



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 Thursday of the month at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 1 September

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays 7:30pm

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English) after the 9:10am Mass

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Sunday 7 August 2022

Do Not Be Afraid,

It Has Pleased the Father to give you the Kingdom!

Today's Gospel follows on from the last week's teaching of Jesus concerning right attitudes to this world's possessions and priorities. "Get yourself treasure that will not fail you." And that treasure – the hospitality and love of God being offered to all has been revealed in the life of Jesus.

The Gospel begins with Jesus words of comfort and assurance. "**Do not be afraid**". His are the words of an older, compassionate brother, one whose heart is wrenched by the thought of the trials his friends may face.

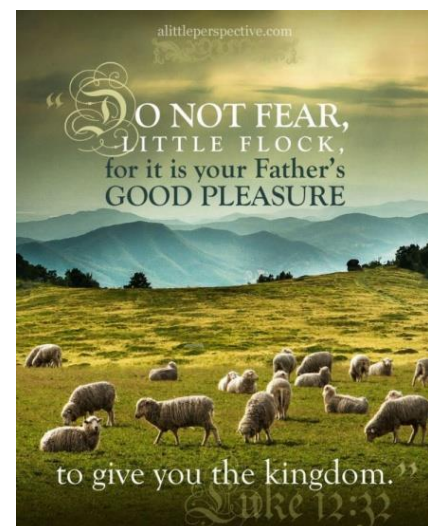
Jesus reminds them that God's gift of the kingdom is already with them now in spite of life's challenges to come. He reminds them not to let worldly preoccupations to distract them. This is not easy when so much of our material survival is ruled by money, taxes, education, travel – not to mention food and clothing. Even worrying about the security of what we do have or the personal security of ourselves and others dear to us can eat away at us. These are all traits of human living. But Jesus reminds us, "Where is your heart?" Is it acquiring more and more - or do our lives and interactions model the Hope in God's promise.

There follows a parable of service. Jesus compares God to a master who is also a servant. Similarly the authority of discipleship must be patterned on God who is not remote and distant but in intimate relationship with humanity - who feels the sufferings and uncertainties of his people and encourages and supports, so that they recognise their dignity and empowerment as children of a loving God.

With God as the model of servant leadership so the church is to model servant leadership to the world and we who are disciples are to be mindful of this whatever our position in the church. As the reading from Wisdom and the letter to the Hebrews affirm, faith in the promise of God incarnate in the person of Jesus compels us to hope. Hope finds expression in love which humbly listens to the concerns, fears, joys of humanity and stands with the injured, the abused, the dis-spirited and the poor.

The Christian way is a way of faith which enables us to go forward as a community that embraces others with respect, hospitality and compassion. This was and is the way of Jesus and therefore surely must be the way of present and future leadership in the Church.

The fact is the Church has a treasure to share with people and when it shares that treasure the response will be enlivening and encouraging



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-Jul-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
06-Aug-22	John Kmaid Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
13-Aug-22	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainty
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
31-Jul-22	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
07-Aug-22	Alisha Verga Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
14-Aug-22	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez	Ivana Lo Bello
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
31-Jul-22	Damian Casamento Marijana Jurjevic	Margaret Bannan
07-Aug-22	Robert Dullard Michelle Totawatte	Damian Casamento
14-Aug-22	Tim Rankin Albert D'Souza	Robert Dullard

Attention Ministers of Communion and Readers

NEW ROSTERS and updated phone lists can be collected from the Church foyer for those who do not receive an email copy.



Cleaning Roster:

To all our 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:

Ronnie Galea (RIP 4/8)

Luigi Alborea (RIP 1/8 Funeral Wed 17/8 at 1:45pm)

We Commemorate:

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

All are welcome to spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.

Stay with Me, remain here with Me... Watch and pray... "



Dates to Remember

Monday 8 August: Masses at 9:10am and 7:30pm
St. Mary of the Cross, Mary McKillop

Monday 15 August: Masses at 9:10am and 7:30pm
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us continue to pray for the suffering and battered Ukrainian people, asking God to free them from the scourge of war. The only reasonable thing to do would be to stop and negotiate. May wisdom inspire concrete steps toward peace.



Baptism Congratulations

The community of Sacred Heart Parish

congratulates
Adeline Prajitno
for her Baptism
on 7 August.



Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the week:

- Monday 8 August* St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), Virgin
- Tuesday 9 August* St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin, Martyr
- Wednesday 10 August* St Laurence, Deacon Martyr
- Thursday 11 August* St Clare of Assisi, Virgin
- Friday 12 August* St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Saturday 13 August* Sts Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priests, Martyrs



The Catholic Landscape

The Catholic Landscape is an ideal introduction to the **Catechism and the Catholic Faith** for RCIA inquirers, as well as a practical refresher for parents, teenagers and young adults.

Renowned theologian and educator Anna Krohn, OAM will present these talks Thursday evenings during August.

August 4th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

August 11th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

August 18th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

August 25th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

Address:

"The Bethany Room"

St Gabriel's Catholic Church

Viola Street, Reservoir 3073

Note: Enter via Spring St carpark

For Enquiries:

St Gabriel's Parish Office

Telephone: 9460 6036

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Last Week's Collection: 24/7/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$908

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$524

Thank you for your kind generosity!



SACRED HEART

Garden Working Bee

Volunteers are invited to a garden working bee to help plant a variety of flowers at the front entrance of our beautiful church. We have roses, grevilleas, correas and many more plants.



The Working Bee will be held on:

Sunday 14 August

1-3pm



Followed by afternoon tea with Fr Albano

BYO: Gardening gloves

Serving at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church.

