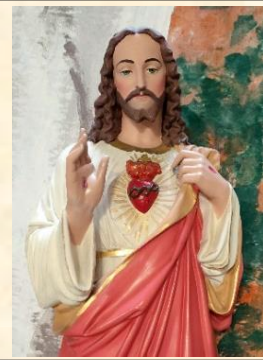




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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School Principal: Mark Tierney

School Phone: 9487 1001

Sacrament Coordinator: TBA

Safeguarding Committee:

Safeguarding Officer: Robert Dullard

Safeguarding Committee: Members:

Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

Parish Council Members:

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 Stanley Charles Louis

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 3 May 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



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 May in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass.

Bulletin printed: 3/5/2024

6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sunday 5 May 2024

“God Is Love” – A Faith to be Lived

Throughout the Bible God’s love for Israel is presented in different ways according to the many different modes of family love, as spouse to spouse or as parent loves child (Hosea) with an everlasting and forgiving love, (Isaiah) such as family love which supports members of family through thick and thin, no matter what cost.

Hillel, a humble and respected Rabbi who lived close to the time of Jesus was once asked by a young Gentile to teach him the whole Torah in the time that he could stand on one leg. Hillel replied: “What you do not like, don’t do to your neighbour! This is the whole law: the rest is commentary.” Another Jewish teacher Philo who lived in Alexandria at the time of Jesus felt the whole law was summed up in the ‘ten commandments’ given by God to Moses and that this in turn could be summed up in love of God and neighbour.

In the First Testament the basic structure is ... ‘Sh’ma Yis’ra’il (Hear O Israel) the Lord your God is One. You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, mind and strength’. The faithful members of the people of Israel recite this daily (Deut 6.5). Nor is it a new commandment to ‘love your neighbour as yourself’ (Lev.19) What is new that Jesus in word and action equated these commandments, putting them on the same level inseparably and unconditionally linked.

The originality of Jesus lay in two things: His deep conviction that His life was ever grounded in God’s unconditional love for Him which empowered Him to be the human expression of God’s love for all without exception- “As the Father has loved me so I have loved you-remain in my love” (John 15) This was at the core of the mind and heart and mission of Jesus. The crucified One with arms out-stretched to embrace humanity was the very expression of this love.

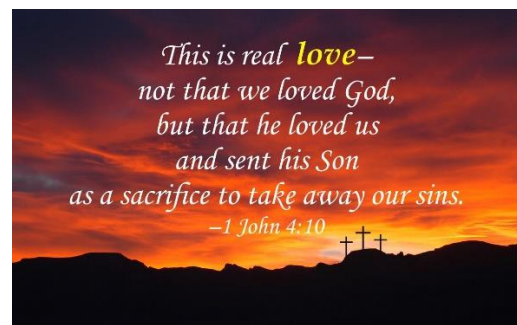
The community we call ‘Church’ exists to carry on and witness to the mind and heart of Jesus in our world. We who are ‘the community of believers’ are to be people who will love as Jesus loved. This would include also the need to be as compassionate as He was, to think broadly as He thought and act generously as He acted. This is the heart of the matter. All the ceremony, all the ritual, organisation that is recognised as church has this one goal: to celebrate and proclaim God’s love for all without exception: as the second reading according to John states: “This is the love I mean: not our love for God but God’s love for us when he sent his son to give his life for us.”

When our love is expressed in unselfish actions, when we advocate for the rights of another, when we alleviate the suffering of a friend or stranger and strive to protect the innocent and vulnerable, when we forgive past wrongs, we, as missionary disciples of Jesus, are ambassadors of God’s love made visible in our world. This is what we hear in the word of God today. Just as the father sent “his only Son so that we could have life through him,” (1John4) so Jesus sends his disciples:

“I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit.”

*This is real love—
not that we loved God,
but that he loved us
and sent his Son
as a sacrifice to take away our sins.*

—1 John 4:10



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
04-May-	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
11-May-	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
18-May-	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy

	Sunday 10:30am Mass Lectors	Sunday 10:30am Mass Ministers of Communion	Slide Projectionist
05-May	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley	Judeline
12-May	Jessy Thambiraj Albert D'Souza	Eileen Stevens	Jessy
19-May	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino	Judeline

	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Lectors	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Ministers of Communion
05-May	Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard
12-May	Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
19-May	Tim Rankin Michelle Totawatte	Damian Casamento



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:

Nino Cappola (RIP 27/4)-Funeral- Mon 6/5 at 11am

We Commemorate:

Nello & Ersilia Regnani, Michela Gandolfo.

-All Sun 5/5 at 9am

Giovanni Pizzato (3rd anniv.) - Sun 5/5 at 9am

Pasquale, Rosaria, Caterina, Giovanni, Butera.

- All Sun 5/5 at 9am

Nicola, Bruno, Nicolazzo, and D'Intino families.

- All Sun 5/5 at 9am

Dawn Singleton, Jade Young, Ashlee Good, Faraz Tahir,

Tikria Darchia, Cheng Yixuan – All Sun 5/5 at 10:30am

Lorna Therese Dullard -1st Anniv. – Sun 5/5 at 6pm

Anna Gallo – 1 month – Sat 11/5 at 6pm

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 28.4.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$830

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$633

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 ✠

Friday 10 May

St John of Avila, Priest, Doctor



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

During this month of May, may we entrust to the Blessed Virgin Mary our personal and family matters, as well as the suffering of those who fall victim to war. Let us Pray Together for the Church, all nations, and for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East..



