

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year B) 17 October 2021**

First reading **Isaiah 53:10-11**
The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over,
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.
The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22**
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

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

Second reading **Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant

The Scripture readings of this Sunday introduce us to a new vision of leadership which focuses not on the leader but on those he or she serves. A leader is no longer at the centre and at the service of others but others at the service of a leader. This leadership style is called Servant leadership. To help us better understand it, let me share with you a story which involved a corporal and the first president of America. During the American Revolution, a man in civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers who were busy pulling out a horse carriage stuck in deep mud. Their officer was shouting instructions to them while making no attempt to help. The stranger who witnessed the scene asked the officer why he wasn't helping. With great anger and dignity, the officer replied, "Sir, I am a Corporal!" The stranger dismounted from his horse and proceeded to help the exhausted soldiers himself. When the job was completed, he turned to the corporal and said, "Mr. Corporal, next time you have a job like this and don't have enough men to do it, inform your commander-in-chief, and I will come and help you again." Too late, the proud Corporal recognized General Washington.

The Corporal is an example of the world's leadership style. He wanted to be at the centre and the service of others. General Washington, on the other hand, is an example of the servant leadership. He understood that those who aspire to greatness or rank first among others must serve the needs of all. Helping the soldiers pushing the horse carriage stuck in the mud was his opportunity to demonstrate servant leadership. Where did Washington learn such leadership skills? Surely, he learned from these words of Jesus: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

Jesus spoke these words to His disciples, especially, James and John who were seeking an assurance from Jesus that they will be the first- and second-in-command in the coming Messianic Kingdom of God. Both aimed at the seats on the right and left sides of Jesus for they have ambition for positions of power and prestige. Other disciples also had the same ambition as they showed indignance to James and John. Correcting their wrong understanding of leadership, Jesus warned them of the dark side of the world leadership. He said, "You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No..." He then taught them the true leadership. He said, "...anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all." At the end, Jesus presented Himself as a perfect model of the servant leadership. He said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Jesus was true to his words when He gave his own life in loving service of others. With great humility He suffered the tragic death on the cross. And the fruit of His service is the salvation for all.

How about us? Like George Washington, we are invited to offer our lives in loving service of others. Our service to others, however, demands suffering for it is impossible to serve others without some personal sacrifice. Suffering and service go hand in hand. It is understood, then, why Jesus asked James and John "Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?" The cup and the baptism are symbols of sacrifice or suffering that we accept when we offer our loving service to others. We pray that we may have the courage and confidence of James and John to answer:
"Yes, we can."



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No public Masses
until
further notice

10:30am Sunday Mass
and 9:10 weekday
Masses are livestreamed.
For the live stream links
please visit:

www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

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

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.

Feast Days of the week:

Monday 18th October	St Luke, Evangelist
Tuesday 19 October	Saints John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions St Paul of the Cross (1694 - 1775)
Thursday 21st October	(St Hilarion)
Friday 22nd October	St John Paul II, Pope
Saturday 23rd October	St John of Capistrano, Priest

Blessed—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2021

Blessed is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

If you wish to purchase *Blessed* you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance. Cost \$5 each.

To Order please place your money with your name, address and phone number in an envelope and place it in the "Letters" slot near the front door of the presbytery before Monday 1 November.

Please DO NOT use the letterbox along the fence as this is not secure. Thank you

2022 Columban Art calendar

This year, if you wish to purchase a Columban calendar, you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance.

Calendars cost \$10 each.

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Joke Corner

Two priests, Father Gerard and Father John decide to go to Queensland for a holiday. They are determined to make this a relaxing holiday by not wearing anything that will identify them as clergy. As soon as the plane lands, they shop for some outrageously colourful shorts, shirts, sandals and sunglasses. The next day, they head to the beach, dressed in their 'tourist' garb. They're sitting on beach chairs and enjoying a cocktail and the sunshine when a lovely looking blonde in a bikini approaches. They can't help but notice the woman.

As the woman passes, she smiles, nods and says, "Good morning, Father Gerard," "Good morning, Father John," addressing each of them by name. They're stunned. "How in the world did she know we're priests?" they ask each other. They go back to the shop the next day and buy even more outrageous outfits. Once again the two disguised priests settle on their beach chairs to enjoy the sunshine and a cocktail.

After a while, the same gorgeous blonde, walks by and again greets them individually, "Good morning, Father Gerard, Good morning, Father John." She then starts to walk away.

One of the priests can't stand it any longer and says, "Just a minute young lady." "Yes?" she replies.

"We are priests and proud of it. But I have to know. How in the world did you know we are priests?"

The young woman then says, "Father, it's me, Sister Angela."

