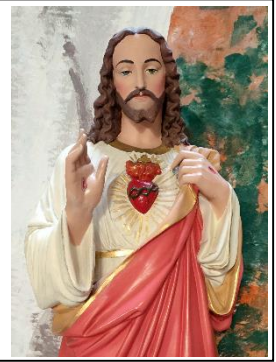




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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## Office Hours:

Mon, Thurs & Fri: 10am -3pm

## Parish Priest

Fr Aloysius Nato, SVD

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**School Principal:** Mark Tierney

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**Sacrament Coordinator:** TBA

## Safeguarding Committee:

### Safeguarding Officers:

Robert Dullard

### Safeguarding Committee: Members:

Mary Harb

Teresa Dang

Pauline O'Day

## Parish Council Members:

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)



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

### Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:** By appointment only

## New Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on  
**Monday 6 November** 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.*

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday 5 November 2023 (Year A)**

### ***“You Have only one Teacher-the Christ” -Called to Serve.***

Today’s readings have much to do with attitudes towards others with whom we live in community, particularly in relation to those who have some responsibility as teachers, leaders or carers. While at first the readings might seem to be directed mainly at the way authority is exercised in various forms of communities historically, they present an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the way we exercise or might interpret leadership roles when given a position of trust or responsibility. Each of us as disciples of Jesus – as Vatican II recognised - are called to be participants in the mission of Jesus – to bring good News of God’s love through service to each other, which extends beyond those in our family, neighbourhood or shared religious community to all humanity. It’s about integrity, justice, humility, enabling others through mutual service.

In the first reading the Prophet Malachi preaches a hard-hitting message to the leaders of a people returned from exile – particularly the priests of the time. Resting on their position as recognized leaders, the prophet denounces their half-hearted service to God and their failure to properly teach the people. He reminds them: “Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us?” Should they not therefore treat and respect one another as equals and worthy of the good news of God’s ongoing care for them? In the Gospel narrative Jesus is talking to his disciples and bystanders beginning with a heavy critique of some religious leaders of His time. True, they were interpreters for the people of the Mosaic Law. However, their interpretation of the law was not like that of Moses who brought God’s promise of an eternal covenant to a people bereft of a land and security. Rather, indulgently they claimed ‘power- over’ people rather than actively using their position and knowledge to build a safe, unified and God-loving community. Jesus’ message was that true leadership was not about position or being given places of honour or title. It was not about exaggerating the design of their religious garb or making over exaggerated devotional gestures to gain attention or “respect”. Jesus, in life, teaching and interaction with other human beings modelled and lived “Servant Leadership.”

To lead is to be open to the will of God and to identify and nurture the wisdom, strengths, gifts of others with whom we share community as sons and daughters of one Father. The servant leadership of Jesus was not about laying heavy devotional burdens or observances of law on people or disabling them by exclusion on account of age, race, culture or experience etc. Servant leadership was about enabling others. There is much to challenge us in today’s readings but there is also much to encourage us within our parish as we commit ourselves to building up a community where all – longtime and recently arrived parishioners and visitors feel welcome and respected and where children, vulnerable people and elders are safe and heard. Thus we experience and share the presence of our all loving and life- giving God through those who are with us Now!

We should end on the beautiful image of leadership expressed by St Paul to the Thessalonians:

*“Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well” (2:7)*

### Humility In Life

▣ **1 Thes. 2:7 –**  
“But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children....”



## 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>
04-Nov-23	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
11-Nov-23	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
18-Nov-23	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy

	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
05-Nov-23	Albert D'Souza Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley
12-Nov-23	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
19-Nov-23	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani	Eileen Stevens

	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
05-Nov-23	Joanne Verga Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard
12-Nov-23	Michelle Totawatte Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
19-Nov-23	Natalie Baran Joanne Verga	Robert Dullard

### Attention Ministers of Communion and Readers

**NEW ROSTERS** and updated phone lists have been emailed. Please check your junk mail folder if you haven't received yours in your inbox. For those who do not receive an email copy please check the Church foyer for your copy. Thank you all for your faithful service to our Eucharistic Celebrations.



