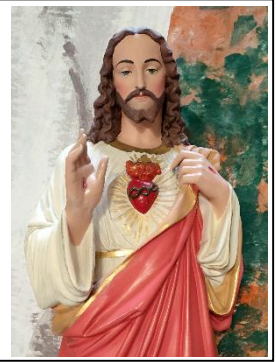




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 4 November

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:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

New Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on **Monday 6 November** 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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 8 October 2023 (Year A) How's Our Vineyard Doing?

The image of a vineyard was a common analogy for the people of Israel under the care of a loving, nurturing and faithful God. It joins today's first reading with the gospel. Those who have lived in vine-growing areas or who grow vines will identify with preparing soil, planning, pruning and regular tending the vines and, if successful, harvesting the grapes for wine making and sharing.

The first reading is an oracle addressed to God's people at a time when the divided kingdom of Israel was under the yoke of an oppressive conqueror. Attributed to the prophet Isaiah, it is a parable of the times known as the Vineyard Song.

In spite of the best of care by the owner/gardener, the vines yield sour grapes. What more can he do? The fences are knocked down and the carefully planted rows of vines are allowed to grow wild. They have not responded to the care given to them. Having told the story, the prophet turns to his audience and explains its relevance. Israel is the Vineyard lovingly tended by the God, giving them every opportunity to respond in faithfulness to the covenant. From them he expected justice and integrity but all he could perceive was hardness of heart and injustice in their dealings which was a betrayal of the spirit of the covenant.

In the gospel of Matthew today the analogy of the vineyard is used by Jesus. This time the grapes reach harvest time in fine condition but the 'managers' of the vineyard in the absence of the Owner are untrustworthy. They act as if they are the owners and they decide to reap the benefits of the harvest to the extent of killing the servants who are sent to convey the wishes of the owner. The owner hasn't given up on them yet. He says to himself, "They'll respect my son". So he sends the Son but he too will suffer.

At the time of the writing of the Gospel the parable was most likely a response to the perceived 'hard-hearted' of leaders and others who rejected Jesus and those who, proclaiming Him as God's anointed, followed Him. The temptation is to read this story as a condemnation of another people in another time but that's not why it is proclaimed in our Sunday Eucharist.

When we assemble as a community we are reminded that it is the risen Lord who draws us together and is present with us. He blesses us with forgiveness and strengthens us through the Eucharist, yet He is also calling us to assess our participation in His mission for it to bear fruit in Christian living.

The question becomes for us: how are we and our leaders shaping up as tenants entrusted with the care of our planet and through our interactions, inclusion and care of others with the care and nurturing of our immediate communities – family, neighbourhood, parish, shared world?

As One in the Body of Christ are we people of integrity and compassion giving priority to the weak, the innocent and vulnerable amongst us. Are we striving for a more inclusive, open church in which responsibilities are shared and the talents and experiences of all are nurtured, welcomed and allowed to grow? Are we able to recognize those moments of grace that might usher new beginnings for our faith community and opportunities for reconciliation with God and neighbour in which God is saying: They will respect my Son."

Jesus might come to us in unexpected ways: in the advice of a friend or family member; in the tragic story of a betrayed or abused child; through the 'thank you!' of a refugee asylum seeker or the plea of a homeless neighbour. Let us look at the vineyard we have been given. Are we progressing as good tenants?



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
30-Sep-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
07-Oct-23	Rohan Lemos Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
14-Oct-23	Mary Harb Natalie Baran	Charlotte Bainy

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
01-Oct-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Giovanna D' Intino
08-Oct-23	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	Eileen Stevens
15-Oct-23	Jessy Thambiraj Hannah Lopez	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
01-Oct-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
08-Oct-23	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
15-Oct-23	Albert D'Souza Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard

Readers, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, kindly contact another reader to organise a swap or advise your co-reader that he/she may need to prepare all allocated readings.



Ministers of Communion, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day kindly contact another minister to organise a swap. Thank 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:

Irma La Bozzetta (RIP 22/9)
Cosimo Marinucci (RIP 26/9)
Ray Hudson (RIP 23/9)



We Commemorate:

George Harb (25th Anniv)
Georges Ndour (10th Anniv.)
Ilda Exposto
Leonardo Liwanag (38th Anniv.)
Murshed Dahdah
Bruno Cristini and Carlo Cristini
*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Last Week's Collection: 1/10/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$994
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$778
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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 †

Monday 9 October St Denis, Bishop, and his companions, Martyrs

Wednesday 11 October St John XXIII, Pope

Saturday 14 October St Callistus, Pope, Martyr



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



The essence of the synodal journey is found in a basic truth that we must never lose sight of: its purpose is to listen, to understand, and to put God's will into practice.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)

All are welcome to spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.

