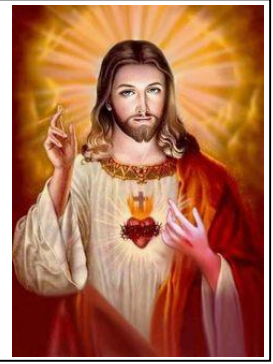




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 Friday** of February, May, August & November at 1:30pm

**Next Healing Mass: Friday** 4 August

### 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

### New Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on

**Monday 3 July** in the presbytery after 9:10am Mass.

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## The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Sunday 18 June 2023 (Year A)

Along the path of life, at different times we come across selfish and unselfish people. Perhaps we are all a mixture of generosity and selfishness. But to the extent that we may still be partly self-centred, arrogant and judgemental, we are not living the message of Jesus and by which he lived: "This is my Commandment that you love one for another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (*Jn 15*). This goes to the very source of what it means for us to be living under the patronage of and having true devotion to the living loving, wounded heart of Jesus.

Our devotion to the Sacred Heart, which is honouring, receiving and living by God's love made tangible in the life of Jesus, is meant to be human, humane and practical, and open to recognising that love and loveableness in others. This weekend, we gather to celebrate as a school and a parish, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to appreciate what a gift it is to be part of this Sacred Heart community, that has been sustained over the years by generous hearts who nurtured and shared its spirit through times of war, depression, faith and family challenges: who welcomed new comers, reached out to the hungry, the lost and fearful. The readings today remind us of the nature of God's love for all humanity, as expressed through the history of God's people and life and death of Jesus.

In the first reading we see Moses teaching the people that God has chosen them out of His love for them despite all their faults and their small number. The holiness to which the people are called implies a separation from those surrounding them, but a separation which calls for a different standard and way of living rather than isolation.

The Psalm takes the theme of God's love for his people.

The second reading strengthens the idea of election by God. St John refers to them as being 'begotten by God' and therefore loved by Him. In turn, those whom He has created are to love in imitation of their Creator who has revealed Himself through Jesus Christ, the one who demonstrates in human form God's love for His people in such a profound way of laying down his life for them.

In the gospel, Jesus reinforces the previous writings as He says that He is the revelation of the Father and is the One who establishes the union between God and His faithful people. Jesus calls the people to Himself and tells them to place all their worries and troubles in His care and God will, through His Divine Son, ease their burdens.

And so the message of today for all of us who have come together as one is expressed in the words of John: "My dear friends, let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." So, let us share the flame of God's love with one another. But don't stop there.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is not a devotion to an organ of Jesus, but to the heart-centered dedication of Jesus for us. This is the true secret of devotion to the Sacred Heart – that we, having been nourished by the Word and Eucharist we share as One Body and supported by each other, go out and **practise** the selfless love we have received from the heart of Jesus, reconciling with those who have wronged us, seeking the Lost, the suffering and abandoned, protecting the young and the vulnerable and urging them in Jesus' name: "Come to me, all you who labour and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart."

## 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.*

	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
10-Jun-23	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
17-Jun-23	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
24-Jun-23	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb

	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
11-Jun-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino
18-Jun-23	Jessy Thambiraj Ivana Lo Bello	Eileen Stevens
25-Jun-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley

	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
11-Jun-23	Albert D'Souza Marijana Jurjevic	Damian Casamento
18-Jun-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
25-Jun-23	Rachel Vorlander Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento

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



### **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:**

*Margaret Fyffe (RIP 12/6. Funeral Mon 19/6 at 10:30am)*

#### **We Commemorate:**

*Filippina Molinaro (1st Anniv.)*

*Giuseppe Perri (2nd Anniv.)*

*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*



#### **Last Week's Collection: 11/6/23**

1st Collection for our Church: \$945

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$631

Thank you for your kind generosity!



#### **Breakfast with Fr Aloysius**

Thank you to all those who joined Fr Aloysius for breakfast on Monday 5 June.

Please join Father for the next one on, **Monday 3 July** in the presbytery after the 9:10am Mass.



## **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 19 June*

*St Romuald, Abbot*

*Wednesday 21 June*

*St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*

*Thursday 22 June*

*Saints John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs*

*Friday 23 June*

*St Paulinus of Nola, Bishop*

*Saturday 24 June*

*The Birthday of St John the Baptist*



### **THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS**



*"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tb 4:7). Whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus.*



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.



### **Thanksgiving Envelopes**

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection.

Kindly collect yours if you haven't already.

Please commence using these envelopes on the weekend of 17 & 18 June 2023.



Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.



Hello, my name is Marianna, and I am the Regional Coordinator for the **COASIT** Visitation Program in the North-West. Our wonderful program has been running since 1985, and during this time we have managed to help so many of our vulnerable elderly in the community. I am currently looking for an Italian-speaking male and two female volunteers who are willing to visit an elderly gentleman and two lovely elderly ladies in the Preston/Coburg area for one hour per week for a friendly chat. These people are socially isolated and in need of a friend.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference in their life, and your own.