Readers and

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

As we move closer to reopening our churches to celebrate as one, we will be looking to preparing new rosters for Liturgical ministers and also current and potential volunteers who clean and prepare our church each week. Please take time to advise the office if you are willing to continue in your current roles after lock down, with details of your availability and experience. New volunteers will also be welcome. Please refer to the following information from the

Archdiocese of Melbourne about who can serve as readers, altar servers or as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

• A person who is in full communion with the Catholic Church.

• Men, women, young and old who are committed to the practice of their faith and willing to participate in a parish initiated formation. (May soon be accessible online)

Persons aged over 18 must have a current Working With Children Check or be willing to apply for one.

Working With Children Checks (WWCC):

It is a requirement of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working With Children Check throughout their involvement in parishes, Agencies and entities. This is to ensure that we all stand united in creating safe environments for children and young people. The application process can be commenced online and finalised at a participating Australian Post Office. While most of our frequent volunteers already hold updated WWCC that are recorded in our parish register, we urge volunteers who have not yet applied for a Check or whose Check has expired or not linked to the parish do so via the WWCC website:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Any questions- contact Rachel at the office, Pauline O'Day or other members of the Child Safe Standards Committee.

Thank you



Sacred Heart Christmas Appeal 2021

For many years, our Sacred Heart Community and school has collected Christmas food items, assembled and delivered hampers to families and individuals who members of our St Vincent de Paul team have visited throughout the year and who continue to struggle with basic living costs.

Last year, due to Covid restrictions, with the help of the Parish and Parishioners, we were able to support many families with food vouchers, so that they could purchase their own Christmas food.

Due to the current COVID conditions, we will need to continue this approach for this year. Rather than cash, we are asking for donations of gift Cards of \$10 or more (from Coles or Woolworths) -for individuals, couples or families to be able to purchase Christmas food items.

We would, of course, also welcome donations from parish or work groups to support us to reach more people who will be struggling not only towards Christmas but in the weeks that follow.

Please place your donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas Gift Appeal" with your contact details so we can acknowledge your kind donation with a receipt.

You may either deliver your gift to the presbytery or alternatively contact Moira Mc Mahon on 0439 619 623, Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 or Stephen Costello 0432 405 417 if you require us to collect your donation.

With thanks,
Stephen Costello
St Vincent de Paul Conference Preston

LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Greetings everyone from the Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle.

This Sunday October 17, Sacred Heart Church Preston will join the [Australian Religious Response to Climate Change](#) by displaying a banner on the Bell St side of our church in support of Pope Francis' call to be proactive for the health of our planet as we approach an important meeting of world leaders at the UN Climate Change Conference scheduled for 1-12 November in Glasgow, Scotland - also known as COP26. Our big banner says:

Protect Creation: Bold Climate Action by 2030 Starting Now

The banner will be on display on the wall of our church this weekend and over the next few weeks leading up to COP26.

Due to COVID restrictions at this time we are unable to assemble in support of Pope Francis's call to be proactive for the health of the Earth and its poorest.

However, here are some ideas to show your support in a COVID-safe way:

- If you're passing by on your daily walk or shop feel free to take a photo of the banner to post to social media. These hashtags are encouraged: #Faiths4Climate #LaudatoSi #SacredHeartChurch. It would be awesome if you could send a copy of the photo to Father Aloysius at preston@cam.org.au so that, with your permission, we might add it to our Facebook page or share in the weekly bulletin over the next few weeks.
- Sign Pope Francis' [Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition](#) at thecatholicpetition.org
- As a way to live Laudato Si', Pope Francis invites us to "return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." Here are [10 ways](#) to live more simply.
- Pray for and with Nature. You may like to use the Prayer of Thanksgiving for Creation provided below.
- Learn more about Pope Francis' plea for urgent action by reading his address at the meeting "[Faith and Science: Towards COP26](#)" or watch it on the Vatican YouTube channel [here](#).

Pope Francis says it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. Let us support Pope Francis and pray for the success of His Holiness' petition to COP26.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving for Creation
Creator of All,*

We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life.

Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
*Anthony, Peter Bourke,
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph
Paige Lapenta, John Plum ,and
Bronislawa Slobodzian*

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

Those who have died recently
Rosa Cavalieri RIP 12/10/2021
Stella Venturiello
Anontio Mercuri RIP 10/10/2021

We Commemorate

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us invoke the Holy Spirit with greater fervour and frequency, and humbly listen to him, journeying together as He, the source of communion and mission, desires: with docility and courage

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(say this prayer in lieu of receiving Communion)

Online Mass Service

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**Daily Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral can be attended live online every day at
<https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>**

Live telecast of Sunday Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral can be viewed on Channel 44 (31) at 11am

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 23 October 2021

Volunteers
Thank you for your hard work