"Stay with Me, remain here with Me... Watch and pray..."



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates **Austin Heap & Violet Wilson** for their Baptisms on 7 October.



Mass for Marriage Anniversaries

Sunday 22 October 2023, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Couples and their families are invited to join the celebration of the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 15 October:

trybooking.com/CLKRB

For any Queries please contact:

9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au



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



2023
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
 OCTOBER 22nd



Voice to Parliament
Australian Referendum
 2023

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is a day where we recommit ourselves as Catholics to our mission to spread the Good News of Christ. Pope Francis has set the theme for this year's World Mission Day: **'Hearts on fire, feet on the move,'** inspired by the disciples' encounter with Jesus at Emmaus.

Please save the date for our Mission Sunday event:

Mission Sunday Family Fun Day Picnic

Sunday 22 October 2023

after 10.30 am Sunday Mass

Sausage Sizzle, Family Outdoor Games, Music and Dancing.

BYO Picnic Food and drinks.

Venue: Sacred Heart School grounds.



Creator,
 You beautifully, wonderfully make us.
 May we go your way of love.
 Christ,
 You lead us to reconciliation.
 May we go your way of justice.
 Spirit,
 You move us on the journey.
 May we go your way of breath.
 Amen.



Blessed Statue of Mother Mary
1 October to 31 October 2023

During the Month of October two Statues of Mother Mary will be passed on to members of the parish to take home to pray as a family and/or with friends.

Please register your interest if you wish to have a statue present in your home by placing your name and mobile on the sheet provided in the foyer.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes are still available. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>



Blessing of our Pets Liturgy

6.00pm, Friday 13th October

Sacred Heart Primary School

All pets from goldfish to guinea pigs, dogs to reptiles and every pet in between are invited, and will receive a blessing from Father Aloysius.

"Everyone is welcome even if you do not have a pet."



Children's activity pages

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



What is the Voice to Parliament referendum about?

The **Voice to Parliament** is something very practical and simple: it is an advisory body that will provide expert advice to Parliament about laws and policies that affect **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples**. A Voice to Parliament will give First Nations Peoples a say about what really works in their communities. It's about recognition and participation. A referendum is needed to change Australia's constitution. The referendum will ask a very simple question: **Should we recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution with a Voice?** A simple question with a simple answer: Yes or No.

What are Catholic religious leaders saying about the Voice?

The Church does not tell us how we should vote. It encourages everyone within the Catholic community to make their own informed decision by reading the [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#) and also the official [Australian Electoral Commission](#) document covering the yes and no positions.

Earlier this year, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) made a joint statement about the Voice:

"Australians have an opportunity to begin a new chapter this year with the referendum on the Voice to Parliament. We in NATSICC know there are criticisms, even from Aboriginal people, but most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people support the referendum. Just as the churches strongly supported the 1967 referendum, we hope that Catholics, along with other people of faith, will support the Yes campaign." [Social Justice Statement 2023](#) – Listen, Learn, Love

Statements from other Catholic religious leaders:

"The Catholic Church, at its synodal gathering called the Plenary Council, endorsed the Uluru Statement and the Voice to Parliament as part of our mission to shape a more just and compassionate society. It recognises that we can be a better society by walking alongside with our First Nations people and enabling them to take their rightful place at the table." **Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD STL**

"My hope is simply that Catholics will be inspired by Jesus to join the hard work of finding constitutional recognition of the voice of First Peoples into our Parliament and that reconciliation will find new energy and witness at this moment in history." ~ **Most Rev Peter A. Comensoli DD STL MLitt PhD**

"The Sisters of Saint Joseph value the many opportunities to learn from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait brothers and sisters through our many connections. We are committed to supporting the Uluru statement from the Heart and the Voice to Parliament." ~ **Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ**

"Thank you to you, Indigenous brothers and sisters, for your beautiful invitation to walk with you in a movement of people in this country to bring about a better future." ~ **Sr Stancea Vichie MSS**



Joke Corner

A middle-aged woman and her husband interrupted their holiday in Bali to go to the dentist.

"I want a tooth pulled, and I don't want Novocaine because I'm in a big hurry," the woman said. "Just extract the tooth as quickly as possible, and we'll be on our way."

The dentist was quite impressed. "You're certainly a courageous woman," he said. "Which tooth is it?"

The woman turned to her husband and said, "Show him your tooth, dear."



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you

what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed,

integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

The Response Is:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again;

give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. ***Alleluia!***

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.