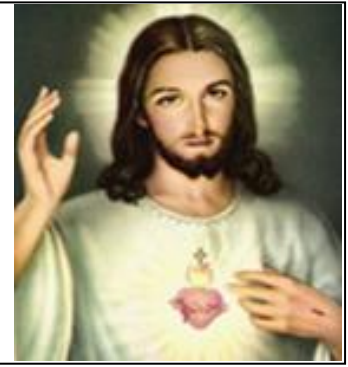




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Parish Mass Schedule

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

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 7 April

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by
appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

5th Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Sunday 3 April 2022

Jesus and Sinners

No one is more judgmental and condemnatory than the self-righteous person. On the other hand, no one is more compassionate and understanding towards those who fall than a genuinely holy person. Why should this be? Let us look at the self-righteous person first. His problem lies with his lack of self-knowledge. He is not in touch with his own dark side. He doesn't even believe he has a dark side. He is convinced he has nothing in common with sinners. It's as if he and they belong to separate species. Consequently, he feels no need of God's mercy. And this makes him all too ready to strike down with his judgments those already sorely wounded by God's absence and the sorrow sin leaves behind.

Now let us look at the genuinely holy person. He is in touch with his own dark side, and even the saints had a dark side. The more a person is in touch with his dark side, the more understanding he becomes of, and tolerant towards, the sins and weaknesses of others. Hence, the holier a person is, the less he is inclined to judge others. The holy person knows that good and evil exist in everyone, and closely entwined. On seeing a man being led to the gallows, St Philip Neri was able to say in all sincerity, "There but for the grace of God go I."

The righteous person looks at others to discover their weaknesses, thereby establishing his own superiority. The holy person looks at others and sees his own darkness in them. The gift of holiness gives people clarity of compassion that can find good in the most hardened criminal. It delivers them from the burden of judging and condemning others. It teaches them to bring the good out of others by compassion, mercy and pardon. The older one gets, the more one knows of the dark side of life. One may have been betrayed by others and perhaps by oneself. But if a person comes through that, he has a tremendous capacity to be compassionate towards himself and others.

Here we are guided by the example of Jesus. The Pharisees would have nothing to do with sinners. According to them, sinners were cursed by God, and therefore beyond redemption. Jesus, on the other hand, adopted a sympathetic attitude towards sinners. He didn't just tolerate sinners; He welcomed them. He didn't wait for them to come to Him; He sought them out and befriended them. In associating with sinners He was not condoning their situation. Rather, He was trying to show them a better way.

In the beautiful words of Oscar Wilde: 'Jesus understood the leprosy of the leper, the darkness of the blind, the fierce misery of those who live for pleasure, the strange poverty of the rich, the thirst that can lead people to drink from muddy waters. He penetrated the outward shell of things and understood that whatever happens to another happens to oneself, and whatever happens to oneself happens to another.'

The mission of the Church is to be a place of forgiveness so that those who fail (all of us in different ways and degrees) may experience the love and compassion of the One who refused to condemn, the One in whom there was no sin.

Fr Flor McCarthy SDB, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Year C.



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
2 April-22	John Kmaid Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
9 April-22 Palm Sun vigil	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Peter Bourke
16-April 7:30pm Holy Sat Vigil	volunteers	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
03-Apr-22	Alisha Verga Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
10-Apr-22 Palm Sun	volunteers	Tony Eley
17-Apr-22 Easter Sun	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Giovanna D' Intino
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
03-Apr-22	Margaret Bannan Volunteer	Robert Dullard
10-Apr-22 Palm Sun	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Margaret Bannan
17-Apr-22 Easter Sun	Margaret Bannan Volunteer	Robert Dullard



Cleaning Roster: Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently

Maria Palermo (RIP 24/3)

Vardina Gandolfo (RIP in USA)

We Commemorate

Rosaria and Francesco Iannella

Santo Corica and Aldo Melone

Bill Germano

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Dates to Remember

All Fridays during Lent:

Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm in the presbytery.

