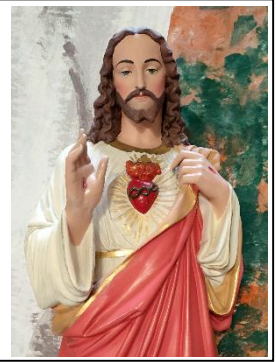




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Peter Constable (Chair)

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Stephen Costello (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 Friday of February, May,

August & November at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass: Friday 2 February 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)

NO adoration on Thursday 23 & 30

November

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English) after the

9:10am Mass

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on

Monday 4 December in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass.

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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 19 November 2023 (Year A) World Day of the Poor

Talents – Use Them or Lose Them!

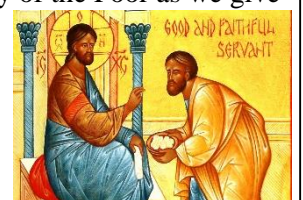
How often do we hear phrases like, “I am a good person. I do no-one any harm.” Unfortunately, in a practical sense this could imply “Good is stored in me. I don’t need to share it around.” The Gospels over the past weeks have shown us that this was the thinking of some devout people of His time that Jesus’ life and teaching challenged. It can represent a negative response to our calling- and the mission of the church-which in the parable of today’s gospel is likened to an adventure or making a commitment that involves taking risks for the sake of making the Kingdom of God present in our world – now. This week’s Gospel speaks of how Jesus’ disciples are to conduct themselves as they “await” the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week’s Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

In the Parable of the Talents a man, about to go away on a long journey entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* - in this parable - is a coin of great value. Upon the master’s return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their original investment entrusted to them, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return. Read in light of last week’s parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God’s judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, we have failed to understand what God asks of us. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds then that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God’s grace allows us to share in the work of spreading the Kingdom in everyday life (as Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you”).

At the end of the Year of Mercy Pope Francis announced that each year this Sunday would be universally observed as “World Day of the Poor” when we would confirm our solidarity with the poor of our world and respond to the Father’s call to ‘Love not in word but in deed’. “This would be the worthiest way,” he said, “to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King, who, throughout his life’s Mission identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy”.

In all times, we are called through Jesus to be witnesses in heart, word and deed to God’s merciful love for all of creation. On this 7th World Day of the Poor as we give thanks for those who dedicate their lives and those who support them to bring relief to our brothers and sisters suffering various forms of poverty, isolation and exile, let us pray that the Spirit of God will become active and real through each of us.



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
18-Nov-23	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy
25-Nov-23	Mary Harb Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
02-Dec-23	Celia Lemos Teresa Dang	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
19-Nov-23	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani	Eileen Stevens
26-Nov-23	Albert D'Souza Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
03-Dec-23	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
19-Nov-23	Natalie Baran Joanne Verga	Robert Dullard
26-Nov-23	Tim Rankin Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard
03-Dec-23	Joanne Verga Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard

*A Heartfelt Thank You
TO ALL OF OUR
AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!
We couldn't do it without you!*

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Ylenia Useli, *Our parishioners, family members and friends*, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Angel Castro (RIP 15/11. Funeral Fri 24/11 at 11am)

We Commemorate:

John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini, Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin, Teresina & Valter De Stefani, Carlo, Duilio, Livio, Pasqua & Beppi Trentin and all deceased members of the Ottaviano Bertoncetto & Carlo Trentin families.

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



Last Week's Collection: 12/11/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,074
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$690
Catholic Deaf Appeal: \$218
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please Note:

There will be NO adoration on Thursday 23 & 30 November.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Sacred Heart Community Preston acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, 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.



✠ Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week ✠

Tuesday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 22 November St Cecilia, Virgin Martyr
Thursday 23 November St Clement I, Pope, Martyr
St Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary
Friday 24 November St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions, Martyrs
Saturday 25 November St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us Pray Together for Peace, especially for martyred Ukraine and for the Holy Land, in Palestine and Israel. May we not forget Sudan, which suffers greatly. We should take a moment each day to pray for peace. We desire peace!



Wedding Congratulations



We congratulate

Emma & Jonathan

for their Wedding

celebrated here at Sacred Heart Church
on Saturday 18 November



May God grant a happy and prosperous life to you both as you embark on your journey together as husband and wife.



Baptism Congratulations

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Aurora Skinner & Beau Ryan

for their Baptisms on 18 & 19 November.



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

*Zara Galaso, Leon Mammoliti,
Henri Tanazas & Leonardo Zito*

in preparation for their Baptisms next weekend.



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support our parish and priest, you can make a donation by scanning this QR code which is unique to Sacred Heart Church, Preston.