✠ 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

Gabriel Shinyashiki Sheehan,

in preparation for his Baptism on Saturday 25 May.



Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 9 online sessions.

Engaging Your Faith - Commencing 14 May 2024

Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT

All Weekends of May

During the month of May, the Archdiocese organises this survey during the weekends so as to know how Catholics are faring in their church attendance and to organise better the pastoral needs of the parishes.



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.



Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

Please join Father for breakfast on,

Monday 6 May in the presbytery

after the 9:10am Mass.

All Welcome



World Mission - May Rosary Prayers

Mon-Fri at 2pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280

Password: 876574

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend, 4 & 5 May is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2025 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2025 school year Foundation classes, have opened. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>



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.



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – A CALL TO ACTION

“When women thrive, all of society benefits, and succeeding generations are given a better start in life.” – Kofi Annan



Let us stand together against violence towards women, inspiring change through compassion, courage and solidarity. Each of us has the power to challenge harmful norms, support survivors and foster a culture of respect and equality. By amplifying our voice, advocating for justice, and educating others, we sow seeds of empowerment and hope. Despite the challenges, women everywhere exhibit incredible strength and courage in the face of adversity. Let us uplift their voices, celebrate their achievements and work tirelessly to create a world where their safety and dignity are non-negotiable. Together, we can break the cycle of violence and pave the way for a future where every woman can thrive, unburdened by fear or abuse. With empathy and determination, let us build a society where love, respect and equality are not merely aspirations but everyday realities for everyone.

“Dear God, help us end violence against women. Let love, respect, and equality shine in our world and give us courage to make it happen. Guide us towards a world where all feel cherished, safe, and empowered. Amen.”

No one should put up with any form of abuse, whether it be emotional or physical. Some organisations that can assist people in abusive relationships include:

Full Stop Australia: 1800 385 578

1800 Respect National Helpline: 1800 737 732

DV Connect Women's Line: 1800 811 811

MensLine: 1300 789 978

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SACRED HEART LITURGY COMMITTEE

Sacred Heart Parish values Liturgy as the source and summit of parish life.

Over the 110 years of the existence of our parish, a large number of parishioners have given their time and effort to supporting the various parish priests in ensuring the highest quality of liturgies offered to the parishioners.

Over a period of time, it has become necessary to form a Liturgy Committee in order to formalise the work of all volunteers and to enhance communication between various volunteer groups.

The new Liturgy Committee for Sacred Heart Parish was formed on Tuesday 23 April with the following members:

Parish Priest – **Fr Aloysius Nato**

Chair – **Judeline Wadhvani**

Secretary – **(To Be Announced)**

Co-ordinators:

1. Lectors and Audio Visual – **Jessy Thambiraj**
2. Music – **Carolina Constable**
3. Ministers of Communion – **Tony Eley**
4. Hospitality, Altar & Environment – **Jessica Stanley and Stanley Charles Louis**
5. Safeguarding – **Pauline O'Day**

Sacred Heart Parish wishes all these members a grace-filled time of service to the Mission of the Church and to all parishioners.



ALTAR SERVERS PROGRAM

The Altar Servers Program has been revived at Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you to Mark Tierney Principal Sacred Heart Primary for his support. Teresa Bernardini, Stanley Charles Louis and Ashish Thambiraj, will train and form the first group of altar servers on **Tuesday 14 May from 9.40 am to 10.10 am**. The trained altar servers will be commissioned at the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart Mass at **10.30 am on Sunday 9 June**. This is an important milestone in the ongoing faith formation of these young people and has the support of their parents, the school and the entire parish community.



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.

😊 Joke Corner 😊

A Catholic primary school teacher asked her Grade 2 students why it was necessary to be quiet in church on Sundays?
One little girl piped up, “Because people are sleeping.”

These days, carrying health insurance is like wearing a hospital gown – you only think you're covered.

A suggestion for stressed parents of young children. It may be good to follow both instructions on the headache tablet packet: “Take two tablets” and “Keep away from children”.

Atheists have their own dial-a-prayer service now.
It rings and rings and nobody answers.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, 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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went
out to meet him, knelt at his feet and
prostrated himself. But Peter helped him
up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man
after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I
have now come to realise' he said 'is that
God does not have favourites, but that
anybody of any nationality who fears God
and does what is right is acceptable to him.'
While Peter was still speaking the Holy
Spirit came down on all the listeners.
Jewish believers who had accompanied
Peter were all astonished that the gift of the
Holy Spirit should be poured out on the
pagans too, since they could hear them
speaking strange languages and
proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter
himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the
water of baptism to these people, now they
have received the Holy Spirit just as much
as we have?' He then gave orders for them
to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.
Afterwards they begged him to stay on for
some days.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97(98):1-4

The Response Is:

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his
saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his
saving power.*

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his
saving power.*

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his
saving power.*

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have
known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's
commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may
be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay
down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business; I call you friends,
because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me:
no, I chose you; and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord,

and I will ask the Father and he will send
you another Paraclete,

to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