### **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:

### We Commemorate:

Giuseppe Passolaqua

Peter & Maria Tran

Antonio Loizzo

Elisa Savic-Wong

*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### Last Week's Collection: 29/10/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,127

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$869

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### 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



## 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 9 November

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday 10 November

Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor

Saturday 11 November

St Martin of Tours, Bishop



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



*'We are always at risk of thinking that we can "control God", that we can confine his love to our own agenda. Instead, the way he acts is always unpredictable and consequently demands amazement and adoration.'*

Pope Francis in his homily for the closing Mass of the first assembly of the Synod of Bishops.



### ✠ Welcome before Baptism ✠

*Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Sacred Heart rejoice that you have chosen to baptize your child and we pray that in the coming years you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God, that is everlasting.*

The Parish introduces to the Sacred Heart community

### **Beau Ryan**



in preparation for his Baptism on 19 November.



### Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

Please join Father for breakfast on,

**Monday 6 November** in the presbytery

after the 9:10am Mass. All Welcome



### 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.



### **Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher**

*Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See*

On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.



## Please take the bulletin home

## Sunday 12 November - Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass



Please join us after the 10:30am Mass on **Sunday 12 November** for a cup of tea or coffee at **Sacred Heart School**. All are welcome



### Proclaim 2023

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission!

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232>

use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761

or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)



St Luke's Parish, 1A David St, Lalor, invites you to a...

### NIGHT OF EVANGELIZATION

#### WITH RON HUNTLEY

#### - Intentional Parish Renewal

Please join us in the St Luke's church on

**Wednesday, 15th November**

at 7.00pm for this FREE event

Be inspired by this world-renowned speaker and author on his mission to help create fruitful parishes around the world.

For further information, please contact St Luke's Parish,

(03)94652180, [lalor@cam.org.au](mailto:lalor@cam.org.au)



### Hope & Inspiration

Thoughts to inspire

### SAINTS

*"Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak." Anthony of Padua*

On All Saints' Day, we celebrate people, whether officially recognised as saints or not, who have shown extraordinary goodness. Saints are like ambitious dreamers, believing that with God's help, they can overcome any obstacle. They are proactive, taking the initiative to do good without hesitation. Saints are messengers of love, always seeking to discover the best in others and in every circumstance. They remind us that true significance lies not in material wealth, social status or fame, but in the depth of our love for God, others and ourselves and how we demonstrate that love in our actions. Let the lives of saints inspire us to live with boundless love and empathy.

*Dear Lord, we thank You for the saints who shine as beacons of Your love. Their lives inspire us to be kind, selfless and faithful.*

*Help us follow their example and strive for holiness. May their intercession guide us on the path of righteousness. In Your name, we pray. Amen.*

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### Children's activity pages

Please find in the foyer of the Church activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



## Sacred Heart Parish Induction Essentials Session

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church. **All volunteers and staff assisting in a parish within the Archdiocese are required to complete this Induction Essentials Session** to ensure awareness of their responsibilities. As such, the Sacred Heart Safeguarding Committee is hosting this Induction Essentials Session for **All** Volunteers and staff assisting in our Parish community. Parishioners who are not currently volunteers are also welcome to attend as the safety of our community is a shared responsibility of all.

The Induction presentation will provide all with an understanding of the new obligatory Safeguarding Standards and Practices required in all parishes to ensure the safety, inclusion and wellbeing of children and vulnerable persons. The presentation will include:

- Information regarding the obligatory Safeguarding Standards and Practices
- Information on our Parish's Code of Conduct and Statement of Commitment, we are all required to sign. (Copies will be available at the session)
- An opportunity to ask questions for clarification regarding responsibilities and obligations as outlined in the Standards.
- An opportunity to gain assistance with obtaining or renewing or linking a 'Working With Children Check' and obtaining a 'National Police Check' if required for your position in the parish.
- Provision of an Induction Kit.

