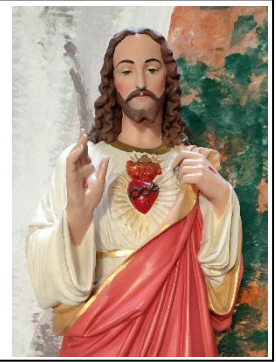




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Safeguarding Officers:

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Safeguarding Committee: Members:

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Gerard Grant (chairperson), Ophelia Swai,
Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark
Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran,
Judeline Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

Parish Finance Committee:

Peter Constable (Chair)

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Stephen Costello (President)

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 February, May,
August & November at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass: Friday 2 February 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.
(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



NO adoration on Thursday 30 November

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English) after the
9:10am Mass

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on
Monday 4 December in the presbytery after
9:10am Mass.

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*Our Parish is committed to the safety,
wellbeing and dignity of all children
and vulnerable adults.*

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE Sunday 26 November 2023 (Year A)

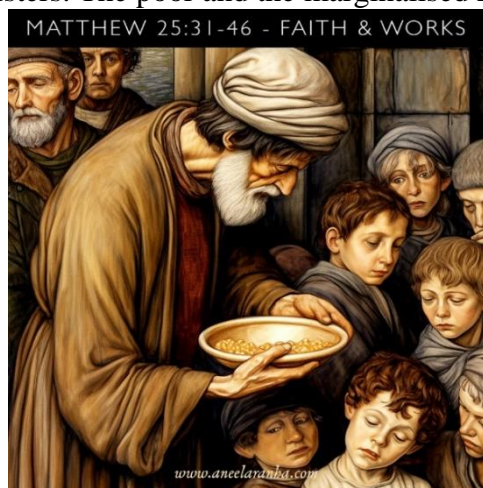
Whatever you Do the Least of my Brethren...

On this last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, the Feast of Christ the King, we hear the Gospel about the Last Judgement. It is not just about a future event in history, but it is about the very core of being a disciple of Jesus Christ today. The Gospel challenges each one of us and our Catholic community to remember that Christian life is never self-centred. God is love and our Christian life must reflect that love.

As Christians we cannot be indifferent about or uninterested in those around us, especially those who are marginalised. We have to remember that the judgement is not about how we respond to rules and norms. Rather, it is primarily about how we respond in love to the God who is love. The judgment is about love. We will be judged by how we have loved, especially about how we have loved not just those who are dear to us but by how we have loved the most marginalised, the people with whom we would often not normally have any contact.

In the Gospel Jesus lists those who in his own time were the most marginalised: those who suffered hunger or thirst, the naked, the strangers, the sick and those in prison. The list is not much different from those marginalised in our times: we can think of those who hunger and are without nurture, physical or spiritual, or those who thirst for meaning and hope in the confusion of our world. We can think of those who are exposed with little cover and protection to the rough elements of our times, not just climatically but also economically, or emotionally. We can think of those who are treated as strangers, when they do not fit into how we define the categories of respectability and being like ourselves. We can think of those who are physically in prisons and those who are trapped in the many prisons of human suffering or oppression or anguish or addiction.

These are the "least brothers and sisters" with whom Christ identifies himself. When we reach out to them because of our love for God, we encounter Christ himself who is in them. On a deeper level, if we want to know who God is, we should not turn to the powerful but to the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. The poor and the marginalised reveal to us who God is.



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.

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
18-Nov-23	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy
25-Nov-23	Mary Harb Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
02-Dec-23	Celia Lemos Teresa Dang	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
19-Nov-23	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani	Eileen Stevens
26-Nov-23	Albert D'Souza Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
03-Dec-23	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
19-Nov-23	Natalie Baran Joanne Verga	Robert Dullard
26-Nov-23	Tim Rankin Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard
03-Dec-23	Joanne Verga Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

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

Those who have died recently:

Ivo Iannessa (RIP 20/11. Funeral Wed 29/11 at 11am)

We Commemorate:

*Alfredo & Beppina Regnani
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Last Week's Collection: 19/11/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$869
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$806
Thank you for your kind generosity!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please Note:

There will be **NO** adoration on Thursday 30 November.

Please take the bulletin home

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 ✠

Thursday 30 November St Andrew, Apostle



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



The Palestinian people and the people of Israel have the right to live in peace: two fraternal peoples. Let us Pray Together for peace in the Holy Land, so that disputes may be resolved through dialogue and negotiations, and not with a mountain of dead on each side.



✠ Baptism Congratulations ✠

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates



**Zara Galaso, Leon Mammoliti,
Henri Tanazas & Leonardo Zito**

for their Baptisms on 25 & 26 November.



Advent Program (Thursdays) 7:30 – 8:30 pm

You are warmly invited to enter into the spirit of Advent when we prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Weekly Advent-themed reflections will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

- Thursday 30 November Stay Awake
- Thursday 7 December Make Straight the Path of the Lord
- Thursday 14 December There Stands among you the One who is coming after me.
- Thursday 21 December You will conceive and bear a Son.
- **Tuesday 19 December** 7.00 to 8.30 pm Penitential Service



Volunteer End of Year Function

All parish volunteers and staff are invited to our **End of Year "Thank You" BBQ** Friday 15 December from 6:30 pm onwards in the Parish presbytery. Barbecue meats will be provided by the parish. However, BYO drinks and plate to share. Eg: starters, salad, side dishes, bread, desert, fruit etc. Kindly RSVP on the sign up sheet in the foyer or email Rachel at preston@cam.org.au



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support our parish and priest, 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.

Kindly consider donating to both the Church and Presbytery accounts.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support to Sacred Heart parish.



