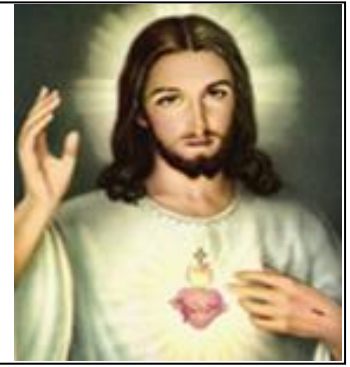




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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## Parish Priest:

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**School Phone:** 9487 1001

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## Child Safety Committee:

### Child Safety Officers:

Robert Dullard: 0433 401 958  
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### Committee Members:

Mary Harb: 0422 891 324  
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## Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Kay Duffy (secretary), Ophelia Swai, Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna and Natalie Baran

## Parish Finance Committee:

Peter Constable (Chair)  
Ph: 0425 779 831

## St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Stephen Costello (President)  
Ph: 0432 405 417

## 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

## 5th Sunday of Easter (year C) Sunday 15 May 2022

### The New Commandment

The Gospel of the fifth Sunday of Easter reminds us of the New Commandment that Jesus gave us the day before he suffered. It brings us back to the scene of the Last Supper, when Jesus was gathered with his closest companions and opened his heart to them. It was the night when his heart overflowed with love as it never had before. It was the night when He revealed the secret identity of every Christian, the distinguishing mark: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples," He said, "if you have love for one another." And not just any kind of love, but Christ-like love: "I give you a new commandment... As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Being a Christian is much more than being a member of a club. Being a Christian means having an urgent, important mission in life. It means being another Christ in the world. Jesus gave his very life in order to fulfill his Father's will and win salvation for sinners. Each one of us is called to reproduce in the unique circumstances of our lives that exact same pattern: dedicating our lives to discovering and fulfilling God's will, and striving to help as many people as possible know, love, and follow Christ.

To love with the Christ-like love, for Christians, is not easy. It is very challenging. It requires courage, commitment and willingness to sacrifice. Not a few Christians fail. Reacting to the failure of Christians to live out Christ-like love Mahatma Gandhi, last century's leader of India's independence movement, who wasn't a Christian himself but did a lot of studies on Christianity, said, "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." Another person who made the similar criticism is G.K. Chesterton, the famous British convert to Catholicism and great apologist for the faith in the early twentieth century. He was responding to critics who claimed that since Christianity had been around for so long, but hadn't solved the world's problems, it must be false. Chesterton retorted: "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."

These two quotations remind us of something we already know: too often, too many Christians are satisfied with a mediocre Christianity. But Christ wants more for us. He wants to release our full potential as human beings. What does that potential consist of? It consists of our capacity to love, to know others as Christ knows them, and to dedicate ourselves to their good. Christ knows that if we follow him down that path, we will be truly happy, and we will make those around us truly happy, here on earth and forever in heaven.

How can that happen? It has to start right here - right in our hearts. Christ has already shown us the way. Christ has promised to give us the grace. But none of that will matter unless each one of us makes a firm decision to have one goal in life: to take up the difficult but sure path of knowing, loving, and following Christ. Only then will we have an answer for critics like Gandhi, because only then will we, Christians, become like Christ. (*Epriest*)

*Love one another as  
I have loved you!*

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 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>
14-May-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
21-May-22	Rohan Lemos John Kmaid	Mary Harb
28-May-22	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainty
	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
15-May-22	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Giovanna D' Intino
22-May-22	Judeline Wadhvani	Eileen Stevens
29-May-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
15-May-22	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin
22-May-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
29-May-22	Margaret Bannan Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard



### 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

#### **We Commemorate:**

Angelo D'Souza

Rae and John Bourke

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



#### **Feasts /Memorials of the week:**

Wednesday 18th May St John I, pope

Friday 20th May St Bernadine of Siena

Saturday 21st May St Christopher Magallanes and companions



### **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.



**Projectionists wanted:** Do you have time to donate your computer skills as a projectionist at our Sunday 6pm Mass If so, please contact: Stephen Costello on 0432 405 417 to discuss.

### 🕯 **Welcome before Baptism** 🕯

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Sacred Heart rejoice that you have chosen to baptize your child and we pray that in the coming years you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God, that is everlasting.



The Parish introduces to the Sacred Heart community **Archie Mancini**, in preparation for his Baptism on 22 May.



### 🕯 **Baptism Congratulations** 🕯

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates **Ivy Richards and Matthew Elezovic** for their Baptisms on 15 May 2022.



### **Last Week's Collection: 8/5/22**

1st Collection for our Church: \$920

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$554

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.



### **A reminder to all current 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



### **May 15 is International Day of Families**

Sunday May 15 is the United Nation's International Day of Families. This year's theme is Families and Urbanisation for All. The theme focuses on how sustainable urbanization should empower families and help them live a better life. Families are the most important building block of communities, societies and nations. And just as in a family building a loving and safe environment is a vital commitment of all members, so too is building a safe, inclusive and welcoming faith community is its extension and everyone's shared responsibility.