The Induction Essentials Session will take place:

Date: **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Time: **7.30 pm**

Venue: **Sacred Heart Parish Presbytery**

To assist with the organisation and preparation of materials, or to organise an alternative session date for you to attend, we are asking that you please RSVP by 5.00 pm - Sunday, 5 November to [preston@cam.org.au](mailto:preston@cam.org.au) or write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

We look forward to meeting with you on the day,

*The Sacred Heart Safeguarding Committee.*



### Joke Corner

Did you hear about a saint who trains animals?  
He taught his dog to heal.

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What did God say to Saint Peter, when giving him control of the weather?

You have free rain!

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What did Saint Patrick say when he drove all the snakes out of Ireland?

"Everyone got seat belts on back there?"

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Who is the patron saint of copying people into emails?

St Francis of a CC.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

## 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

*Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10*

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts,  
and my name is feared throughout the  
nations. And now, priests, this warning is  
for you. If you do not listen, if you do not  
find it in your heart to glorify my name,  
says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the  
curse on you and curse your very  
blessing. But you, you have strayed from  
the way; you have caused many to  
stumble by your teaching. You have  
destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the  
Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have  
made you contemptible and vile in the  
eyes of the whole people in repayment  
for the way you have not kept to my paths  
but have shown partiality in your  
administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one  
God create us? Why, then, do we break  
faith with one another, profaning the  
covenant of our ancestors?

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 130(131)**

*The Response Is:*

***In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.***

O Lord, my heart is not proud  
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great  
nor marvels beyond me.

***In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.***

Truly I have set my soul  
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,  
even so is my soul.

***In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.***

O Israel, hope in the Lord  
both now and forever.

***In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.***

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13*

Like a mother feeding and looking after  
her own children, we felt so devoted and  
protective towards you, and had come to  
love you so much, that we were eager to  
hand over to you not only the Good News  
but our whole lives as well. Let me  
remind you, brothers, how hard we used  
to work, slaving night and day so as not  
to be a burden on any one of you while  
we were proclaiming God's Good News  
to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank  
God for you is that as soon as you heard  
the message that we brought you as  
God's message, you accepted it for what  
it really is, God's message and not some  
human thinking; and it is still a living  
power among you who believe it.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

*Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

You have one Father, your Father in  
heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

***Alleluia.***

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 23:1-12*

Addressing the people and his disciples  
Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees  
occupy the chair of Moses. You must  
therefore do what they tell you and listen  
to what they say; but do not be guided by  
what they do: since they do not practise  
what they preach. They tie up heavy  
burdens and lay them on men's  
shoulders, but will they lift a finger to  
move them? Not they! Everything they  
do is done to attract attention, like  
wearing broader phylacteries and longer  
tassels, like wanting to take the place of  
honour at banquets and the front seats in  
the synagogues, being greeted  
obsequiously in the market squares and  
having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow  
yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you  
have only one master, and you are all  
brothers. You must call no one on earth

your father, since you have only one  
Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you  
allow yourselves to be called teachers,  
for you have only one Teacher, the  
Christ. The greatest among you must be  
your servant. Anyone who exalts himself  
will be humbled, and anyone who  
humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**THE NICENE CREED.**

I believe in one God, the Father  
almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not

made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he

came down from heaven,

*(At the words that follow, up to and  
including 'and became man', all bow.)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of  
the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and

was buried, and rose again on the third

day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at

the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead and his kingdom will  
have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life, who proceeds from the

Father and the Son, who with the Father

and the Son is adored and glorified, who

has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and

apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the

forgiveness of sins and I look forward to

the resurrection of the dead and the life

of the world to come. Amen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O

Lord.

