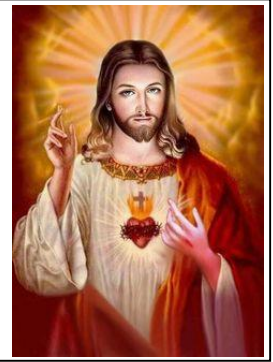




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Parish Mass Schedule

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 Friday of the month
at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Friday 2 June

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour



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

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

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5th Sunday of Easter 7 May 2023 (Year A)

One way of approaching the Easter season is to imagine a great tree that thrusts its roots down into the soil even as its trunk and branches grow upwards and outwards. The hidden roots draw nourishment from deep under and fuel the visible growth of the tree. Roots, trunk, branches – the life of all nourished from the same sources.

For the next few Sundays the gospel readings of John, taken from Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples, invite us on an interior journey into the depths of our hearts. It is there that Jesus makes His 'Home' in us; and there that the Spirit of God teaches us all wisdom. As our faith is fed from deep within and our sense of God's love dwelling within us grows, the stronger will be our desire to let love loose in the world as Jesus did.

John's Gospel written long after Jesus' ministry, presents the entire work of Jesus Christ as nothing less than the fulfilment of a divine project to bring about mutual "At-homeness" between God and human beings. The Word who is at one with God in the human person of Jesus has pitched His tent among us sharing whatever the challenges of life humanity may have to face.

It begins today with words of assurance for the disciples whom Jesus had disturbed by speaking of betrayal and denial. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me." These can sometimes be misunderstood and sometimes misused. When some people with troubled hearts are urged to "trust in God" and have faith, they can often feel that they are lacking in trust and faith in God because their hearts continue to be troubled. Our hearts will be troubled at times but for various reasons – even out of empathy for another's suffering or grieving the loss of a parent or other loved one. Such is the nature of life.

But Jesus' words are assuring us that even in our most trying times God is present with us. This will not remove the painful realities that may trouble us but perhaps enable us to empathise with the sufferings of others and provide comfort with them in those petrifying moments of grief thus mirroring God's love for them.

Such is the inward journey. The stories from the acts of the Apostles take us on an outer journey. They allow us to be present at the birth of the early Church and to accompany its first steps. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Christian way begins to spread but not without internal tensions. We see an example of "Church" in practical action. Peter's description of church built of 'living stones with Jesus as the cornerstone gives a picture of the variety of gifts and ministries that develop in the growing church modelled on the mission of Jesus to all humankind. This picture of the early church community reminds us of our involvement in our parishes. Every one of us has a part and a gift to share.

Whatever image we use, the kingdom, the great tree, the house of living stones, there is a place for all. May we be of one heart, one mind, - one in the Body of Christ who is our Way, our Truth and our Life.



Way

Truth

LIFE

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
29-Apr-23	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
06-May-23	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
13-May-23	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Apr-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
07-May-23	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
14-May-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Apr-23	Michelle Totawatte Rachel Vorlander	Damian Casamento
07-May-23	Albert D'Souza Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard
14-May-23	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard

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

Volunteers
To all our Volunteers
Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

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

Those who have died recently:

Lorna Therese Dullard (RIP 4/5. Funeral Fri 12/5 at 11am)

We Commemorate:

Nello Regnani (Anniv.).

Giovanni Pizzato

The deceased members of the Pizzato and Talarico families.

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 30/4/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,492
(electronic contributions for April: \$2,300)
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$798
(electronic contributions for April: \$70)
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 †

Wednesday 10 May St John de Avila, Priest, Doctor

Friday 12 May Sts Nereus, Achilles & Pancras, Martyrs

Saturday 13 May Our Lady of Fatima



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



This year, for the World Day of Prayer for The Risen Christ is our future. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the starting point and the ultimate goal of the history of humanity. As much as it is marked by fragility, our life has been solidly placed in His hands.



† 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

Athena Vilar,

in preparation for her Baptism on 13 May.



Our Parish Commitment to the Safety of the Young and The Vulnerable

Sacred Heart parish is committed to embedding a culture of respect, safety and protection of all children, youth and vulnerable people in our church community.

As a parish of the Archdiocese of Melbourne we endorse the requirements that all clergy, employees and volunteers from the age of 18 must comply with the following for the duration of their service to the people of our parish:

*Hold a current Working With Children Check linked to Sacred Heart parish. Copies are required to be kept on file by the parish.

*Attend a Safeguarding Essentials training Module on an annual basis.

*Sign a Declaration to abide by the Parish Code of Conduct and submit it to the parish if continuing or prior to beginning their active role as volunteer or employee.

* A National Police Check is also required of Parish Pastoral Council members, Finance Committee members, or those who handle parish finance; those involved in home visiting or transporting persons to and from events

Please Note: There are no exceptions for these requirements which apply equally to leaders and long term members of existing groups. For clarification or assistance with any of the above contact a member of the Safeguarding Committee (phone numbers are on the front page of the bulletin).

Exception: Teachers who present a Current VIT will not require a separate Police or Working With Children Check.

