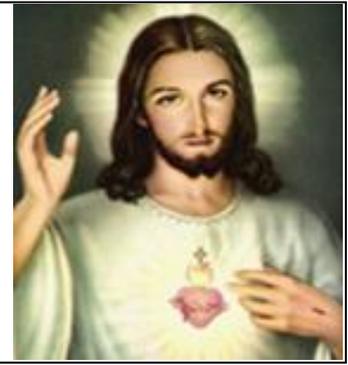




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Parish Mass Schedule

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 Thursday of the month
at 1.30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 2 June

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by
appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

4th Sunday of Easter (year C) Sunday 8 May 2022

Belonging to His Flock

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one of the loveliest images we have found of him. And we owe it to Jesus himself. This is how He described himself and his mission. Jesus is no hireling. The hireling doesn't own the sheep, and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf approaching. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The sheep belong to Him, and He is ready to die for them. He made a wonderful promise to those who belong to Him. Firstly, He promised that none of them would be lost. No one would succeed in snatching from His care the sheep the Father has entrusted to Him. The sheep that belong to Him will be safe with Him. Secondly, He promised to lead them to the pastures of eternal life. The feeling of belonging to Jesus, and of being known and loved by Him, is enormously comforting and reassuring. He will take care of us in life and death. 'I give them eternal life... they will never be lost (eternally).'

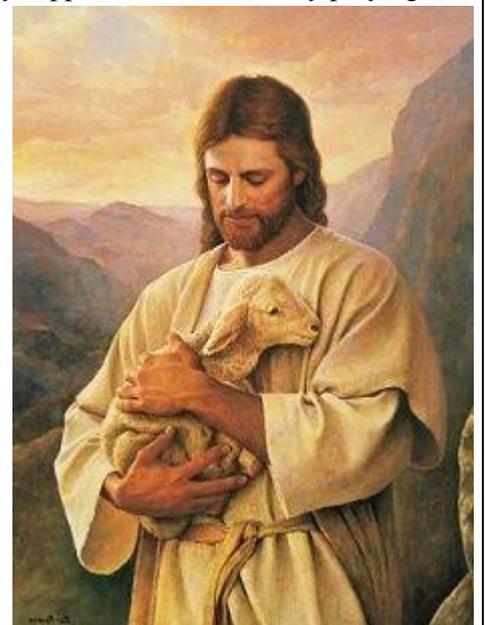
But the relationship has to be a two-way thing. We have to choose to belong. But how can we tell if we truly belong to His flock? What does belonging entail? Essentially three things. The first and basic requirement is to believe in Him. We enter the flock by becoming believers. But belief is only the beginning. The second requirement is to listen to Him: 'My sheep listen to my voice.' To listen to His voice is to heed His teachings. and the third requirement is to follow Him: 'My sheep follow me.' To follow Him is to do His word.

If in the practical living out of our daily lives, we were in no way guided by the teaching of Jesus, how can we claim to belong to him? We should be happy to belong to Jesus. The opposite is more likely to be the case. Trials and sufferings are an opportunity to prove one's faith in, and obedience to, the Lord.

The flock is the image of community. Community is fundamental to Christianity. We can't belong to Jesus without belonging also to His flock. There are those who say: 'Why should I go to church? Why can't I just worship God in my own way? From earliest times, Christians came together in community, to witness to Jesus' resurrection, and to live by His teachings. They supported one another by praying and worshipping together, and a loving service of one another.

The ordinary person, lazy and self-centred, with more doubts than certainties, needs a community to keep him/her on track. For most Catholics, their faith is nourished at a local level. By belonging to a community, they are able to give support to one another. The Sunday observance has a crucial role to play. It is one of the essential elements that hold the Church (community) together. It is in this way that the members stay in contact with one another, and support one another. Without the Sunday observance all the support would evaporate.

Flor McCarthy SDB: New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Year C.



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
30-Apr-22	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
07-May-22	Renato Tonini Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke
14-May-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
01-May-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
08-May-22	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	George McBrien
15-May-22	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Giovanna D' Intino
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
01-May-22	Robert Dullard Volunteer	Margaret Bannan
08-May-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
15-May-22	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin



Cleaning Roster: **Volunteers**

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends
That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently

Lucia Bozzella (funeral Wed 11/5 at 11:30am)

We Commemorate

- Giovanni Pizzato (First death anniversary)
 - Isabella and Tomaso Cardamone
 - Tom Gigliotti
 - Serafina Marcedu and Nicolino Spanu
 - Marianna and Leonardo Bertuci
 - Maria Spanu (Second death anniversary)
- and all the deceased members of the Spanu family*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



Feasts /Memorials of the week:

- Monday 9th May (St Louise de Marillac)
Tuesday 10th May St John of Avila
Thursday 12th May Ss Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras
Friday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday 14th May St Matthias, apostle



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 8 May – Mother's Day



Last Week's Collection: 1/5/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$847
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$540
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Bell Street parking

For safety, it is recommended that you **do not park on Bell Street** at any time due to the fast traffic on that road. It will be safer to park further away on Clifton Grove and walk a little further to the Church. Thank you



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

In this month dedicated to the Virgin Mary, let us learn from her that prayer is the best weapon of Christian life; without persistent prayer, no victory over evil is possible.