If you are interested or would like further information, please get in touch with me on

**0481 603 758**

Thank you

Marianna Cibin





On this joyful feast day, let us lean into the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, just like the beloved disciple at the Last Supper, and centre our lives in the heart of God. With hearts open to the world we can be a compassionate presence so that life may flourish in its fullness for Earth and all its peoples.

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for all  
Renew our relationship with creation  
so that we may cherish it as a sacred gift from our  
Creator.*

*Jesus, gentle and humble of heart  
Touch our hearts and make them like your own  
Help us become the heartbeat of God's love in the  
world. Amen*

*Acknowledging with gratitude that these words were inspired by  
the teachings of Pope Francis and Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ*



♥ A LOVING RELATIONSHIP ♥

Today we are sharing a story about Lily and Jack. They were not wealthy or famous, but their love for each other was extraordinary. Lily and Jack had known each other since childhood and as the years went by their bond deepened and they became inseparable. Their love was built on trust, respect and unwavering support.

Life threw its challenges at them, as it often does. They faced hardships, setbacks and moments of doubt, but together they stood tall, holding each other's hands and never losing hope. In the face of adversity, Lily and Jack found strength within their love. They embraced each other's flaws and celebrated their individual strengths. They were a team, complementing and uplifting one another. Their love story however, was not without sacrifices. They made compromises and let go of their ego for the greater good of their relationship. They understood that love meant putting their partner's happiness before their own.

Through the years, Lily and Jack inspired everyone around them. Their love radiated warmth and kindness, touching the hearts of those they encountered. Their relationship showed how love has the ability to change lives and make a lasting difference.

Lily and Jack's love story teaches us that true happiness lies not in material possessions or fleeting achievements, but in the genuine love and connection we share with another soul. It reminds us that a loving relationship can withstand the tests of time and inspire us to become the best versions of ourselves.

May we all be fortunate enough to experience a love as pure and enduring as Lily and Jack's, and may their story inspire us to nurture and cherish the loving relationships in our own lives.

*"Dear God, we humbly pray for Your blessings upon our relationship. Fill our hearts with love, compassion, patience and forgiveness. Help us navigate challenges together with grace and strengthen our bond each day. May our love be a reflection of Your divine love. Amen."*

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**Please take the bulletin home**

## The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus celebration

You are all invited to

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Sunday 18 June**

Multicultural Mass at 10.30am followed by a celebration at Sacred Heart Hall – 85 David Street Preston.

You are encouraged to dress in clothing from your country of origin.



### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.**

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

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



### **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.



### **A Vocation View:**

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."



### 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

An old parish priest in a small rural town is due for a long sabbatical after five years without a holiday. The diocese sent a young, zealous priest to replace him. The local priest had become so tired of hearing women confess to infidelity that he established a code for them. "Just say you fell in the hole, and I'll know what you mean." Eager to begin his sabbatical, the priest neglected to mention this to his young replacement. The first day hearing confessions, Mrs Johnson said, "Father, I fell in the hole."

The young priest replied, "I find no sin in that. But say a couple of Hail Mary's and all should be fine."

"Oh, thank you, Father! Thank you, thank you!" With a big smile on her face, Mrs Johnson left the confessional.

Over the next two weeks the young priest had the same conversations with just about every married woman in the town, always assuring the women that falling into a hole was not a sin but perplexed why they had tumbled into the same hole.

One day the town mayor came to the parish and the young priest mentioned the hole. The mayor, who obviously knew about the older priest's arrangement, fell about laughing.

"You shouldn't laugh, Mr Mayor! The hole should be fixed. Your own wife has fallen in the hole three times this month!"



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

## 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

*Deuteronomy 7:6-11*

Moses said to the people: 'You are a people consecrated to the Lord your God; it is you that the Lord our God has chosen to be his very own people out of all the peoples on the earth.

'If the Lord set his heart on you and chose you, it was not because you outnumbered other peoples: you were the least of all peoples. It was for love of you and to keep the oath he swore to your fathers that the Lord brought you out with his mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know then that the Lord your God is God indeed, the faithful God who is true to his covenant and his graciousness for a thousand generations towards those who love him and keep his commandments, but who punishes in their own persons those that hate him. He is not slow to destroy the man who hates him; he makes him work out his punishment in person. You are therefore to keep and observe the commandments and statutes and ordinances that I lay down for you today.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,10**

**The Response Is:**

***The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.***

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

***The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.***

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

***The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.***

The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons.

***The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.***

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins

nor repay us according to our faults.

***The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.***

## SECOND READING

*1 John 4:7-16*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit.

We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God.

We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves.

God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:25-30*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what I pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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

Thus says the Lord:

Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.

