



# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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**Child Safety Committee:**

**Child Safety Officers:**

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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 6 October

**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

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

### Sunday 11 September 2022

### Safeguarding Sunday

### Safe and Supported

When we read the ancient stories of the Bible, God's relationship to humanity seems to change depending upon historical events. God can be perceived as a remote almighty being separate from creation and human life. Then at times God was a friend, helper who understood the sufferings of the chosen people and sought to lead them by safe paths through the chosen leaders. Then again as in the first reading God could sound angry and frustrated with the foolish actions of His people and threaten to bring havoc upon them.

When teaching His disciples, Jesus urged them to address God as "Abba"- Our - not My - Father.

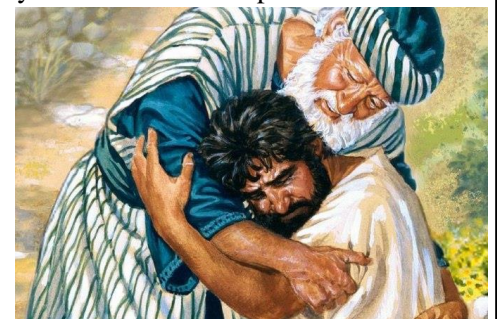
The brotherly attitude of Jesus to tax collectors, sinners, women... scandalized those who saw themselves as guardians and keepers of the sacred traditions, the Torah and religious observances. In their view, sinners and all dubbed unclean - even for offences committed against them rather than by them - were outcasts from society and from God and so was anyone who befriended them. In Jesus' view, it was the critics who had separated the outcasts and in doing so had in a sense separated themselves from the God who was the Loving Creator/ Father of all creation, of each person in the human family.

Today's Gospel records Jesus' response through three parables. We hear God described as a shepherd who leaves behind a flock of sheep to search for a lost one when he finds it he rejoices not alone but with the community.

The second is about a poor woman who cannot stop searching until she finds a lost coin of the same precious value to her as others. Finally we come to the most known parable of all - itself a gospel within a gospel. The father runs out to welcome home - with great display of affection and gratitude- an errant son who had demanded a share of the family fortune, left home, lived recklessly and suffered to the point of starvation.

As the shepherd who found his sheep didn't ask how it came to be lost, neither did the father waste time questioning the son.

Both shepherd and father simply rejoice in being reunited with what they had lost, celebrating with all.



*On Safeguarding Sunday, the Gospel reminds us how attentive we should be to people in need, including those who have separated themselves from the community. It indicates, too, the level of care we ought to have for children in the Church and the seriousness with which we should observe the safeguards. The Parable of the Prodigal Son also points to our special responsibility to seek out and welcome people who have been abused as children in the Church. Any financial in compensating them for the abuse they have suffered while in the church's care is insignificant compared to the gain if they again find a home in Christ's church. The Gospel is about bigheartedness. (Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ, Safeguarding Sunday)*

## 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-Sep-22	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
17-Sep-22	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
24-Sep-22	Rohan Lemos Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy
	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
11-Sep-22	Alisha Verga Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
18-Sep-22	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani	George McBrien
25-Sep-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
11-Sep-22	Margaret Bannan Michelle Totawatte	Damian Casamento
18-Sep-22	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
25-Sep-22	Damian Casamento Ma Kathleen Adlaon	Margaret Bannan



### Cleaning Roster:

**To all our 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:**

*Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II (RIP 8/9)*

*Concetta Salviani (RIP 3/9)*

*Leanie Halse*

*Emil Utza*

*Domenico Panuccio*

#### **We Commemorate:**

*Peter Anh Tran*

*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*



### **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... "



### **Last Week's Collection: 4/9/22**

1st Collection for our Church: \$990

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$565

Priests Retirement Foundation: \$342

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 12 September*

*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

*Tuesday 13 September*

*St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor*

*Wednesday 14 September*

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

*Thursday 15 September*

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

*Friday 16 September*

*St Cornelius, Pope, and*

*St Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr*

*Saturday 17 September*

*St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor*



### **🕯 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

**Lily Mae Tyson,**

in preparation for her Baptism on 2 October.



