

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 Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday

(English) & Friday (Italian) after

9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

29th - 30th December 2018 - Year C

Called to a Loving Relationship

Even God cannot do without a family! At the Nativity, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. God's only Son took flesh to be a human among us, in all forms except sins. He was born into a family, a very ordinary family of Mary and Joseph. To be human is also to belong, especially belonging to a family. We also understand family in a wider sense, a group of people interconnected with each other through the bond of a loving relationship, as are Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Thinking of a family, we may immediately associate it with certain values such as: community, companionship, friendship, unity, solidarity, care, protection...and above all relationship, love and happiness. Indeed, we spend our whole life pursuing these good values because we believe they can bring us happiness.

While western philosophy believes 'I think, therefore I exist', many oriental cultures, especially the cultures of our indigenous people, believe 'I belong therefore I exist'. Thus, when a person is 'excommunicated' from a community, he/she is considered as being non-existent. The belonging gives the person the right to exist. One has to be connected to each other in order to exist. This connectedness is what we call relationship. A loving relationship!

What marks out a family as a Christian family? Faith in Jesus Christ. A Christian family puts God at the centre of their family life, and only faith can enable this to happen. God is love. When this God is at the centre of our family, then love takes its reign in our family and turns it into a community of love. Love is not about looking at each other, but together looking toward the same direction. That direction is God.

We live in a much fragmented world today, marked by violence, division, hatred, discrimination and intolerance. This feast of the Holy Family can help us to reflect on the remedy for this fragmented world. A family community that sets its eye on God, the Trinitarian God who exists in a loving relational bond, who reaches out and offers this broken world the possibility of healing. We, the Christian family community as a whole, are called to be witnesses to this possibility. We don't know much about this historical Holy Family, however, we can be certain that they are a people of belonging, healing, forgiveness, and tolerance, and surely people of faith and love. That's what we are called to.



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

Roster for weekend of 5th - 6th Jan 2019		
	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Barbara Fitzgerald Charlotte Bainy
Sun (Ita) 9.00am	Bozzella C. Mancini L.	Mancini M. Mendolicchio A.
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Ivana Lo Bello	Tony Eley Giovanna D'Intino
Sun 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic John Plum	Robert Dullard Margaret Bannon

Cleaning Roster - Sat 5th Jan 2019
Legion of Mary

Last Week's Collection: 23/12/18
1st Collection for our Church: \$1181.55
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$725.65
Christmas Offerings: \$3790.10
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Dates to Remember

Monday 31st December: 9.10am and 7pm
New Year's Eve - Thanksgiving Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday 1st January: 9.10am

Thursday 3rd January: 1.30pm
Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing

Welcome!

This weekend through
Baptism we welcome:
Zoe Rose Nguyen
into our Parish family



WE PRAY FOR:
The elderly and the sick
John Bernardini, Margaret Doyle, Luis Gandarillas, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Potter & Yvonne Tierney

Those recommended to our prayers
John Lyon & Patricia Lyon
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.
Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 83:2-3,5-6,9-10
R/ How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Acts 16:14
Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52
His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.
Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord