

# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

## 16th - 17th February 2019

**First Reading:** Jer 17:5-8

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

R/ Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Lk 6:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 6:17. 20-26

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**'The poor' are all whose emptiness and destitution provides scope for the generosity of God.**



# Sacred Heart Parish

## Preston

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### Welcome to the School Year!

The African philosophy of Ubuntu, provides us, with an understanding of ourselves and how we are connected with others. Ubuntu offers the existence of a bond between us all, a bond, which through our interactions with our fellow human beings, we discover our own human qualities. The Zulu people of Africa say, "Umuntu Ngumuntu Ngabantu", which means that a person is a person through other persons. They believe they affirm their humanness when they acknowledge the humanness of others.

South African Nobel Prize recipient, Archbishop Desmond Tutu describes Ubuntu: 'It is the essence of being human. It speaks of the fact that my humanity is caught up and is inextricably bound up in yours. I am human because I belong. It speaks about wholeness, it speaks about compassion. A person with Ubuntu is welcoming, hospitable, warm and generous, willing to share. Such people are open and available to others, willing to be vulnerable, affirming of others, do not feel threatened that others are able and good, for they have a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that they belong in a greater whole. They know that they are diminished when others are humiliated, diminished when others are oppressed, diminished when others are treated as if they were less than who they are.'

A well known story about an anthropologist studying the habits and customs of an African tribe, goes, that he found himself surrounded by children daily. He decided to play a game with them. He placed some sweets in a basket, and placed the basket under a tree. He called the children and explained how to play a particular game. When the anthropologist said "now", the children had to run to the tree and the first one there could have all the sweets themselves. The children all waited for the "now" signal. When he said "now", all of the children took each other's hand and walked towards the tree. They arrived at the same time and divided the sweets among themselves, sat down and began to eat. The anthropologist was astonished and went over to them and asked why they had all run together when any one of them could have had the sweets to themselves. The children responded: "Ubuntu, how could any one of us be happy if all the others were sad?"

As we celebrate our "Opening of the 2019 School Year Mass", Sacred Heart School would like to share the theme of Ubuntu with our wider parish community. It is a theme that contains a powerful message for us all. We are all inextricably connected and our "goodness" can be evidenced in how we treat and accept those we come in contact with at school, work and in our social circles.



#### Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

#### Priests in Residence:

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

Fr Phuong Vu SVD, La Trobe University Chaplain

**Parish Office:** Cristina Agius

**School Principal:** Mark Tierney

**School Phone:** 9484 3514

#### Sacrament Co-ordinator:

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#### Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

Kay Dufty (secretary), Gerard

Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio

(Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark

Tierney, Timothy Nolan,

Fr Jan Szweda SVD

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Pauline O'Day (President)

Ph: 9484 2445

#### 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



**Our Church - A Safe Community  
A Shared Commitment  
Working with Children Checks**

Dear Volunteers in our Parish,  
To ensure compliance with the outcome of the Royal Commission, the Archdiocese has undertaken to ensure all staff and volunteers of every parish have required compliance checks in place, namely a Working with Children Card and in some cases a current police check. Accordingly, we are complying a list of the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them.  
We realise it is a slight inconvenience on occasion, however it is terribly important we all cooperate to ensure we are prepared for a possible audit conducted by Catholic Professional Standards Ltd. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Lenten Program - The Person of Jesus  
5th March - 9th April 2019**



Presenter:  
*Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD*  
Venue: Sacred Heart Preston  
Time: 7.30 – 8.30pm

**Topics**

**5th March** - Jesus is God  
**12th March** - Jesus is the Compassionate God  
**19th March** - Jesus is the Free Man  
**26th March** - Jesus is the Healer  
**2nd April** - Jesus is the Teacher  
**9th April** - Jesus is the Redeemer

**Lenten Prayer / Reflection Groups**

The time of Lent offers us an opportunity to meet for prayer and reflection. A proposal has been put forward to invite families who would like to meet with a small group of friends and parishioners to host such gatherings. Prayer / reflection / music materials will be provided. Please see Fr. Jan for more information.

