
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: 23/4/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,077
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$607
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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 1 May St Joseph the Worker
Tuesday 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor
Wednesday 3 May Saints Philip and James, Apostles
Friday 5 May Blessed Ignatius Rice
Saturday 6 May St Dominic Savio



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



This year, for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I would ask you, in your reflection and prayer, to take as your guide the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission".."



Happy Earth Day 2023!

This year marks the 53rd anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement, commemorated annually as **Earth Day**. Since 1970, billions of individuals from more than 190 countries worldwide have come together every April 22nd to take action towards a greener, more equitable future for our planet. It's important to remember regardless of where you are or what you do, you have the power to yield real change and be a champion for Earth.

Visit <https://www.earthday.org/how-to-do-earth-day-2023>

for great tips on how to Earth Day.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'"

Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.



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.





"It is love alone that gives worth to all things." Saint Theresa of Avila
Life can get busy and stressful, but it's important to make time for fun and romance in your relationship. These moments of joy and connection can reignite your passion and strengthen your bond.

Think outside the box and try new things together, like taking a cooking or dance class or exploring a new city. Small gestures can also go a long way in keeping the romance alive. Show excitement when you see each other, make time to just talk, hold hands, find ways to make each other laugh and be sure to make spontaneous affection part of your everyday life. Surprise your partner with a thoughtful note or a favourite treat and take the time to truly listen and understand their needs and desires.

Remember, relationships take work and effort, but the rewards are immeasurable. Keep the fun and romance alive and watch your love grow and flourish.


*"Dear God,
bless our moments of fun and romance. Let us cherish and appreciate each other's company and may our love deepen with every passing day. Help us to find joy and laughter in each other's presence and make memories that will last a lifetime. Amen."*

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Good Shepherd Sunday 2023

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal
*Support the training of priests
for tomorrow's Church*



Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians.
<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>



A Vocation View: On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

Are you called to be a Sponsor Couple?

SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage apostolate and is calling for married couples to explore ministering together. Please join us online for a no obligation, "come and see" webinar to learn more.



Choose your webinar date: SMARTLoving
Wednesday May 3 - OR - Tuesday June 6 (2023)
8pm AEST | 7.30pm ACST | 6pm AWST (1 hour)
Find out more and register
at: www.smartloving.org/webinars



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes, open on Monday 6th March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website



<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

Our school was ranked in the top 7% of primary schools across Victoria for NAPLAN in 2022.

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join us on a 13-day spiritual journey focusing on the Life and times of Jesus, "Walking Where Jesus Walked" led by Nativity Tours. This trip includes all the important places from the Old and New Testaments. The package cost is \$6,500 AUD inclusive of Airfare, travel expenses in Israel, Stay in premium hotels and three meals per day. An English speaking professional guide will guide the tour. The tour commences on September 25, 2023. For enquiries or booking, please contact Liza on 0459 726 360 or nativitytoursau@gmail.com



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

A young man and woman got married. At the time of their marriage, the husband noticed his wife carried a decently sized metal box and shoved it up at the top of their closet. Curious as he was, the wife told him to never to look in it no matter what the circumstances. Over the years, he saw that metal box in the closet, but never peered into it for the sake of his wife. One day, though, the wife had a stroke and was rushed to the hospital. As the husband sat grieving at home, he thought of the box, snatched it up, and sped to the hospital where his wife remained with her death coming soon. The husband bolted to her hospital room and pleaded and begged her to allow him to open the box by her side. "Well" she said, "I suppose now would be the right time." The husband unlatched the hook and peered inside. On one side sat two crocheted dolls, and on the other, to his surprise, sat one million dollars! "Honey, before we got married, my mother gave me this box and told me that whenever I got mad at you, I should go to the bedroom and crotch a doll," said the wife. The husband was thrilled and thankful. He absolutely couldn't believe his wife had only been mad at him two times! "That is amazing!" said the husband to his wife. "Honey, I'm grateful beyond belief you've only been mad at me twice, but how on this earth did you manage to get one million dollars?" "Oh, honey" said the wife, "That's the money I got from selling the dolls."

Please take the bulletin home

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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

Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22(23)

The Response Is:

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

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,
to revive my drooping spirit. **Response**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

Response

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **Response**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **Response**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED.

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
The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

