

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

2nd - 3rd February 2019

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

R/ I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

There are three things that last: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous, love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord

**When I think about God's calling of me to speak the truth in love,
how do I react?**

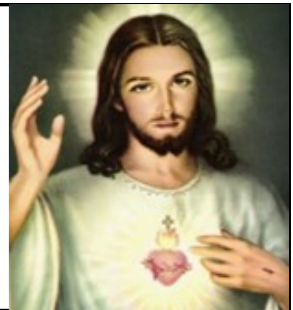


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Prophet to the Nations

What is the first meaning that comes to mind when the word "Prophet" is used? Is it the idea that someone can tell the future? That's one meaning of the word but it's not the only one. And it's not the one that does justice to the prophets of the bible. Prophets were ones who spoke for God. The world of the prophets was one which saw a God ever present, sharing the fate of His people. However different and solitary they appeared they were God's spokespersons calling people and their leaders from self-righteousness and complacency to return by a path of integrity and faithfulness to the spirit of God's covenant of love with his people before all else. Theirs were loud and contrary voices in times of prosperity as well as in times of conflict and change. This was not always an easy task and could, as in the case of Jeremiah be life threatening. They were to question the society in which they lived, reminding the people and their political and religious rulers of God's expectations – not theirs.

Jesus – sent to give witness to the ways of his Father and the Father of all – was the greatest of the prophets. Today's Gospel is a continuation of the passage we heard last Sunday. Jesus, speaking in the local synagogue proclaimed in the words of the Prophet Isaiah His mission – to bring good news to the poor, to release captives and give new sight to those blind to the goodness and mercy of God. Like Jeremiah, Jesus experienced a violent reaction as he challenged his own people to broaden their horizons to recognise that the word of God was spoken universally, not just to one people. His mission would demonstrate that God's love and mercy are to be found wherever there was a need and the faith to receive it and not owned by any one sect or religious caste. God was, in Jesus' message, the Father of all.



The voices of prophets are still heard today urging us to address the failures, flaws and challenges of past and present facing the Church in our time...The meanings of ministry, roles, structures and priorities of governance often describing the Church are being questioned. Vatican II affirmed the church as "the church is the People of God" and at its core founded and grounded in the love of God for all humanity flowing from the heart of Jesus – as St Paul describes it as one body in Christ. St Paul extends his theme of the church as the Body of Christ. He ends with: "There are three things that

last: Faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is Love." As we look towards the Plenary Council 2020 may we pray for the mind and heart of Jesus as we address the question: "What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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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

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday

(English) & 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

Our Church - A Safe Community
A Shared Commitment
Working with Children Checks

Dear Volunteers in our Parish,
 To ensure compliance with the outcome of the Royal Commission, the Archdiocese has undertaken to ensure all staff and volunteers of every parish have required compliance checks in place, namely a Working with Children Card and in some cases a current police check. Accordingly, we are compiling a list of the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them.
 We realise it is a slight inconvenience on occasion, however it is terribly important we all cooperate to ensure we are prepared for a possible audit conducted by Catholic Professional Standards Ltd. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sacred Heart Primary School Enrolments

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Sacred Heart Parish I would like to introduce you to our parish school, Sacred Heart Primary School.
 Our school population is as vibrant and diverse as the suburb it is situated in, and we honour that rich diversity by providing a learning environment that is inclusive, proactive and innovative. Our school mantra "Our students are at the heart of everything we do", is the foundation upon which every decision is made.
 We are now taking enrolments for the 2020 school year. If you would like a tour of the school, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

Dates to Remember

Thursday 7th February: Healing Mass - 1.30pm



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Sienna May Antunovic** into our Parish family



Last Week's Collection: 27/01/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1345.45
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$604.50
 Thank you for your kind generosity!



Welcome Back to School



Welcome back to the New Year to all teachers and staff of Sacred Heart Primary School and Parade College. Most of all, we welcome our students, especially those joining Sacred Heart and Parade College for the first time. We pray for God's blessings upon all of you and wish you a successful year, 2019.