**Dates to Remember**

**Wednesday 6th March:** Ash Wednesday

**Last Week's Collection: 10/02/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1402.30  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$782.10  
*Thank you for your kind generosity!*



**Sacred Heart Primary School  
Enrolments**

Enrolments for the 2020 school year are open. For a school tour, contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website: <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

**Open Day:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am – 11.00am and 12.00pm – 1.30pm

**Sacramental Program 2019**

Registration forms for preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are available in the church foyer. Celebrations of the Sacraments are planned on Tuesday 28th May at 7 pm, and Sunday 15th September at 10.30 am respectively.  
Parents whose children will prepare for Reconciliation are invited to attend the Parent Information Meeting on Sunday 17th March, after the 10.30 am Mass in the Presbytery.



**A Catholic Way of Receiving Holy Communion  
Guidelines for Communicants**

- As a sign of reverence for the Body of Christ, communicants and ministers should ensure that their hands appear clean.
- When the minister says "The Body of Christ", reply "Amen". When receiving in the hand, step to one side after receiving the host and consume the whole of it immediately. When receiving on the tongue, communicants should open their mouths sufficiently and position their tongue to facilitate easy reception of the host.
- If desired, move to the minister with the chalice. When the minister says "The blood of Christ", reply "Amen", receive the chalice, drink a little from it, and return the chalice to the minister.
- In keeping with Christ's command to take and drink and consistent with the Church's tradition that the sacraments be ministered, it is not permitted for communicants to self-intinct (or dip) the host in the chalice. The practice of dipping fingers with the host in the chalice can also lead to other hygiene issues.
- Return reverently to your place.

**Welcome!**



This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Ella Marie Condello** into our Parish family

**Walking Toward Eternity:  
Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart**

Have you struggled with Shame? Anger? Loneliness? Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart, is a DVD based Bible study that can open our eyes to the obstacles in our Christian walk and help us overcome our struggles.

In our busy lives we are faced with obstacles that aggravate us, discourage us, and even hinder our relationship with Christ. Finding the time to address them is often lost by the busyness of life. How do we overcome these obstacles, and hear God's voice in our lives? Come and join us as we begin to engage these difficulties through prayer, reflection, guidance and the aid of the Holy Spirit, as we journey towards union with Christ.

Where: Sacred Heart Presbytery  
When: 8 Saturdays beginning 16th February (except 13 & 20 April) from 3:30pm – 5:30pm.  
If there is enough interest in an evening session, we will offer it on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm - 9:00pm.  
Cost: Estimated Journal cost is \$35 (less if we have more participants to buy in bulk)  
A sign up sheet is in the Church Foyer.  
This program is run by the Verbum Domini group.

**Plenary Council 2020:**  
Interested in a discussion session on the theme, "What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?". If 'yes', we will invite a facilitator to conduct a session by the end of this month. Please sign a list in the church foyer.

**Church Cleaning Volunteers**

Again, we invite parishioners who are willing to help clean our church, only once a year, to please sign your name and contact number on the roster placed in our church foyer. Thank you for your help!



*Thank you for your presence this weekend at Sacred Heart Preston.*

*You are always welcome here.*



**WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick  
*Brian Donnellon, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter & Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Fr Jan Szweda*

Those who have died  
*John Burke (7th Anni.), Joe Verga (1 month), Luciano Verga (9th Anni), Rocco Pennella & Anis Saikali*

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



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER  
WEEKEND**

*Invest in your most precious asset... Your Marriage!*  
Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.  
*There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.*  
**2019 Melbourne weekend dates: 29-31 March, 31 May-2 June, 23-25 August and 15-17 November**  
*Starts 7pm Friday, Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.*  
Info/Bookings: Ph: Mercy and James 0409 183 676  
Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)  
Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**Cleaning Roster: Saturday 23rd February 2019**

**Dale/Volunteer**

Thank you for your help!



**Roster for weekend of 23rd - 24th February 2019**

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Marlene Vergou Renato Tonini	Peter Bourke Terry Murphy	Rohan Lemos
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Bozzella C.	Santini G. Pavan M.	Tamburrini M.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Alan Castles Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D'Intino Ivana Lo Bello	Jessy Thambiraj
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Abigail Roberts Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard Benedicta Arhatari	Jessica Suppiah