### **A Blessing for Families**

Heavenly Father, please bless our families with Your everlasting love. Give our families strength to overcome hardship and difficulties. Give our families courage to admit our faults and forgive others. Give our families joy to live life to the full and spread our joy to others. Give each of us the strength and vision to look out for and protect the young, the vulnerable the elderly and the lonely. May all families find comfort, support and guidance under Your loving care. Amen.

## 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/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)



### Mary MacKillop Australian Pilgrimage

18 October to 29 October 2022

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For further information pick up a flyer from the foyer or to make an application, please contact the Australian Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator at:

[national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or 89124818.



### Fertility Awareness – a Holistic Medical Approach live webinar

Join us for an engaging live conversation with Lynne Anderson, CEO of Billings Life™ Australia, and Dr Mary Walsh, General Practitioner and Chair of AIRRM (Australasian Institute for Restorative and Reproductive Medicine), at 7:30pm (AEST) on Thursday, 19th May 2022.

The conversation will include how the Billings Ovulation Method® and a medical approach to fertility can complement one another to restore a woman's health and fertility.

Places are limited for this free webinar, so please register early to secure your spot.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fertility-awareness-a-holistic-medical-approach-live-webinar-tickets-336841932287>



### Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are now open and officially close on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SACRED HEART LAUDATO SI' CIRCLE

### FIRST BIRTHDAY

Backrow  
Natalie Baran  
Stephen Costello  
Father Aloysius  
Front Row  
Pauline O'Day  
Margaret Bannan  
Pauline Anisasio.Veamatahau  
ABSENT: Kaye Dufty



### LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME BREAKING NEWS!

On the 24<sup>th</sup> May we celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis's Encyclical Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home.

Next weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> May the Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle invites all parishioners to participate in a community action to mark this special occasion.

The Laudato Si' Circle will plant two trees in the Memorial Garden at the side of the Church. We will have bulbs for parishioners to plant around the trees and native seedling tubes for you to take home to plant in your own garden to remind you that you are part of Pope Francis's work to care for God's creation.

**Father Aloysius will bless the bulbs and seedling tubes at the 10.30 Mass and planting will commence after Mass around 11.30. We hope that many parish community members will join us for this special occasion.**

Father Aloysius will invite you to this special planting at Mass and a member of the Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle will give a brief address to the community about the hopes and goals of the Laudato Si' Movement and invite you to participate in caring for God's Earth.

As one voice we pray,  
*God, Lord of all creation, light, life and lover of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what you love infinitely and everywhere. Amen*



### Joke Corner

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made and the floor was spotless. Then he saw an envelope on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad." With trembling hands the father opened the envelope and slowly read the letter. "Dear Dad. It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing to you. I've eloped with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you. I love my family but I've fallen in love with a girl called Monica. She is so nice but I knew you would not approve of her because of her body piercings, the many tattoos, motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am. But it's not only about the passion, dad. We're expecting a baby in the summer. Monica believes we will be very happy together. She owns a caravan in the bush and has plenty of firewood for the approaching winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Don't worry, dad. I know I'm only 15 but I can take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll come back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Much love, your son Josh."

The father went white then saw the P.S. at the bottom of the letter.

"Dad, none of the above is true. I'm actually over at Pete's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table.

Call me when it's safe to come home."

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, 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 14:21-27*

Paul and Barnabas went back through  
Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They  
put fresh heart into the disciples,  
encouraging them to persevere in the  
faith. 'We all have to experience many  
hardships' they said 'before we enter the  
kingdom of God.' In each of these  
churches they appointed elders, and with  
prayer and fasting they commended  
them to the Lord in whom they had  
come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached  
Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the  
word at Perga they went down to Attalia  
and from there sailed for Antioch, where  
they had originally been commended to  
the grace of God for the work they had  
now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the  
church and gave an account of all that  
God had done with them, and how he  
had opened the door of faith to the  
pagans.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 144(145):8-13a**

*The Response Is:*

***I will praise your name for ever, my  
king and my God.***

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

***I will praise your name for ever, my  
king and my God.***

All your creatures shall thank you, O  
Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your  
reign

and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty  
deeds

and the glorious splendour of your reign.

***I will praise your name for ever, my  
king and my God.***

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age.

***I will praise your name for ever, my  
king and my God.***

## SECOND READING

*Apocalypse 21:1-5*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new  
earth; the first heaven and the first earth  
had disappeared now, and there was no  
longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and  
the new Jerusalem, coming down from  
God out of heaven, as beautiful as a  
bride all dressed for her husband. Then I  
heard a loud voice call from the throne,  
'You see this city? Here God lives  
among men. He will make his home  
among them; they shall be his people,  
and he will be their God; his name is  
God-with-them. He will wipe away all  
tears from their eyes; there will be no  
more death, and no more mourning or  
sadness. The world of the past has  
gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne  
spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of  
creation new.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel  
Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

*John 13:31-33,34-35*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:  
'Now has the Son of Man been  
glorified,

and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,

and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;  
just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my  
disciples.'

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

I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

