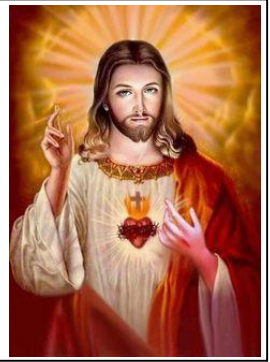


# Sacred Heart Parish Preston

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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 the month  
at 1:30pm

**Please note: No healing Mass in April.**

### Next Healing Mass:

**Friday 5 May**

### 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

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## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord* *Sunday 2 April 2023*

### *From Palms to the Cross*

This final Sunday of Lent engages us in a preview of the three great days about to be celebrated: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Mass begins with a commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He arrives on a domestic animal- a donkey not a warhorse, much less in a chariot as would a conqueror. Though acclaimed enthusiastically with palm branches and Hosannas, He comes in peace surrounded at first by ordinary people amongst whom he has shared His Father's mission to 'bring good news to the poor'. In so doing He subverts popular expectations of a political messiah but nevertheless, is seen as a potential threat to political and religious stability by those in power.

The second highlight of today's liturgy is the proclamation of the Passion narrative according to Matthew. Matthew is concerned to present Jesus as the Messiah- the Christ- who fulfils Israel's deepest longings and hopes, while at the same time confounding those expectations held by some. For Matthew, Jesus is at one and the same time the suffering servant of Isaiah, royal son of David's lineage, faithful Messiah, Son of man and Son of God.

No other Liturgy in the year evokes our response in such diverse ways as today's. We are taken up in joyful procession and sing 'Hosanna' at the beginning, to the contemplating Jesus as crucified at the Gospel.

In its own way this liturgy touches on the ebb and flow of life, the ups and downs, the joys and struggle to be faithful like Jesus to what we believe and those whose lives touch ours. So we hold our piece of palm, sing and demonstrate in our procession our willingness to follow him. Then we stand at the Gospel and the piece of palm takes on a new significance as we contemplate the reality of human pain and suffering. Now it is a call to us to be faithful as Jesus was ready to be faithful, not to give up hope when life seriously tests us and our brothers and sisters.

It is the beginning of an extraordinary week. We are invited to walk with Jesus through it and come eventually to the Resurrection which will shed new hope and new light on suffering. We are not asked to believe that suffering is good in itself but we are challenged to see that good can come of it and to recognise

– in Jesus- God's solidarity with all those who endure suffering for doing what is right. For it is in our humanity that we are united with the mercy and unconditional love of God who longs to be One with us for, as the song goes:

*"...in Eternal Love yesterday*

*is now and our Pain,*

*Joy and Life are the Heart of God".*

God Remembers - Marty Haugen



## 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>
01-Apr-23	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Mary Harb
08-Apr-23	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
15-Apr-23	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy

	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
02-Apr-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
09-Apr-23	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
16-Apr-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino

	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
02-Apr-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
09-Apr-23	Michelle Totawatte Rachel Vorlander	Robert Dullard
16-Apr-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento

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

**Volunteers**  
*To all our Volunteers*  
Thank you for your hard work

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

#### The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Plum  
*Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.*

#### Those who have died recently:

*Fr Salvatore (Sam) Dimattina PE (RIP 23/3)*  
*Fr John Tollan (RIP 27/3)*  
*Nunziata Ciaglia*

#### We Commemorate:

*Teresa Howard (9th Anniv.)*  
*Veneranda Sofra*  
*Mantoura Frangieh*  
*Lupo, Pasquale and Antonio Gugliotti*  
*Rosaria and Francesco Jannella*  
*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.*  
*May they rest in peace. Amen.*



#### Last Week's Collection: 26/3/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$968  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$806  
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.

## THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



*Let us Pray Together for a more widespread culture of non-violence, that will progress when countries and citizens alike resort less and less to the use of arms.*

## Dates to Remember

Tues 4 April **Penitential Service and Confession** at 7pm  
**Good Friday:** 10am - meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus (with Fr Albano)  
11am - Stations of the Cross  
3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
5pm - Via Crucis (in Italian)

## Baptism Congratulations

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates  
**Ma Emma Ramona Subedi,**  
for her Baptism  
on 29 March.