Healing Mass – Thursday 7 April at 1:30pm



Feasts /Memorials of the week:

Mon 4 April Collect: St Isidore, bishop, doctor

Tues 5 April Collect: St Vincent Ferrer, priest

Thurs 7 April Collect: St John Baptist de la Salle, priest



Wedding Congratulations

We congratulate

Niza & Daniel

for their Wedding celebrated here at Sacred Heart Church

on Saturday 2 April

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



First Eucharist Congratulations

We congratulate the following Sacred Heart school children for receiving their First Eucharist at the Sunday 10:30am

Mass:

Jaxon Ishe Yianna Michael Ethan Roery Amelia

Zane Eli Adam Jacob Fortunato Glendon

May the blessings of Christ be upon you always.



Last Week's Collection: 27/3/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$974

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$689

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Volunteers Needed

Are you available to participate in our Holy Week Ceremonies 10th to 17th April?

Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar servers, leaders of music, projectionists, those who clean and prepare the church, collectors are all needed for:

Palm Sunday Masses

Holy Thursday Evening

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Lords Passion

Easter Vigil Mass

If you can assist, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the

church foyer or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au or phone

9480 3398. Thank you



More Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for washing of feet for the Holy

Thursday Mass. Those who are interested please put your name

on the sign-up sheets in the church foyer or email Rachel at:

preston@cam.org.au or phone 9480 3398. Thank you



Holy Week Program 2022

Sun 10 April **Palm Sunday** – normal weekend Masses

Thurs 14 April **Mass of the Last Supper** at 7:30pm

Fri 15 April **Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am

Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Our

Lord at 3:00pm

Sat 16 April **Easter Vigil Mass** at 7:30pm

Sun 17 April **Easter Sunday** - normal Sunday Masses

Please Note: There will be no morning Masses on

Holy Thursday 14/4 and Good Friday 15/4



**IMPORTANT: End of daylight saving **

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday 3 April 2022, when

clocks will go backwards one hour at 3am. So don't forget

to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday

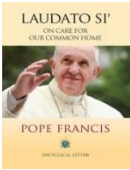
night (2 April).





THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

LAUDATO SI' STATIONS OF THE CROSS We join with the thoughts and feelings of Jesus as we journey together to Calvary. We make our own both the trauma of Jesus in the Way of the Cross and the power of new life bought by his Resurrection. We are called to bring our day-to-day life to the Way of the Cross. We join our personal hopes and joys, our fears and anxiety to the person of Jesus.

9) JESUS IS STRIPED OF HIS CLOTHES AND CRUCIFIED Lord Jesus, we strip and crucify you again when we strip people of opportunity and dignity, or when we take an unequal share of Earth's goods. We strip the Earth of soil, her life blood, or strip it of trees and animals, her breath and adornment. May we work with the Earth and not against it, so that every person can have at least enough for their basic human needs.

10) JESUS HUNG BETWEEN TWO CRIMINALS Lord Jesus, we abuse you whenever we are jealous of others. Help us break cycles of ignorance and hate which lead to violence. Give us genuine hope that sees suffering as part of a new creation. May we humbly learn the calmness of wisdom that cares for ourselves, others and the Earth itself.

11) MARY GIVEN AS OUR MOTHER IN JOHN Lord Jesus, we break up families, treating people like animals and production units to be migrated around the world. Daily we pollute the skies, the oceans and pour poisons on our common home, the Earth. Give us a mother's compassion towards all people we meet. Help us to love Earth as a nurturing Mother to this and future generations. May the motherly heart of Mary be in all of us. SEE: Ecological Way of the Cross presented by the LaudatoSi' Movement Lent. <https://laudatosilent.org>



5th Sunday of Lent – 3 April 2022

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

Joke Corner

In surgery after suffering a stroke, a middle-aged woman has a vision of God by her bedside. "Will I die?" she asks.

God says, "No. You have 30 more years to live."

Relieved and with 30 years to look forward to, she decides to make the best of it. So since she's in the hospital, she gets liposuction, a tummy tuck, hair transplants, and collagen injections in her lips. She looks fantastic! The day she's discharged, she exits the hospital with an arrogant swagger, crosses the street, and is immediately hit by an ambulance and killed.

Up in heaven, she sees God. "You said I had 30 more years to live," she complains.

"That's true," says God thoughtfully.

"So what happened?" she asks disbelievingly.

