



Sacred Heart Parish Preston



322 Bell St, Preston 3072
Phone (03) 9480 3398 or (03) 9484 2124
Email: preston@cam.org.au
Website: www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

Office Hours:

Mon, Thurs & Fri: 10am -3pm

Parish Priest

Fr Aloysius Nato, SVD

Italian Community Chaplain:

Fr Albano Da Costa, SVD
0478 963 248

Parish Office: Rachel Costa

School Principal: Mark Tierney

School Phone: 9487 1001

Sacrament Coordinator: TBA

Safeguarding Committee:

Safeguarding Officers:

Robert Dullard

Safeguarding Committee: Members:

Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Ophelia Swai,
Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark
Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran,
Judeline Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

Parish Finance Committee:

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 3 May 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.
(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



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

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

4th Monday of the month, the next one is on
Monday 8 April (2nd Monday) in the
presbytery after 9:10am Mass.

Bulletin printed: 28/3/2024

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

Easter Vigil

Saturday 30 March 2024 (Year B)

Easter Message from Fr Aloysius

Dear friends,

On behalf of our parish community I wish you all a very Happy Easter. I hope you have a good celebration with your loved ones.

Let me take this opportunity to extend our warm welcome to visitors who joined us in our celebration. May peace, brought by the risen Christ, fill your lives and families.

I also wish to thank those who in one way or another, have contributed to the success of our Lenten season and Easter celebrations. Our special thanks goes to the Liturgy group, choirs, lectors, Communion ministers, Church decorators and church cleaners. I include the transcript of Archbishop Peter Comensoli's 2024 Easter message for your further reflection during this Easter season. Please spend some time to ponder its message. May God bless you all.

Fr Aloysius Nato, SVD

Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2024:

'The Dawning Light of the Resurrection'

Friends, I sometimes reflect on the disciples of Jesus in what they had experienced between the time of Jesus' death and resurrection.

It would have been darkness for them; a questioning of everything they had come to know and had hoped for. Confused and in grief, utterly shaken and probably quite fearful for their lives. We know they were at the threshold between death and life. But God did not want them to drift into oblivion; lost and forsaken.

God instead shook them into a new creation that would change them and everything for all time. With the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples were rocked out of complacency.

Because, at Easter, life had found a way.

The disciples were overjoyed, to be true, but it went far more than that. Nothing would ever be the same after the dawning light of the resurrection in their lives.

Theirs was the experience of death defeated, filling them with boldness and conviction to go out.

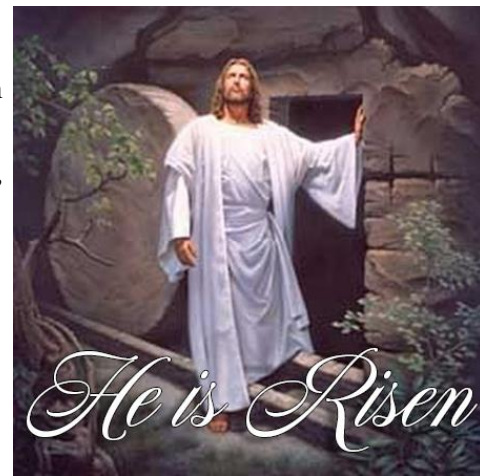
And so it should be with us.

Easter is not a day in the calendar to wait for and then let slip by. Easter is an invitation to us into the story of Jesus' resurrection – into the story of the disciples – the move from our darkness, into a new light.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us the means to transform our lives into something much better. When we embrace Jesus' resurrection we truly can begin living—what a beautiful thought—we break free of all those things that bind us, that keep us in death. For Jesus' victory over death becomes our victory for life.

Easter is meant to rock us and shake us, so as to empower us.

May it be so for you this 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.