### **Confirmation congratulations**

We Congratulate

**The Sacred Heart students**

on being Confirmed on Friday

9 September

**May the Lord bless you with His guidance from this day forward.**

**And may you have faith in His plan.**



### **Finishing Well Forum**

Many of us have questions about end-of-life matters but struggle to know how and where to start those conversations and access good information.

**The Finishing Well Forum** brings together presenters with experience in topics around wills, powers of attorney, advance care plans, palliative care, grief and funeral planning.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of each of the presenters as well as information packs, and a morning tea.

This is a **free** event open to all community members.

There is a simple registration process online or by phone (9484 4788).

Saturday 15 October 2022 9:15 am to midday

81-91 High Street, Preston



**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**



**UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY**

**Catholic Theological College**  
Graduate Certificate in Teaching  
Meditation

Online Information Session  
**Monday 12 September at 7pm**

For more information contact  
[jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)  
Register via our website:  
[ctc.edu.au/open-days](http://ctc.edu.au/open-days)

## THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



God works through unplanned events, as well as through setbacks. Let us ask the Lord to send us His Spirit so that He might help us to discern and to recognize His presence even in the unforeseen and painful situations in our lives.



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday. We pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise, grieve and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. It is about cultural change that will help the Church be a place where all people—particularly young people and persons at risk will feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)



### Serving at Sacred Heart

As a parish of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Sacred Heart parish holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church; and shared by all participants.

All clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 must comply to the following in order to begin or continue in their valuable and much appreciated roles:

\* Hold a current Working With Children Check that is linked to the parish.

\* Attend a Safeguarding Essentials Module and updates organized by the parish or as presented online by the Archdiocesan Professional Services Unit.

\* Sign a Declaration to abide by the Parish Code of Conduct and submit to the parish prior to beginning or continuing their active role in the parish.

For clarification or assistance, please contact a member of the Child Safety Committee. (phone numbers are on the front page of this bulletin)



### Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are still open as we have some positions for Year Prep. 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.



Listen to the  
Voice of Creation  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

**SEASON OF CREATION:** Thank you for coming together as a community for the Season of Creation. Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

It is a time to reflect on the health of our common home and we have much to reflect on as countries are experiencing unprecedented droughts, floods, unliveable temperatures, and wildfires. These climate change induced, or exacerbated disasters have threatened the lives and livelihoods of many millions of people. Pope Francis calls us during the Season of Creation, to hear the Cry of the Earth, and the Cry of the Poor.

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. We are co-creatures, and part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is **Listen to the Voice of Creation.**

"We are living a critical moment for the Earth" - Pope Francis said in his message introducing #SeasonofCreation 2022: the annual campaign supported by cardinals around the world, which seeks to unite us to achieve our ecological conversion and act for God's Creation, our Common Home.

**2022 Season of Creation Prayer:** Let us pray Heavenly Father, Creator of All, from your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise. By your Holy Wisdom, you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. Day after day, they pour forth speech; night after night, they reveal knowledge. You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationships with each creature so that we could listen to their voices and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures. We pray in the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.



## Sacred Heart Young Adult Group

### Youth Choir

All young adults who are musicians and those who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Youth Choir at the Sunday 10:30am Masses on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

For more information contact Priscilla on 0415 061 781



### Joke Corner

An elderly couple attended a fundraising dinner organised by the local parish. At the end of the night dessert was served. After his wife got up for the third time to get dessert her husband said, "I can't believe it. That's your third piece of apple pie! Everyone will think you're a total glutton."

"Not at all dear," his wife smirked. "I've been telling people you're the dessert fanatic in our family!"

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

## FIRST READING

*Exodus 32:7-11,13-14*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-13,17,19**

*The Response Is:*

***I will rise and go to my father.***

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

***I will rise and go to my father.***

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

***I will rise and go to my father.***

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.

A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

***I will rise and go to my father.***

## SECOND READING

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence

of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 15:1-32*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him

tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

