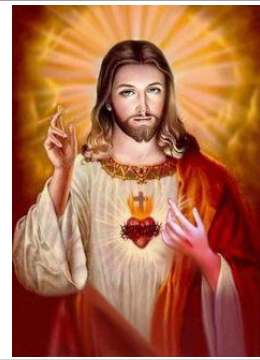




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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

**Please note:** No healing Mass in April.

**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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## 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday 16 April 2023 (Year A)

### “As the Father has sent me, so I’m sending you.”

“Holy Week, culminating in our Easter celebration has once again come and gone. Participating in the liturgy has probably been a deeply moving and inspiring experience for many. But now life goes on as before, in a world that does not seem to have changed. The words of an Easter Preface, “the joy of the resurrection renews the whole world” don’t seem to ring true as we hear of ongoing acts of war, ecological destruction, violence and discrimination still occurring in our time. But -we should not let a mood of despair or helplessness overwhelm us. That is not the way of the Gospel.

Today we hear of two appearances of Jesus following his death and burial. In the first appearance, the risen Lord brings “Shalom” – peace of heart and mind to a group of disciples who had locked themselves away in fear and shame since the horrific death of their leader. What a dramatic life changing situation it must have been when the One they had to abandon at His most vulnerable time, became present to them without a word of reproach. “Shalom” – “Peace be with you” and He breathed into them the Holy Spirit”. Their faith restored, they are animated to accept Jesus’ commissioning to share what they had received with others.

Today’s liturgy celebrates Resurrection faith -derived from a shared experience of God’s merciful and undying love in the midst human tragedy and death.

Resurrection faith awakens a sense of commitment to share the ‘Jesus mission’ to liberate, heal and restore friendship with God, each other and the world at large.

We recall the appearance of Jesus to Thomas. We could drift through these Easter weeks repeating abstractly, “Happy are they who have not seen yet believe’ or we might learn from Thomas traditionally dubbed a doubter, but in essence a forthright and honest person. To be able, recognizing by touching the wounds of his beloved master was all he needed to awaken him to the power of the resurrection to transform human lives by sharing the mission of Jesus.

Our faith is grounded in this witness of the apostles which had its origins in an overwhelming experience: a meeting, against all their expectations, with the final achievement in God’s work of creation, the greatness of the Risen Lord who overcame agonizing persecution, abandonment and death to welcome them back into the Divine Mercy of their ever faithful God. The first reading today presents a snapshot of the early Christian community in Jerusalem. The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, gathering in prayer as a community, breaking bread together as a family in their homes, sharing their peace, material possessions and support according to what each brother, sister or newcomer’s needed: living by corporal and spiritual ‘Works of Mercy’ according to the Mission of Jesus.

Like Thomas, we should wish to see and BE bearers of Jesus’ healing power: identifying and attending to the wounds of our brothers and sisters; undoing oppression of violence and discrimination through peace, compassionate respect and inclusion; bringing back into life in practical ways those alienated by poverty, illness, loneliness, despair and abuse. Thomas’ recognition of his Lord and God in Jesus’ wounds of suffering and death gives us every reason to believe in the impossible and to take up the challenge Jesus sets before us:

**‘As the Father has sent me so I’m sending you!’**



## 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>
15-Apr-23	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
22-Apr-23	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Mary Harb
29-Apr-23	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy

	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
16-Apr-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino
23-Apr-23	Jessy Thambiraj Ivana Lo Bello	Eileen Stevens
30-Apr-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley

	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
16-Apr-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
23-Apr-23	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
30-Apr-23	Michelle Totawatte Rachel Vorlander	Damian Casamento

*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:**

#### **We Commemorate:**

Pina Micheli  
Dino D'Intino  
Maria Elisabetta & Raffaele Ciancio  
Vera Sofra  
*Members of the Monteleone & Maiolo families*  
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.



#### **Last Week's Collection: 9/4/23**

1st Collection for our Church: \$3,525  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$1,653  
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.



### **THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS**



*Brothers and sisters, filled with the joy of the Risen Christ, let us ask the grace of being a Church "moving out", the community of missionary disciples taking initiative and committed to proclaim the Gospel of peace and mercy.*



### **Baptism Congratulations**

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

**Sebastian Condello,**  
for his Baptism  
on 16 April.



"Communication is the lifeline of families, it fosters understanding, strengthens bonds and creates a safe space for love to flourish."

Dear God,

*Help us to understand that communication is not just about talking, but also about actively listening and truly hearing what others have to say. Please give us patience and empathy, even when we disagree or struggle to understand.*

*Lord, help us to communicate with kindness, compassion and respect, even in difficult situations. Please give us the strength to speak up for ourselves and for others and may we be mindful of the impact our words and actions have on others. May our communication be a source of healing, understanding and peace.*

*Finally, we pray that we may communicate with You, God, and deepen our relationship with You through prayer and reflection. Help us to trust in Your guidance and to always seek Your will in our lives.*

Amen



### **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.







## Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
2. **O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!**
3. **Our Father. Hail Mary. The Apostle's Creed**
4. **Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**
5. **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world (Say 10x)**
6. **Repeat "Eternal Father" (4) & "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (5) 4 times.**
7. **Conclude with: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world 3 times.**

-Catholics striving for holiness-



### Divine Mercy Sunday.

In 2016, Pope Francis called us all to an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. It was a Year marked by the issue of a papal document *Misericordiae Vultus*. In this document he stated: "it is my burning desire that the Christian people may reflect on *the corporal and spiritual works of mercy*... Let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these *Corporal works of mercy* to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the *spiritual works of mercy*: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.

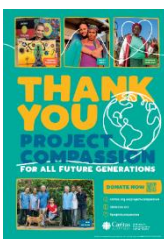
We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as criteria upon which we will be judged. Let us not forget the words of Saint John of the Cross: "As we prepare to leave this life, we will be judged on the basis of love".



### Project Compassion - THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week. **Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



## 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.



### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details.**

**28 – 30 April 2023** in Melbourne

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings:

Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



### 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 judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce. He asked, "What are the grounds for your divorce?" She replied, "About four acres with a little home in the middle of the property."

"No," said the judge. "I mean, what is the foundation of this case?"

"It's made of concrete, brick, and mortar," she responded.

"I mean," he continued, "What are your relations like?"

"I have an aunt and uncle in town, as well as my husband's parents."

He said, "Do you have a grudge?"

"No," she replied. "Since we have a carport, we've never really needed one."

"But has your husband ever beat you?"

"Yes," she responded. "About twice a week he gets up earlier than I do."

Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, "Madame, why do you want a divorce?"

"I've never wanted a divorce," the woman said. "My husband does. He says he can't communicate with me."

**Please take the bulletin home**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24**

**The Response Is:**

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.***

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **Response**

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **Response**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **Response**

## SECOND READING

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is

corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE

*Victimae Paschali Laudes*

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.*

*The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.*

*Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!*

*Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.*

*Tell us, Mary:*

*say what thou didst see upon the way.*

*The tomb the Living did enclose;*

*I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!*

*The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.*

*Christ, my hope, has risen:*

*he goes before you into Galilee.*

*That Christ is truly risen*

*from the dead we know.*

*Victorious king, thy mercy show!*

**Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were

closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