Mass to commemorate those who have died during the COVID pandemic

Sunday 22 May 2022, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli
This Mass will be offered for all the departed who could not be mourned properly or whose lives could not be celebrated suitably because of pandemic restrictions.



Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal **Sunday 8 May 2022**

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church
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.

Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.

Donate via our website:

<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!



A reminder to all Sacred Heart Volunteers:

Please remember to check the expiry date of your Working With Children Check (WWCC) which is a necessary requirement for **all** Clergy, employees and Volunteers across the Archdiocese and must be revalidated every 5 years from the date of issue. If your WWCC has expired or is not on parish records as yet, you will receive a respectful reminder to contact WWCC Victoria to renew or apply for a check in order to continue as an active volunteer. Assistance is available from members of the Child Safety Committee (See notice board for contacts) or help sheets are available.

Parish Child Safety Committee



Accommodation Sought

A family (mother and two children) is anxiously seeking accommodation in Preston that is affordable to their circumstances and accessible for the mother's place of work and children's schools. Please contact Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 if you are able to advise or refer us to access a unit appropriate to a small family situation.

With thanks,

St Vincent de Paul Preston Conference



MAY MASS COUNT.

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.



Catholic Theological College

Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

Engaging Your Faith

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session, running 3 to 28 May 2022. Booking, payment & more information:

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



Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and expectant mothers in our Parish!

Wishing you all the love, health and happiness that you truly deserve



A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love

Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm of our fears.

There times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

And so, I thank you mum for all you've done for me
And I truly thank you Lord, even more so, for giving me
The best mother there ever could be!

Amen



LiveLaudatoSi

Answering Pope Francis' urgent call in
Laudato Si. I pledge to:

- Pray for and with creation
- Live more simply
- Advocate to protect our common home.



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The Laudato Si' Movement shares 52 ways of responding to Pope Francis's call to live out our ecological conversion in a proactive way.

3. Become a Laudato Si' Animator

If you are already participating in Laudato Si' Movement and you want to lead your community, join the free six-week class that equips you with the tools you need to help your community bring Laudato Si' to life! [Join today: Become a Laudato Si' Animator](#)

4. Shop at your local market for fresh food

Start your conversion every day, in every food purchase, in every meal you make. If you buy fresh, seasonal food, you can eat healthier and avoid additives and storage in large refrigerators. If you buy local food, you can avoid costly and polluting transportation and packaging, and you will also help support your local community.

5. Save paper

Take care of the forests by recycling as much paper as possible and print only what is necessary.

6. Organize a campaign to clean and take care of public green spaces.

For a more welcoming community, you can do activities with the rest of the neighbourhood in your streets, parks, abandoned lots or riverbanks. You can work to create more car-free parks and pedestrian zones in your community or city. You can create and care for a [Laudato Si' community garden](#).

The Sacred Heart Parish Laudato Si' Circle began last year on the 18th May 2021. We would dearly love more members of the parish to join us so that we have a strong action group.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are now open and officially close on the 20th June. 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.

Joke Corner

A woman had just arrived home from Mass on Mother's Day when she noticed her front door slightly ajar.

She quietly entered her house and walked into the kitchen where she discovered an intruder. Since she had no weapon to scare him off, she raised her hand and shouted "Acts 2:38!"

The burglar froze allowing the woman time to pull out her smart phone and call the police.

The police arrived soon after with the burglar still not moving. He was frozen stiff and white as a ghost.

The two officers asked her, "What did you say to him?"

She said she had just quoted scripture to him, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven."

As the police put the intruder into the back of the divvy van, they asked him why the scripture verse scared him so much?"

"Scripture," exclaimed the burglar, "I thought she said she had an axe and two 38s."

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 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from
Perga till they reached Antioch in
Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on
the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews
and devout converts joined Paul and
Barnabas, and in their talks with them
Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain
faithful to the grace God had given
them.

The next Sabbath almost the whole town
assembled to hear the word of God.
When they saw the crowds, the Jews,
prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies
and contradicted everything Paul said.
Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out
boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of
God to you first, but since you have
rejected it, since you do not think
yourselves worthy of eternal life, we
must turn to the pagans. For this is what
the Lord commanded us to do when he
said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear
this and they thanked the Lord for his
message; all who were destined for
eternal life became believers. Thus the
word of the Lord spread through the
whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the
devout women of the upper classes and
the leading men of the city and
persuaded them to turn against Paul and
Barnabas and expel them from their
territory. So they shook the dust from
their feet in defiance and went off to
Iconium; but the disciples were filled
with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

The Response Is:

***We are his people, the sheep of his
flock.***

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the
earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

***We are his people, the sheep of his
flock.***

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

***We are his people, the sheep of his
flock.***

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

***We are his people, the sheep of his
flock.***

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible
to count, of people from every nation,
race, tribe and language; they were
standing in front of the throne and in
front of the Lamb, dressed in white
robes and holding palms in their hands.
One of the elders said, 'These are the
people who have been through the great
persecution, and because they have
washed their robes white again in the
blood of the Lamb, they now stand in
front of God's throne and serve him day
and night in his sanctuary; and the One
who sits on the throne will spread his
tent over them. They will never hunger
or thirst again; neither the sun nor
scorching wind will ever plague them,
because the Lamb who is at the throne
will be their shepherd and will lead them
to springs of living water; and God will
wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to
my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from
me.

The Father who gave them to me is
greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