Our common commitment is drawn from the teaching and mission of Jesus with love and Justice and the dignity and sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

It is the policy of the Archdiocese that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 must maintain current Working with Children Check (WWCC) throughout their involvement in parishes as in other agencies: **all** are to attend a safeguarding essentials module and updates organised by the Parish or Professional Standards online: and **All** are asked to sign a Declaration to abide by the parish Code of Conduct. These requirements of volunteers are just one -but an essential part of our united commitment to creating and maintaining a culturally safe environment for the young and the vulnerable in which they feel safe, heard and respected.



National Vocations Awareness Week 7 - 14 August 2022

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured.

In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – 13 & 14 August

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. **Donations from our parish community help** CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken.

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



CatholicCare VICTORIA



Social Justice Sunday on August 28.

The Church in Australia marks **Social Justice Sunday on 28 August**. In their Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, the Australian bishops speak out about the scourge of domestic and family violence. They call for relationships to be marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. Access the Statement and related resources at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Sacred Heart Community Preston acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrong people of the Kulin Nations, 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.



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



#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.

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INTEGRAL ECOLOGY AND CONVERSION FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COMMON HOME

During the conclusion of the Australian Plenary Council the following motion was affirmed on the 7th July 2022.

7. **THEREFORE**, this Plenary Council:

1. recognises the sacred duty to care for and protect the Earth as a common home for all God's creatures, including the generations to come;
2. encourages all Catholic people, families, parishes, dioceses, eparchies, religious institutes, educational institutions, and other Catholic organisations to accept Pope Francis' invitation to join the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform and either develop *Laudato Si'* Action Plans, as a vehicle for their ecological conversion; and participate in existing *Laudato Si'* Action Plans, as a vehicle for their ecological conversion; and
3. promotes initiatives in Church and society which promote and defend human life from conception to natural death, especially those who are most vulnerable.

52 ways to help the environment (cont'd)

36. What is the Season of Creation?

Have you participated in the [Season of Creation](#)? It is the annual celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Every year, the world's 1.3 billion Catholics join our Christian sisters and brothers in celebrating this special time of the year.

37. Help your institution commit to divestment

Hundreds of Catholic institutions around the world have decided to live out their values and made the prophetic decision to commit to divestment from fossil fuels. Now more than ever, Catholic institutions are called to live out their values and help the world transition to a cleaner and more resilient future.

NOTICE: A Bounty Box has been installed in the foyer of our church. Parishioners are invited to share something from your own gardens if you have any delights to gift. Thank you.



Inner Healing through Meditation on Jesus

August 5 – 7, 2022

At: 22 Woodvale Road, Boroonia, Victoria 3155.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



Joke Corner

A teen wanted to earn herself some extra money over the summer. She decided to hire herself out as a "handy woman" and so started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighbourhood.

She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

"Well I guess I could use somebody to paint the porch" he said "How much will you charge me?"

Delighted, the girl quickly responded "How about \$50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint, brushes and everything she would need were in the garage.

The man's wife on hearing the conversation said to her husband "Does she realise the porch goes ALL the way around the house?"

"That's a bit cynical isn't it?" He responded.

The wife replied, "You're right. I guess I shouldn't underestimate today's youth"

A few hours later the teen came to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already?" The startled husband asked.

"Yes" the teen replied "and I even had paint left over, so I gave it two coats"

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50 and handed it to her along with a \$10 tip.

"Thanks" the teen said, "And, by the way, it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones
for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek
you.

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

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our
ancestors, so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had
put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of
their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took
vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men
offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one
accord:

that the saints would share the same
blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the
hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32(33):1,12,18-20,22

The Response Is:

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to
be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to
be his own.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to
be his own.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to
be his own.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that
we hope for, or prove the existence of the
realities that at present remain unseen. It
was for faith that our ancestors were
commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the
call to set out for a country that was the
inheritance given to him and his
descendants, and that he set out without
knowing where he was going. By faith he
arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised
Land, and lived there as if in a strange
country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were
heirs with him of the same promise. They
lived there in tents while he looked
forward to a city founded, designed and
built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite
of being past the age, was made able to
conceive, because she believed that he
who had made the promise would be
faithful to it. Because of this, there came
from one man, and one who was already
as good as dead himself, more
descendants than could be counted, as
many as the stars of heaven or the grains
of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving
any of the things that had been promised,
but they saw them in the far distance and
welcomed them, recognising that they
were only strangers and nomads on earth.
People who use such terms about
themselves make it quite plain that they
are in search of their real homeland. They
can hardly have meant the country they
came from, since they had the opportunity
to go back to it; but in fact they were
longing for a better homeland, their
heavenly homeland. That is why God is
not ashamed to be called their God, since
he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to
the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to
sacrifice his only son even though the
promises had been made to him and he
had been told: It is through Isaac that your
name will be carried on. He was confident
that God had the power even to raise the

dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he
was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is
coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no
need to be afraid, little flock, for it has
pleased your Father to give you the
kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get
yourselves purses that do not wear out,
treasure that will not fail you, in heaven
where no thief can reach it and no moth
destroy it. For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also. 'See that you
are dressed for action and have your lamps
lit. Be like men waiting for their master to
return from the wedding feast, ready to
open the door as soon as he comes and
knocks. Happy those servants whom the
master finds awake when he comes. I tell
you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit
them down at table and wait on them. It
may be in the second watch he comes, or
in the third, but happy those servants if he
finds them ready. You may be quite sure
of this, that if the householder had known
at what hour the burglar would come, he
would not have let anyone break through
the wall of his house. You too must stand
ready, because the Son of Man is coming
at an hour you do not expect.'

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives
you your fill of finest wheat.