	Saturday 6:00pm Mass Lectors(Readers)	Saturday 6:00pm Mass - Ministers of Communion
23-Mar-24	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
30-Mar-24	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
06-Apr-24	Rohan Lemos Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainty

	Sunday 10:30am Mass Lectors(Readers)	Sunday 10:30am Mass Ministers of Communion
24-Mar-24	Judeline Wadhvani Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley
31-Mar-24	Albert D'Souza Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
07-Apr-24	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Lectors(Readers)	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Ministers of Communion
24-Mar-24	Michelle Totawatte Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard
31-Mar-24	Natalie Baran Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
07-Apr-24	Tim Rankin Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, Ampelio Cavallin

Our Sacred Heart School student Samantha Corsi

Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

We Commemorate:

Montoura Frangieh Dahdah (9am Italian)

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



† † † HAPPY EASTER

SELAMAT PESTA PASKAH - Indonesian

BUONA PASQUA-Italian

L-GHID IT-TAJJEB-Maltese

CÁISC SHONA DUIT-Irish

FELICES PASCUAS-Spanish

SRETAN USKRS-Croatian

JOYEUSES PÂQUES-French

EESTER AASHAMSAKAL – Malayam

EASTER VAZHTHAKAL -Tamil PASAKA NJEMA - Swahili

UNARUTHANA SHUBHAKANSHALU-Telugu

PASCA PARAB-Hindi

FROHE OSTERN-German

ISTARAPARVANAH SUBHECCHAH-Sanskrit

WESOTEGO ALLELUJA-Polish BOA PÁSCOA-Portuguese

EID FASAH SAID-Arabic

FÙHUÓJIÉ KUÀILÈ-Mandarin

MANUIA LE ASO TOE SOFUA MAI-Samoan

ÓFA KEMOU MAÚ HA TOCUÚ FIÉFIÁ-Tongan

CHÚC MỪNG PHUC SINH-Vietnamese

MALIGAYANG PASKO NG PAGKABUHAY- Filipino

復活節快樂 – Chinese

SELAMAT HARI PASKAH-Malaysian



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.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus, the Living One, is with us, forever. Let the Church and the world rejoice, for today our hopes no longer come up against the wall of death, for the Lord has built us a bridge to life..



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please return your Project Compassion boxes this week



Last 2 Week's Collection: 10/3 & 17/3

1st Collection for our Church: \$946 & \$1,124

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$762 & \$6

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support our parish, 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.

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



Dinner Dance: 13 April 2024

Sacred Heart Hall, 85 David Street Preston

Doors open at 6.30pm, Dinner at 7.00pm

Adults \$50, Children under 12yr \$35

Dinner, deserts and soft drinks provided, BYO Alcohol

Starlight DJ providing the music, Games and Prizes to be won

Dress code: Smart Elegant

Tickets are still available

Bookings: contact 0406 777 986.



EASTER VIGIL (YEAR B)

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water.

God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. God called light 'day', and darkness he called 'night.' Evening came and morning came: the first day.

God said, 'Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two.' And so it was. God made the vault, and it divided the waters above the vault from the waters under the vault. God called the vault 'heaven.' Evening came and morning came: the second day.

God said, 'Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear.' And so it was. God called the dry land 'earth' and the mass of waters 'seas', and God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth.' And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seed in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the third day.

God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth.' And so it was. God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the fourth day.

God said, 'Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven.' And so it was. God created great sea-serpents and every kind of living creature with which the waters teem, and every kind of winged creature. God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth.' Evening came and morning came: the fifth day.

God said, 'Let the earth produce every kind of living creature: cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast.' And so it was. God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of cattle, and every kind of land reptile. God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild

beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day.

Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

Psalm

RESPONSE

For your love is never ending.

SECOND READING

Exodus 14:15-15:1

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the

Israelites,' the Egyptians cried. 'The Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!'

'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses, 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.'

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them.

That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

Psalm

RESPONSE

For your love is never ending.

THIRD READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the Lord:

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 your 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,

my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above 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.

Psalm

RESPONSE

*Come to the water you who are thirsty
Though you have nothing I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer
Come, listen, live.*

THE 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.

FOURTH READING EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death

has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

I do.

And all his works?

I do.

And all his empty show?

I do.

Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you 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?

I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,
keep us by his grace,
in Christ Jesus our Lord,
for eternal life.

Amen.



“Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia”!

