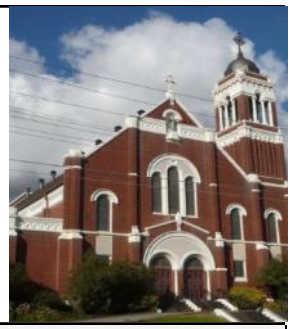


# Sacred Heart Parish Preston

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**  
Pauline O'Day (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 Thursday of  
the month at 1.30pm

**Devotional Practices:**  
**Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament:** Wednesday after  
9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (Eng) &  
Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday  
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

**Reconciliation:**  
Weekdays: 30 minutes before  
Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:**  
By appointment only

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4th - 5th January 2020, Year A

### Arise; shine out, for your light has come...

Today's poem from Isaiah presents the beautiful images that unfold, as dawn bathes the morning sky with light. "Rise in splendor in the light of God's radiance."

The Epiphany brings the fullness of light to the Christmas feast. Yet this light is not from the star followed by the Magi; The Wise ones. These come to recognise the light of God's presence shining out of a frail little human being- Son of Mary/Son of God.

Today's feast proclaims God's love for all *people*. The Church community exists to proclaim this message in word and action to the whole of humanity – not just to a select few.

Hand in hand with this mission, is the message of the goodness of our humanity – as our Hebrew ancestors reminded us in the Creation story; God created the human being in the image and likeness of God's self. And the goodness Christianity was meant to reveal to the world – incarnation - was that the sacred is entwined with our humanness and we are called to be messengers of God's love to the world.

Epiphany, which means a 'manifestation of God's presence,' invites us to welcome Jesus who came to everyone and who, as the gospels recall, was acknowledged at his birth, not by local leaders of religion at the time or those in power by virtue of political appointment or wealth. Rather, Jesus' coming was witnessed by lowly shepherds and strangers from afar who, represented all sincere seekers after truth and harmony among peoples.

This feast invites us to break through narrow attitudes, to recognise goodwill and truth that flows out from others and to take upon ourselves some of the big heartedness of our God, towards those who need us most. The light that we, as Christians display to our world, could well be measured by our openness to share the big – heartedness of God with our brothers and sisters who long for some gestures of welcome, respect and healing to break into the darkness of their world.

The Crib will be taken down in a few days time and the season will be over, but the message will be forever with us in the words of Jesus: 'Make disciples of all nations'. Let us finish with the words of this old poem:

"When the song of the angels is stilled and when the star in the sky is gone,  
When the shepherds are back with the flocks  
and the men from the east have gone home,  
The work of Christmas begins: feed the hungry, enlighten the ignorant,  
rebuild the nations, bring peace among people, make music with the heart."  
(Anon.)



## Roster: Weekend 11th - 12th Jan 2020

|                     | Readers                      | Ministers                         |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat<br>6.00pm       | John Plum<br>Celia Lemos     | B. Fitzgerald<br>Marlene Vergou   |
| Sun (Ita)<br>9.00am | Paiano T.                    | Gugliotti A.<br>Recchia I.        |
| Sun<br>10.30am      | Alan Castles<br>Ophelia Swai | George Mc Brien<br>Tony Eley      |
| Sun<br>6.00pm       | Tim Rankin                   | Margaret Rankin<br>Robert Dullard |



### Cleaning Roster Saturday 11th Jan 2020

Pauline/Dale

### Last Week's Collection: 29/12/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1294.25

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$586.30

Total 2019 Christmas Offerings:  
\$4740.25

*Thank you for your kind generosity!*



**Merry Christmas  
to our Orthodox  
brothers and  
sisters, who  
celebrate the feast  
on January 7th!**

### Welcome!

This weekend through  
Baptism we welcome:  
**Casey Hogan**  
into our Parish family



### **WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick  
**Charmaine Nuqui**

Those recommended to our prayers  
**Jacinta, Mona & Neil Smith**



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

### **First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 71:1-2,7-8,10-13, R. see v.11

R/ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### **Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance,  
that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

### **Gospel Acclamation:** Mt 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia!** We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia!**

### **Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

*We have come from the East to worship the King.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.