It will give you direct access to the CDF pay webpage by following a few easy steps. The QR code is also displayed in the Church foyer.

Kindly consider donating to both the Church and Presbytery accounts.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support to Sacred Heart parish.



Please take the bulletin home



Message from Sacred Heart St Vincent de Paul Conference

On this World Day of the Poor, thank you to all in our Parish and Sacred Heart School family for your generous support and trust in our team to bring relief and support - on your behalf- to persons and families struggling to meet their basic needs from week to week. Whether you have placed coins or notes in the church donation boxes, donated items to our local Vinnies shop to be resold or delivered to another person in need, contribute to our local projects like, supporting our annual Parish Christmas Giving Tree appeal, your kindness has helped to make a significant difference in many lives and helped us in Jesus' name to proclaim the Good News and respect for God's poor in simple but practical ways.



Ordinations to the Priesthood, St Patrick's Cathedral

On Saturday 25 November, three deacons will be ordained to the priesthood: Rev Tien Van Tran, Rev Doan Ngoc (Peter) Nguyen and Rev Thomas William Christie. Jean-Sébastien Géry will be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Please pray for them as they embark on their priestly ministry in the service of God's people in the Archdiocese.

Saturday 25 November 2023
10.00am-11.30am



VENUE: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne



Summer Feast 2023

Come and join the young people of Melbourne as Archbishop Peter Comensoli leads this special Six30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral, to be followed by a summer barbecue, live music and fiesta to celebrate the year's end.

Thursday 30 November 2023
6.30pm-9.00pm

VENUE: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne



Holding the Light: an ecumenical service

The Holding the Light ecumenical service remembers victims and survivors of domestic and family violence, and will this year be held at Wesley Uniting Church, (Lonsdale Street) with special guest speaker Sr Nicole Rotamu RSM.

Thursday 30 November 2023
5.00pm-6.00pm

VENUE: Wesley Uniting Church,
136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne



CHILDREN ARE A PRECIOUS GIFT

"Children seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said." – Anon

Children are precious, a gift from God!

The joy children bring to us is real and unfiltered, they are so full of energy, always surprising and real. In their simple way children show us what matters in their laughter, curiosity and wonder of all things great and small. Each child is a reminder that life's best moments are the uncomplicated ones.

They might not know it, but they are the real superheroes, teaching us to keep things simple, love unconditionally and find joy in every day.

Dear God, bless the precious gift of children. May they find joy in each day, grow with love in their hearts and discover the beauty in simple moments. Grant them strength to face challenges and guidance to make a positive impact on the world. Amen.

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Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing.

Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have said:

'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'

Please join us:

Monday 27 November
4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT

Everyone is welcome.

Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zq

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



Piety Shop

Columban callendars are now available in the Piety shop - \$10

The piety shop stocks small gifts and cards for **all Sacraments** as well as various religious items at reasonable prices. Please take the time to have a look after any of the weekend Masses.

Thank you.



Christmas Craft Competition

Our 2023 Christmas Craft competition is now on and will culminate in a judging and award ceremony at the December Cuppa – 10th December 2023 after 10:30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Primary School Multi-purpose room.

To register please write your name on the entry sheet at the foyer and indicate which category you will compete for.

There are 3 categories to compete for:

- Christmas Card
- Christmas Star
- The Crib in the Nativity Scene

Crafts will be judged on:

- Presentation
- Creativity
- Uniqueness
- Originality



Let us have fun together preparing for Christmas!



Children's activity pages

Please find in the foyer of the Church activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



Joke Corner

An elderly couple is having an elegant dinner at a ritzy restaurant to celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary.

The man leans forward and says softly to his wife, "Dear, I love you but there is something I must ask. It has always bothered me that our eighth child never quite looked like the rest of our children. Now I want to assure you that these 75 years have been the most wonderful experience I could have ever hoped for, and your answer cannot take that all that away. But I must know, did he have a different father?"

The wife drops her head, unable to look her husband in the eye. She paused for a moment and then confessed, "Yes. Yes he did."

The husband is very shaken, the reality of what his wife was admitting hit him harder than he had expected. With a tear in his eye, he asks, "Who? Who was he? Who was the father?"

Again the old woman drops her head, saying nothing at first as she tried to muster the courage to tell her husband the truth.

Then, she finally says, "You."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127(128):1-5

The Response Is:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not

made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was

buried, and rose again on the third day in

accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the

giver of life, who proceeds from the

Father and the Son, who with the Father

and the Son is adored and glorified, who

has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and

apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness

of sins and I look forward to the

resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,

to place my hope in God the Lord.