## Holy Week Program 2023

Sun 2 April **Palm Sunday** – normal weekend Masses  
Tues 4 April **Penitential Service and Confession** at 7:00pm  
Thurs 6 April **Mass of the Last Supper** at 7:30pm  
Fri 7 April **Good Friday**  
**10:00am** - "The Seven Last Words of Christ" (with Fr Albano) followed by Stations of the Cross  
**3:00pm** - Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Our Lord  
**5:00pm** - Via Crucis (in Italian)  
Sat 8 April **Easter Vigil Mass** at 7:30pm  
Sun 9 April **Easter Sunday** - normal Sunday Masses  
**Please Note:** There will be no morning Masses on Holy Thursday 6/4, Good Friday 7/4 and Holy Saturday 8/4

## \*\*IMPORTANT: End of daylight saving\*\*

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday 2 April 2023, when clocks will go backwards one hour at 3am. So don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night (1 April).



## Sacrificial giving via QR code

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.



## Volunteers Needed

### Are you available to participate in our Holy Week Ceremonies 2nd to 9th April?

Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar servers, leaders of music, projectionists, those who clean and prepare the church, collectors are all needed for:

Holy Thursday Evening

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Lords Passion

Easter Vigil Mass

If you can assist, you are required to have a current Working With Children Check, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or email Rachel at:

[preston@cam.org.au](mailto:preston@cam.org.au) or phone 9480 3398. Thank you



## More Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers – male or female, any age -are needed for washing of feet for the Holy Thursday Mass.** Those who are interested please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the church foyer or email Rachel at: [preston@cam.org.au](mailto:preston@cam.org.au) or phone 9480 3398. Thank you



## Project Compassion Palm Sunday



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**



You can donate through [Project Compassion](https://www.projectcompassion.org.au) donation boxes and envelopes available in the Church foyer, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## The Melbourne Passion Play

Each year, for the past 23 years, the passion of Jesus Christ has been enacted in Melbourne by a group of volunteers. This is a scene-by-scene representation of the ministry of Jesus by people in real, open-air surroundings.

Come and relive the passion of Our Lord, and meditate on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, April 2, 2023 1:30pm – 2:30pm

VENUE: Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe



## Palm Sunday

As you enter into Holy Week, find time to sit quietly in a garden, park or natural setting such as a beach or a forest. Spend time here listening attentively to the sounds of the birds and animals, the wind and water – all of creation sings praise to the Divine One.

As you leave your thoughts behind, be open to the voice of the Creator communicating with your heart through everything you experience here in the midst of creation. Ask for the grace to continue on the journey of Eco conversion.



## GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION:

On **Good Friday** there will be a special collection for the Holy Land. Your donation supports the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing financial assistance to schools, medical centres, parishes, orphanages, welfare projects and poor Christians and it helps preserve the sacred shrines associated with the life of Jesus

Australian Christians can help by our donations.

Envelopes can be found in the foyer.

Please give generously.



## 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.



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

**"Live Your Best Life in Love"**

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details.**

**28 – 30 April 2023** in Melbourne

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings:

Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [wwme.org.au](https://www.wwme.org.au)



## 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

There was a parish that had many attendees. The parish priest there used to give out miniature palm crosses that he made by hand. One Sunday, he announced that he would be giving them out. The congregation in the church that day reacted with glee.

"Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he said. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

When the parishioners were leaving the church, a woman walked up to the priest, shook his hand and said, "I'll take five."

**Please take the bulletin home**

*This gospel is read at the procession with palms before Mass:*

**Gospel** Matthew 21:1-11  
When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.'

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.

Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

And when he entered Jerusalem,

all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'

And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

**The Response Is:**

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.'

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet

I can count every one of my bones.

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me!

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

### SECOND READING

*Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 27:11-54*

Key: N. Narrator. ✠ Jesus. O. Other single speaker.

C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

N. The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

N. Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied,

✠ It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him,

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose.

Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. they said,

C. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he

took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back,

C. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✠ Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N. That is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said,

C. The man is calling on Elijah.

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said,

C. In truth this was a son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.