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**Sacred Heart
 Giving Tree**



Advent – begins next week and the **Giving Tree** will once again appear in the Church foyer. This year once again we are asking for donations of Gift cards:

* Gift Cards of \$10 or more from Coles or Woolworths for families to be able to purchase food or essential items to celebrate and share Christmas with family or friends.

* Donations of a Kmart or other Gift Card are a second option for a parent or carer to be able to purchase a suitable gift for a child or other family member.

You are invited to: Take a token from the tree, purchase a gift card or place cash in the envelope and return it to the church by the third Sunday of Advent (17 Dec).

If you require a receipt, place the donation in an envelope labelled “Christmas gift appeal” with your contact details. Phone Pauline O’Day 9484 2445 or 0497 935 593 if you require us to collect your donation.

Thank you all – school families, parishioners and visitors for your remarkable ongoing care for our neighbours in these difficult times.



Summer Feast 2023

Come and join the **young people** of Melbourne as Archbishop Peter Comensoli leads this special **Six30 Holy Hour** at St Patrick’s Cathedral, to be followed by a summer barbecue, live music and fiesta to celebrate the year’s end.

Thursday 30 November 2023

6.30pm–9.00pm

VENUE: St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne



Holding the Light: an ecumenical service

The **Holding the Light** ecumenical service remembers victims and survivors of domestic and family violence, and will this year be held at Wesley Uniting Church, (Lonsdale Street) with special guest speaker Sr Nicole Rotamu RSM.

Thursday 30 November 2023

5.00pm–6.00pm

VENUE: Wesley Uniting Church, 136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne



LOVE SHOULDN’T HURT

“No one should be harassed or mistreated because of who they are, who they love or what they believe.”

✿ For the resilient souls. ✿

You are not defined by the shadows of your past but by the strength that propels you forward.

You show resilience in the face of adversity and have discovered an unyielding courage within just to survive.

Know that you are not alone, surround yourself with family, friends and a supportive community and let their collective strength give you the power to heal.

Speak openly and know that you matter and are worthy.

Don’t forget everyone deserves to feel safe, happy, valued and loved. God loves you!

Dear God, grant strength to those facing abuse. May they find the courage to seek help and discover a path to safety. Please guide their journey with hope, love and peace.

Amen.

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Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing.

Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have said:

‘Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.’

Please join us:

Monday 27 November

4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT

Everyone is welcome.

Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zq

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



Piety Shop

Columban callendars are now available in the Piety shop - **\$10**

The piety shop stocks small gifts and cards for **all Sacraments** as well as various religious items at reasonable prices. Please take the time to have a look after any of the weekend Masses.

Thank you.



Christmas Craft Competition

Our 2023 Christmas Craft competition is now on and will culminate in a judging and award ceremony at the December Cuppa – 10th December 2023 after 10:30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Primary School Multi-purpose room.

To register please write your name on the entry sheet at the foyer and indicate which category you will compete for.

There are 3 categories to compete for:

- Christmas Card
- Christmas Star
- The Crib in the Nativity Scene

Crafts will be judged on:

- Presentation
- Creativity
- Uniqueness
- Originality

Let us have fun together preparing for Christmas!



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

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter. There were 10 men and one woman. The rope was NOT strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to let go, otherwise they were all going to fall. No one could decide who that person should be until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband, her kids and for men in general, and was used to making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech, all the men starting clapping.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever
and ever.

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

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look
after my flock myself and keep all of it in
view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in
view when he stands up in the middle of
his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my
sheep in view. I shall rescue them from
wherever they have been scattered during
the mist and darkness. I myself will
pasture my sheep, I myself will show
them where to rest – it is the Lord who
speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring
back the stray, bandage the wounded and
make the weak strong. I shall watch over
the fat and healthy. I shall be a true
shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this:
I will judge between sheep and sheep,
between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

The Response Is:

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.***

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.***

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.***

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.***

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.
Death came through one man and in the
same way the resurrection of the dead has
come through one man. Just as all men
die in Adam, so all men will be brought
to life in Christ; but all of them in their
proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and
then, after the coming of Christ, those
who belong to him. After that will come
the end, when he hands over the kingdom
to God the Father, having done away
with every sovereignty, authority and
power. For he must be king until he has
put all his enemies under his feet and the
last of the enemies to be destroyed is
death, for everything is to be put under
his feet. And when everything is
subjected to him, then the Son himself
will be subject in his turn to the One who
subjected all things to him, so that God
may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing on him, who comes in the name
of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our
father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son
of Man comes in his glory, escorted by
all the angels, then he will take his seat
on his throne of glory. All the nations will
be assembled before him and he will

separate men one from another as the
shepherd separates sheep from goats. He
will place the sheep on his right hand and
the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his
right hand, "Come, you whom my Father
has blessed, take for your heritage the
kingdom prepared for you since the
foundation of the world. For I was
hungry and you gave me food; I was
thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a
stranger and you made me welcome;
naked and you clothed me, sick and you
visited me, in prison and you came to see
me." Then the virtuous will say to him in
reply, "Lord, when did we see you
hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give
you drink? When did we see you a
stranger and make you welcome; naked
and clothe you; sick or in prison and go
to see you?" And the King will answer,
"I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did
this to one of the least of these brothers
of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left
hand, "Go away from me, with your
curse upon you, to the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels. For
I was hungry and you never gave me
food; I was thirsty and you never gave me
anything to drink; I was a stranger and
you never made me welcome, naked and
you never clothed me, sick and in prison
and you never visited me." Then it will
be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we
see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or
naked, sick or in prison, and did not come
to your help?" Then he will answer, "I
tell you solemnly, in so far as you
neglected to do this to one of the least of
these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal
punishment, and the virtuous to eternal
life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with
peace.