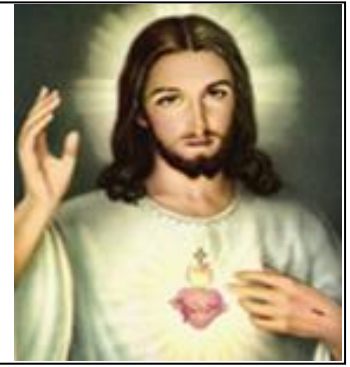




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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

**Next Healing Mass:**

3 February 2022

### Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (English)

**Reconciliation:**

30 minutes before Mass or by

appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:**

By appointment only

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Sunday 23 January 2022

### The dangerous truth of bringing Good News to the poor

Speaking in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus used Isaiah's prophetic terms, long since seen as referring to the coming Messiah, to describe his own mission "to bring Good News to the poor." The success of Jesus' mission, particularly with the poor who had no political power except that conferred by their sheer numbers, made Jesus a "dangerous" person to the religious authorities of Israel and eventually resulted in crucifixion.

The Christian Gospel is still dangerous when its truth is really put into practice. This is clearly seen in the case of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who was assassinated while he was celebrating Mass because, like Jesus, he reminded people of the needs of the poor and the oppressed in El Salvador. The story began in 1979 when a young priest, Father Grande, was shot and killed on the streets of El Salvador. His "crime" was that he spoke out against the government, which brutally suppressed all forms of protests and executed thousands of innocent people using its notorious "Death Squads." When Fr. Grande's great friend, Bishop Oscar Romero, was chosen to be the new Archbishop, the authorities thought he would keep quiet on the question of the oppressed poor in that country. Instead, Archbishop Oscar Romero became an outspoken defender of the poor and a critic of the state-supported "Death Squads." To honour the memory of his martyred friend, Romero refused to appear in any public ceremonies sponsored by the army or the government. He soon became the voice and conscience of El Salvador. His words and actions were reported throughout the whole world, so that everybody knew the atrocities happening in El Salvador. Romero's fight for human rights led to his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. On March 24, 1980, at 6:25 PM, as the Archbishop was offering Mass in a hospital Chapel, a shot from the back of the Church struck him in the chest, killing him instantly. Thus, Archbishop Oscar Romero died a martyr for the Gospel of Christ. He was beatified May 23, 2015 by Cardinal Angelo Amato representing Pope Francis and canonized by Pope Francis October 14, 2018, with the designation "Bishop and Martyr."

As we reflect today on Jesus' words about his mission, let us remember Saint Oscar Romero and continue to strive to live out faithfully in our world and in our daily lives the "dangerous" truths of the "Good News" which is Jesus' gift to us today. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>)



## 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.*



## BAPTISM Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome  
**Sage McKay** and  
**Cloris Xavia Mata**  
into our Parish family



	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
15-Jan-22	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke
22-Jan-22	John Kmaid Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
29-Jan-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy

	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
16-Jan-22	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
23-Jan-22	Catherine Zanatta Marilene Fortuna	Giovanna D' Intino
30-Jan-22	Jessy Thambiraj Ivana Lo Bello	Pauline Veamatahau

	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
16-Jan-22	Damian Casamento Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard
23-Jan-22	Robert Dullard Ylenia Useli	Margaret Bannan
30-Jan-22	Anna Liggieri Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin

### #55 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Information Updated: 23 December 2021, 5:00pm

As of 11.59pm Wednesday 23 December 2021, the following measures will be applied to Masses at Sacred Heart Parish::

From 11:59pm Thursday 23 December 2021, **face coverings will be required for gatherings indoors** (except in the home) for people aged eight and over, or for those with medical exemptions.

All Catholics in Melbourne **continue to be dispensed** from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading Holy Scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully participating in online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

**Please do not attend Mass** if you are feeling unwell, have tested positive or are waiting for a Covid test result.

**QR Check in is still required.** Thank you.



### Feasts /Memorials of the week:

Monday 24 January	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor
Tuesday 25 January	Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
Wednesday 26 January	Australia Day
Thursday 27 January	Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops
Friday 21 January	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor



### Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. **Please collect yours.**

Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

### Last Week's Collection: 16/1/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$566

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$440

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### Cleaning Roster: Saturday 29 January 2022

**Volunteers**

Thank you for your hard work



### **WE PRAY FOR:**

#### The elderly and the sick

*Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, Bronislawa Slobodzian*

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

#### Those who have died recently

#### We Commemorate

*J Jay De Melo (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)*

*Elia Zanatta, Clelia Zanatta, Adelice, Artemio, Ercole, and Argia.*

*Giuseppe Gandolfo (11th Anniv.)*



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



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



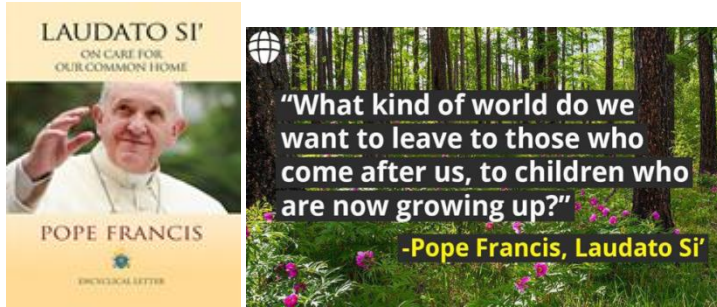
## PRAYERS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us Pray Together for the people of the islands of Tonga, who were struck in recent days by a volcanic eruption that has caused enormous material damage. We ask the Lord to relieve the suffering of these brothers and sisters.



## LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Overview of Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home. Pope Francis divides the encyclical up into six chapters. Each chapter addresses a specific environmental education issue.

- Chapter 1: "What is happening to our common home?"
- Chapter 2: "The Gospel of Creation"
- Chapter 3: "The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis"
- Chapter 4: "Integral Ecology"
- Chapter 5: "Lines of Approach & Action"
- Chapter 6: "Ecological Education & Spirituality"

"The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth." (LS: 66)

"We have to realise that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (LS: 49)

"Hope would have us recognise that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps" (LS: 61)

"The divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet" (LS: 9)

**ACTION:** SPEND MORE TIME IN NATURE. Notice the trees, wildlife that surrounds you, the wind, clouds, rain and the sounds and smells that fill the air around you. Be embraced by the natural world and everyday learn to love our common home.



## Piety Stall

With the help of generous volunteers the Piety Stall will again be open after each of the weekend Masses.

Religious items including **Columban calendars** are available at very reasonable prices.

Volunteers are sought for the Saturday evening and Sunday 10.30 and 6pm Masses.

Please contact Rachel on 9480 3398 for more details.

You are required to have a current WWCC and be fully vaccinated Thank you



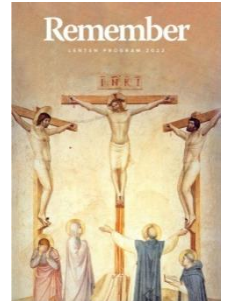
## Remember—Lenten Program 2022

**Remember** is a 72-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.

If you wish to purchase **Remember** you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance.

**Cost \$8 each.** To Order please place your money in an envelope with your name and phone number and hand it to Fr Aloysius or you may place it in the "Letters" slot near the front door of the presbytery before Monday 7 February.

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



**Welcoming Saint Pope John-Paul II**  
AS CO-PATRON OF OUR VICTORIAN MARIAN SHRINE  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
**Starts 2.00 p.m.**

*Totus Tuus - I'm Totally Yours*  
St Pope John Paul II Motto - Testimony of his True Devotion to Mary

**Inauguration and Blessing of the Monument**  
**By Most Reverend Bishop Martin Ashe**  
Aux. Bishop of Archdiocese of Melbourne (Western Regions)  
& other members of the Clergy

**Come & Join the Clergy & the Faithful**  
in this historic celebration at  
**Ta Pinu Shrine (Aust)**  
*All Nations Marian Centre*

For more information: 15 Flanagan Drive, Merrimu (Baechus Marsh) 3340  
Office: 53877006; Josette 0412360231; Rita 0401534838; Mary 0409231926

## Joke Corner

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

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A catechist was talking about the Ten Commandments. She explained the commandment to "honour your father and your mother". Then she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" A student answered, "You shall not kill."

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth  
peace to people of good will. / We praise  
you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we  
glorify you, / we give you thanks for your  
great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, /  
O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus  
Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you  
take away the sins of the world, / have  
mercy on us; / you take away the sins of  
the world, / receive our prayer; / you are  
seated at the right hand of the Father, /  
have mercy on us. / For you alone are the  
Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you  
alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, /  
with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God  
the Father. / Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the  
assembly, consisting of men, women, and  
children old enough to understand. This  
was the first day of the seventh month. On  
the square before the Water Gate, in the  
presence of the men and women, and  
children old enough to understand, he read  
from the book from early morning till  
noon; all the people listened attentively to  
the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais  
erected for the purpose. In full view of all  
the people – since he stood higher than all  
the people – Ezra opened the book; and  
when he opened it all the people stood up.  
Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great  
God, and all the people raised their hands  
and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they  
bowed down and, face to the ground,  
prostrated themselves before the Lord.  
And Ezra read from the Law of God,  
translating and giving the sense, so that  
the people understood what was read.  
Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and  
Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites  
who were instructing the people, said to  
all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the  
Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do  
not weep.’ For the people were all in tears  
as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the  
sweet wine, and send a portion to the man  
who has nothing prepared ready. For this  
day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad:  
the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 18(19):8-10, 15**

*The Response Is:*

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock!

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27*

Just as a human body, though it is made  
up of many parts, is a single unit because  
all these parts, though many, make one  
body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit  
we were all baptised, Jews as well as  
Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one  
Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any  
one of its many parts. Now you together  
are Christ’s body; but each of you is a  
different part of it.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel  
Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to  
the poor and freedom to prisoners.

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21*

Seeing that many others have undertaken  
to draw up accounts of the events that  
have taken place among us, exactly as  
these were handed down to us by those  
who from the outset were eyewitnesses  
and ministers of the word, I in my turn,  
after carefully going over the whole story  
from the beginning, have decided to write  
an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so  
that your Excellency may learn how well  
founded the teaching is that you have  
received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him,  
returned to Galilee; and his reputation  
spread throughout the countryside. He  
taught in their synagogues and everyone  
praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been  
brought up, and went into the synagogue  
on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He  
stood up to read and they handed him the  
scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the  
scroll he found the place where it is  
written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to  
me,

for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to  
the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back  
to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes  
in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then  
he began to speak to them, ‘This text is  
being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

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.

## RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE

**FAITHFUL:**

Lord, hear our prayer.

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,  
for by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.