God shrugs, "My humble apologies but I didn't recognise you."

Holy Week 2022

As we approach the great gift of Holy Week and the joyous celebration of Easter – a time when the richness of our tradition resonates deeply within us all, you are encouraged to be attentive to the invitation for people to return, and to be welcomed anew.

The following points are to assist you in the celebration of liturgies and offer good practice against the transmission of the virus in our churches

- Hand sanitiser should be available for all to use, particularly at places of entry and exit to our churches.
- The Chief Health Officer currently recommends masks to be worn indoors, and the Archdiocese reminds parishes that this is especially applicable to larger gatherings.
- Our churches should continue to ensure there is good ventilation where possible.
- The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed to the faithful under one species only (i.e., the Sacred Host). At concelebrations involving a number of priests, communion for them should be by intinction of the Sacred Host in the Precious Blood.
- Those who distribute Holy Communion should wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.
- Where there is physical touch as part of a Rite of the Church (for example, baptisms, confirmation and anointing of the sick or dying) the use of cotton buds is no longer mandated, but hands should be sanitised well before and after the Rite.
- Parish social activities can resume following the parish COVIDsafe plan that incorporates the safety assessment for the activity and the space used. A reminder that at this current time, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated in accordance with Government requirements.

PALM SUNDAY - Palm branches may be made available for the faithful.

HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of the Feet may be resumed. The celebrant and participants should wear a face covering whilst performing this Rite as they are in close proximity with each other.

GOOD FRIDAY - The Veneration of the Holy Cross during the Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord, on the other hand, should remain as a simple genuflection: the Cross is not to be revered with a kiss, or by touching. As we did last year, I would recommend that veneration also be offered during other devotions on Good Friday, such as the Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil The Blessing of the Fire and the Lighting of the Easter Candle may take place with a reminder that if people are in close proximity, they should continue to wear face coverings. The sprinkling of the faithful during the vidi aquam is permitted, and the blessed Easter Water may be put in Holy Water stoups, but care should be seen that the water is changed regularly (at a minimum of once a week).



NEW ROSTERS NEW ROSTERS NEW ROSTERS

Attention all Ministers of Communion and Readers

Your new rosters and updated phone lists can be collected from the Church foyer



Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are now open and officially close on the 20th June. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

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

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is
faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sister s,
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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done
before.

See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not
see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the
wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the
wilderness

(rivers in the wild)

to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125(126)

The Response Is:

***The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.***

When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with
laughter, on our lips there were songs.

***The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.***

The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

***The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.***

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage

as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

***The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.***

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song, carrying their sheaves.

***The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.***

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will
outweigh the supreme advantage of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him
I have accepted the loss of everything,
and I look on everything as so much
rubbish if only I can have Christ and be
given a place in him. I am no longer
trying for perfection by my own efforts,
the perfection that comes from the Law,
but I want only the perfection that
comes through faith in Christ, and is
from God and based on faith. All I want
is to know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and to share his sufferings
by reproducing the pattern of his death.
That is the way I can hope to take my
place in the resurrection of the dead. Not
that I have become perfect yet: I have
not yet won, but I am still running,
trying to capture the prize for which
Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure
you my brothers, I am far from thinking
that I have already won. All I can say is
that I forget the past and I strain ahead
for what is still to come; I am racing for
the finish, for the prize to which God
calls us upwards to receive in Christ
Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king
of endless glory!***

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king
of endless glory!***

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At
daybreak he appeared in the Temple
again; and as all the people came to him,
he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a
woman along who had been caught
committing adultery; and making her
stand there in full view of everybody,
they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman
was caught in the very act of committing
adultery, and Moses has ordered us in
the Law to condemn women like this to

death by stoning. What have you to
say?' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against
him. But Jesus bent down and started
writing on the ground with his finger.
As they persisted with their question, he
looked up and said, 'If there is one of
you who has not sinned, let him be the
first to throw a stone at her.' Then he
bent down and wrote on the ground
again. When they heard this they went
away one by one, beginning with the
eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the
woman, who remained standing there.
He looked up and said, 'Woman, where
are they? Has no one condemned you?'
'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I
condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and
do not sin any more.'

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.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman?
No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now
on, sin no more.