Sacramental Program 2019

First Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on Tuesday 28th May, 2019 at 7.00 pm and First Holy Communion on Sunday 15th September, 2019 at 10.30 am. There will be preparation programs conducted in due time, to be announced later this month. Registration forms for children who attend schools other than Sacred Heart School and want to receive one or both of these sacraments, are available in the foyer of the church. Parents are asked to fill in a form and hand it to Fr. Jan after Sunday Masses.



A Catholic Way of Receiving Holy Communion

The Catholic way of receiving Holy communion is a response to Christ's command at the Last Supper to "take and eat" and to "take and drink" in his memory. Sharing in the Body and the Blood of Christ is a sacramental expression of Communion with Christ, the Catholic Church and the local community. Holy Communion signifies participation in the new covenant established by the shedding of Christ's Blood, and is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in God's Kingdom (cf. GIRM 281).

In addition, it is most desirable that the faithful, just as the Priest himself is bound to do, receive the Body of Christ from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice (cf. GIRM 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated (GIRM 85).

Before receiving Holy Communion, the faithful are invited to bow - perhaps while the person in front is receiving - as a sign of reverence for the Body of Christ. The communicant is then invited to respect the Church's tradition of receiving the consecrated host, in the hand or on the tongue. After consuming the host, the communicant is invited to drink the consecrated wine, when offered, from the chalice in fulfilment of Christ's invitation. The Church's teaching is that the whole Christ is received under the form of either the consecrated bread or the consecrated wine (GIRM 282).

World Youth Day, Panama 2019



The Australian contingent of World Youth Day Panama pilgrims has been urged to follow the example of the Apostles, to not leave the Church because of Judas and to keep their focus on Jesus.
 The hundreds of young Australians have been participating in catechesis sessions along with other English speakers, with similar sessions held in more than two dozen languages. From the Greek word meaning to "echo" or "resound", catechesis is an act of echoing the Church's teachings to the world.
 Each morning of World Youth Day, catechesis sessions, involving reflection, reconciliation and recreation activities, help prepare pilgrims for the meeting with Pope Francis.
 Dallas Bishop Edward Burns, who led one of yesterday's sessions, spoke on the theme "Here I am" to a 2000-strong group of pilgrims from Australia, New Zealand, the United States, England, South Africa and other English-speaking countries. Bishop Burns said: "Don't leave the Church because of Judas. Stay focused on Jesus. That's what the other Apostles did."
 A number of Australian priests, including Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Parramatta Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFM Conv, concelebrated with Bishop Burns, who in his homily said people should "never fail to see Christ in others".
 Josh Low, 28, from the Archdiocese of Perth, is attending his fourth WYD. This year, he's working as one of the estimated 2500 journalists accredited to cover the event. He said: "You can feel that it's a joyous celebration here. As at every World Youth Day, you see young people full of life and eager to learn about the faith, share their experiences and glorify God. There are people walking through the streets chanting and singing and it almost feels life-giving."

Thank you for your presence this weekend at Sacred Heart Preston. You are always welcome here.



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
 Brian Donnellon, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi & Yvonne Tierney



Our loved ones who died recently
 John Bernardini, JJay De Melo, Lorraine Fitzpatrick, Lucy May Hollingworth & Ronald C. Storen

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time
 Giuseppina Cicutto (3rd Anni.) & Maria Reginato

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



Plenary Council 2020: What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?

Have your say by Wednesday 6th March, 2019
 Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

Liturgy Committee

In the near future we will re-establish a Parish Liturgy Committee. Some parishioners have expressed their willingness to serve on this Committee through the Stewardship Program. Others may consider serving our parish on such committee. More about the role and function of this ministry may be found by googling 'Parish Liturgy Committee'.

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 9th February 2019



Shantha/Cory

Thank you for your help!

Roster for weekend of 9th - 10th February 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Marlene Vergou Barbara Fitzgerald	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Mancini L.	Lago O. Mancini M.	Mancini M.
Sun 10.30am	Marilene Fortunata Ivana Lo Bello	Eileen Stevens Teresa Bernardini	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Benedicta Arhatari Damian Casamento	Jessica Suppiah