The safety and protection of the young and the vulnerable is at the Heart of the Gospel and therefore of our Faith Community.
Thank you



"Relationships are like gardens. They require nurturing, patience, and attention to flourish. When problems arise, it's an opportunity to tend to the weeds and cultivate a stronger foundation."

Relationships are complex and require effort from both parties to maintain a strong and healthy connection. When problems arise, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and discouraged, but it's important to remember that all relationships go through ups and downs.

Here are some encouraging words to help repair your relationship:

- A strong relationship is not built on perfection, but rather on the willingness to repair what is broken.
- True love is not about avoiding conflicts, but rather about working through them together.
- When you face challenges in your relationship, remember that it's not a sign to give up, but a call to grow together.
- It takes two committed individuals to create a thriving relationship, but it only takes one person to start the process of healing.
- No matter how broken a relationship may seem, with patience, forgiveness and determination, it can be repaired and made even stronger.
- Communication is the foundation of any healthy relationship. Open and honest communication can help resolve even the most challenging issues.
- Remember that your relationship is worth fighting for. The love, joy and fulfilment it brings are worth the effort to repair and strengthen it.
- Sometimes, repairing a relationship means letting go of the past and embracing a new beginning together.
- It's never too late to mend a relationship. With dedication and effort, you can rebuild the trust, love and intimacy that you once shared.
- Believe in the power of love and its ability to heal even the deepest wounds. With love, patience and effort, anything is possible.

Lord, help me to forgive those who have wronged me and to seek forgiveness from those I have wronged. May your love and grace be the foundation of my relationships, guiding me to repair what is broken and to build stronger bonds.

Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media



Hey Sacred Heart Youth – you're invited to a Film & Pizza Night!

Join us for an event to watch **The Letter**, a documentary film about how our spiritual values call us to take action for the planetary emergency.

We are called to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and on **Saturday 20 May at 7pm**, we will gather to watch and discuss Pope Francis' film in the community meeting room at the presbytery and there will be free pizza!!

For more information, please take a flyer home from the foyer or chat to Fr Aloysius or Natalie.

Registration information will be available soon.



Please take the bulletin home

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.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes, open on Monday 6th March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

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

Our school was ranked in the top 7% of primary schools across Victoria for NAPLAN in 2022.

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.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join us on a 13-day spiritual journey focusing on the Life and times of Jesus, "Walking Where Jesus Walked" led by Nativity Tours. This trip includes all the important places from the Old and New Testaments. The package cost is \$6,500 AUD inclusive of Airfare, travel expenses in Israel, Stay in premium hotels and three meals per day. An English speaking professional guide will guide the tour. The tour commences on September 25, 2023. For enquiries or booking, please contact Liza on 0459 726 360 or nativitytoursau@gmail.com



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

Today I started an argument with my wife while riding in an elevator.

I was wrong on so many levels.

What do you call a typo on a tombstone?

A Grave Mistake.

I used to work for a circus

I was a human cannonball until they fired me.

Husband: I had a terrible row with my wife last night. But she crawled to me on her knees in the end.

Friend: Wow, that's really impressive! What did she say?!

Husband: "Come out from under that sofa, you coward!"

Marriage is full of surprises, but it's mostly just asking each other, "Do you have to do that right now?"

My husband cooks for me like I'm a god!

He places burnt offerings before me every night.

I bought my wife a mood ring. When she's in a good mood, the ring turns blue. But when she's in a bad mood, it leaves a big red spot in the middle of my forehead.

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 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of
disciples was increasing, the Hellenists
made a complaint against the Hebrews: in
the daily distribution their own widows
were being overlooked. So the Twelve
called a full meeting of the disciples and
addressed them, 'It would not be right for
us to neglect the word of God so as to give
out food; you, brothers, must select from
among yourselves seven men of good
reputation, filled with the Spirit and with
wisdom; we will hand over this duty to
them, and continue to devote ourselves to
prayer and to the service of the word.' The
whole assembly approved of this proposal
and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and
of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip,
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and
Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.
They presented these to the apostles, who
prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread:
the number of disciples in Jerusalem was
greatly increased, and a large group of
priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

The Response Is:

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
our trust in you.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
our trust in you.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
our trust in you.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
our trust in you.**

SECOND READING 1 PETER 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by
men but chosen by God and precious to
him; set yourselves close to him so that you
too, the holy priesthood that offers the
spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has
made acceptable to God, may be living
stones making a spiritual house. As
scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a
precious cornerstone that I have chosen and
the man who rests his trust on it will not be
disappointed. That means that for you who
are believers, it is precious; but for
unbelievers, the stone rejected by the
builders has proved to be the keystone, a
stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men
down. They stumble over it because they
do not believe in the word; it was the fate
in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people
set apart to sing the praises of God who
called you out of the darkness into his
wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says
the Lord; no one comes to the Father,
except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's
house; if there were not, I should have told
you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a
place, I shall return to take you with me; so
that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am
going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where
you are going, so how can we know the
way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except
through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have
seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and
then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been
with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to
him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the
Father"?''

Do you not believe that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as
from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing
this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am
in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if
for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes
in me will perform the same works as I do
myself, he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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

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.