

# 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

### Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament:** Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (English)

### Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:**

By appointment only

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9th - 10th January 2021, Year B

### The Baptism of Jesus and Yours

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which reminds us of our own baptism. Why did Jesus ask John for baptism? Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins and Jesus did not need forgiveness. No wonder that in Matthew's account, John objects to giving Jesus baptism, "I need to be baptised by you, and yet you are coming to me?" (Matt 3:14) But Jesus insisted on being baptised showing us his humility. All of Jesus' followers would be baptised, and so Jesus too wanted to be baptised to show his unity with all of us. A new family was formed at Pentecost, the Church, and baptism was the means of entering the Church.

What difference does baptism make to us? When Jesus was baptised the Father spoke and said, "You are my Son, the beloved; my favor rests on you." (Mark 1:11) When we are baptised the Father says over each of us, "You are my son/daughter, my beloved; my favour rests on you." Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit when he was baptised in the Jordan and we are anointed with the oil of chrism during our baptism and like Jesus we receive the Holy Spirit also. These are some of the instructions for the newly baptised in Jerusalem in the early Church.



"Now that you have been baptised into Christ and have put on Christ, you have become conformed to the Son of God...since you share in Christ, it is right to call you 'Christs' or anointed ones...You have become 'Christs' by receiving the sign of Holy Spirit...When you emerged from the pool of sacred waters you were anointed in a manner corresponding to Christ's anointing. That anointing is the Holy Spirit...Christ was anointed with...the Holy Spirit...and you have been anointed with chrism because you have become fellows and sharers of Christ...But be sure not to regard the chrism merely as ointment... When the Holy Spirit has been invoked on the holy chrism it is no longer mere or ordinary ointment; it is the gift of Christ...It is applied to your forehead and organs of sense with a symbolic meaning; the body is anointed with visible ointment, and the soul is sanctified by the holy, hidden Spirit." (Office of Readings for Friday of the Easter Octave).


These words remind the newly baptised that they share deeply in the grace of Jesus. Vatican II in the 1960's has once again reminded all the faithful that they share in the priesthood of Christ. During baptism when the child is anointed with the oil of chrism, part of the prayer for the anointing is, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." Because of our baptism, we are all united in Jesus. That is why Paul in his letters makes statements like, "there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, you are all one in Christ." (Gal 3:28)

So what is your vocation since baptism? Your vocation is to witness Jesus to the world. I conclude with some of the instruction to the newly baptised at Jerusalem. "It is right to call you 'Christs' or anointed ones...You have become 'Christs' by receiving the sign of Holy Spirit...When you emerged from the pool of sacred waters you were anointed in a manner corresponding to Christ's anointing."

Fr Tommy Lane

[https://www.frtommylane.com/homilies/years\\_abc/baptism\\_of\\_our\\_lord-2.htm](https://www.frtommylane.com/homilies/years_abc/baptism_of_our_lord-2.htm)

<b>Roster: Weekend 16th - 17th Jan 2021</b>	
	<b>Readers</b>
Sat 6.00pm	Mary Harb and Renato Tonini
Sun 10.30am	Ivana Lo Bello & Sonia Bading
Sun 6.00pm	Robert Dullard & Jessica Suppiah

	<b><u>Cleaning Roster Sat 16th Jan 2021</u></b> Lucy and Volunteer
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**Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist**  
A roster for liturgical ministers and readers for the next three months is being prepared. Experienced people required please!  
Please contact Cristina at the presbytery on 9480 3398 or email [sacredheart3072@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheart3072@gmail.com), if you are happy to continue, need to advise of any changes to your availability or are interested to help. Thank you

**Welcome!**  
This weekend through Baptism we welcome:  
**Milena Georgia Pereyra-Cosma**  
into our Parish family




**Free Furniture!**  
A number of items of furniture are available, free to a good home! They are currently in storage and included are a:


- Dressing Table with matching side tables
- Grey Sofa Bed
- Crystal Cabinet
- Kitchen Table (6 seater)

If anyone is interested in any of these pieces, please contact Kathy on 0447759741 before Thursday 14th January, 2021.

**Last Week's Collection: 03/01/2021**  
Christmas Offerings: \$8.00  
Sunday 1st Collection: \$1725.00  
Sunday 2nd Collection: \$1119.00  
*Thank you for your kind generosity!*



**WE PRAY FOR:**  
The elderly and the sick  
**Anthony, Peter Bourke, John Plum Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph, Ray Mc Veigh and Bronislawa Slobodzian**  
Those who have died recently  
**Dhea Abenir**  
We Commemorate  
**Clorinda Bozzo (1 month Anniversary)**  
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.



## **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** **9th - 10th January 2021, Year B**

**First Reading:** Isa 55:1-11

*Come to the waters; listen to my words and you shall have life*  
Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord our God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Isa 12:2-6. R. v.6

**R/** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:1-9

*The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness*  
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; that is what loving God is-keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth-so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn1:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!** John saw Jesus approaching him, and said; This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. **Alleluia**

**Gospel:** Mark 1:7-11

*You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*  
In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit. It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord