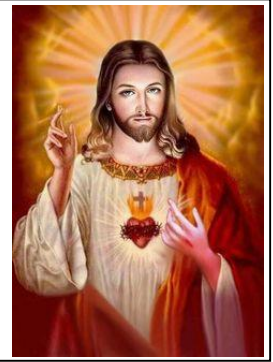




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Teresa Dang

Pauline O'Day

Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Kay Dufty (secretary), 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 4 November

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 4 September in the presbytery after 9:10am Mass.

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20 August 2023 (Year A)

A Lesson of Faith from a Canaanite Woman.

In the times of the Old Testament there were diverse and conflicting points of view expressed about fundamental issues which varied according to different circumstances. One was the relation between Israel and other nations. Over time, Israel identified themselves as a people set apart and distinguished by their belief and pledged faithfulness to the One God, Creator of all, to whom they were bound through a covenant established during their time of wandering and exile but who would be with them through all circumstances. Sometimes this led to separatism and suspicion of others, but other times evoking hospitality. "When a stranger comes to your home, love him as you love yourself. Remember that you were once strangers in Egypt." (Lev 19:34)

However, a theme that developed and especially in the writings of some of the prophets during times of exile and return was universalism. "My house will be called a house of prayer for all people." (Is 56:7). In other words, the God of the Israelites gradually reveals that His concern is not only for one race or ethnic group but for all nations of the world. This could have caused some resentment among those who suffered at the hands of the Babylonians in the time of exile and other empires that had conquered Israel. But God's intention was clear: anyone who respected the spirit and demands of the Covenant would be welcome in God's house for God was the Father of all human beings who were "created in God's own image". Sometimes it was a stranger, or someone outside Israel's faith boundaries who drew attention to the boundlessness of God's mercy.

The day of event described in Matthew's gospel had not been one of Jesus' best days. After a long time of teaching, healing many, but also receiving negative responses to the style of His mission from people of His own heritage and their leaders, Jesus and His disciples withdrew into a territory in which they could be considered outsiders. Here He was approached by a Canaanite woman who had sought Him out, begging Him to heal her daughter. "Sir, son of David," she said, "have pity on me! My daughter is tormented by a devil!" Jesus first seemed to ignore her and His disciples, frustrated by her persistence, told Him to send her away: Jesus did not. Was He using this opportunity to teach His disciples about the nature of their mission? Jesus began to converse with the woman, "It is not right to take the food of children and give it to dogs!" To refer to Canaanites as dogs was not uncommon at the time, but obviously a judgmental slur no matter who said it. But ultimately the result of the ongoing conversation and the persistence of the woman revealed to Jesus her genuine humility, selfless courage, through her trust in Him and depth of love for her suffering child. "But even dogs, sir, can eat scraps from the master's table!" From then Jesus publicly pierced through the outer coverings of gender, race and religious separatism, recognising the depth of her faith in Him and shared with her the healing power of a loving God. "Woman, great is your faith. Let your wish be granted!" During His ministry, Jesus experienced and taught about the universal love of God not in a theology class but through encounters with faith-filled people whose dire needs stirred the divine compassion dwelling in His own heart. This raises challenges for us today. Ultimately the purpose of Jesus' mission was to break through barriers that separate and harm. His was to reunite and re-connect human beings with their God – not by talking about love but like the Canaanite woman, living it, whatever courage or sacrifice it might take. As faithful disciples," His mission is our mission also."

".... Ever-loving Father, may the walls which prejudice raises between us crumble beneath the shadow of your outstretched arm." Opening Prayer



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
12-Aug-23	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
19-Aug-23	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
26-Aug-23	Celia Lemos Natalie Baran	Terry Murphy

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
13-Aug-23	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Eileen Stevens
20-Aug-23	Jessica Suppiah Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino
27-Aug-23	Hannah Lopez Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
13-Aug-23	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
20-Aug-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
27-Aug-23	Albert D'Souza Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard

A Heartfelt 
Thanks
To our volunteers!



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:

Rosetta Gasperoni (RIP 12/8. Funeral-Fri 25/8 at 11am)
Lucia Casalis RIP 17/8

We Commemorate:

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



Last Week's Collection: 13/8/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,196
(electronic contributions for July: \$2,730)
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$911
(electronic contributions for July: \$115)
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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 †

<i>Monday 21 August</i>	<i>St Pius X, Pope</i>
<i>Tuesday 22 August</i>	<i>Our Lady, Mother and Queen</i>
<i>Wednesday 23 August</i>	<i>St Rose of Lima, Virgin</i>
<i>Thursday 24 August</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
<i>Friday 25 August</i>	<i>St Louis, St Joseph of Calasanz, Priest</i>



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Love alone extinguishes hatred. Love alone ultimately triumphs over injustice. Love alone makes room for others. Love alone is the path towards full communion among us.



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates



Matilda Crimmins

for her Baptism on 19 August.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)
All are welcome to spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.



"Stay with Me, remain here with Me... Watch and pray..."



A VOCATION VIEW: It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.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.



Piety Shop

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

Feeling alone

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty." - Mother Teresa

In today's fast-paced world, the feeling of loneliness is pervasive, striking hearts across age groups and social strata. The pain of being alone often seems insurmountable, but it's vital to recognize that overcoming loneliness starts with a conscious effort to reach out and connect.

It's not enough to simply recognise loneliness; we must take active steps to alleviate it. This can begin with a simple gesture, like a phone call to a friend or engaging in community service. Sometimes, the solution is found in helping others, which brings a sense of fulfillment and breaks the cycle of isolation.

Reaching out to people doesn't necessarily mean looking far. Your neighbour, a family member, or even a stranger on the street might be fighting the same battle. A smile, a kind word, or an open ear can make a profound difference.

Young and old alike can fall into the trap of loneliness, but by encouraging connection and emphasising the importance of community, we can build bridges that span the gaps that divide us.

Let's pray for the lonely:

*"Dear Heavenly Father,
we pray for those who feel alone and abandoned.
May they find comfort in Your love and the warmth of human connection.*

Help us to see those in need and reach out with open hearts.

In Jesus' name,

Amen."

Sourced from www.majellan.media



Parish Men's Meal @ Darebin RSL –Tuesday 29 August

Join Catholic men from our local parishes for a relaxed catch-up at the Darebin RSL.

Date: Tuesday, 29 August

Time: 6:30pm

Address: 402 Bell Street, Preston

Parking at rear off St Georges Rd or Arthur St

RSVP by Thursday 24 August - Tim Rebbecki - 0412 799 845

Looking forward to seeing you there!



WANTED:

Sacred Heart - Parish Master Planning Group

In light of the changing circumstances in which we live Father Aloysius, and the Parish Pastoral Council are inviting members of our Parish Community to join a **Parish Master Planning Group (PMPG)**. The goal of this group will be to reflect and respond to the question of 'What kind of Parish do we want Sacred Heart to be by 2030 and beyond?'

Sacred Heart Parish is your Parish, we invite you to participate in continuing to build a faith filled, vibrant, thriving, energetic and sustainable Parish for us and our future communities.

Some of the important issues this group will consider include:

- Reviewing the current and future vision and mission of the Parish
- Strengthening Parish life including faith formation
 - **Communion** - community life, worship and discipleship
 - **Participation** - leadership and inclusion of the parish community
 - **Mission** - how we as members of the Sacred Heart community give witness of our faith to the broader community.
- Making recommendations regarding upgrading Parish facilities including our properties in light of the Parish Vision and Mission.

We are looking for up to 10 volunteers with a range of skills and experience.

The group will put forward recommendations to Father Aloysius and the Parish Council.

If you would like to be involved or learn more about the Sacred Heart Parish Master Planning Group, please speak to Father Aloysius or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (Parish Council members are listed in the left hand column of the Parish Newsletter) or email preston@cam.org.au

If you are unable to join this group, please consider getting involved in other ways.

We look forward to your involvement in our Parish community.

Thank you.



Church Flowers



Volunteers are needed to prepare flowers for our church.

If you are interested, please contact Jessica on 0433 278 175.

Thank you.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes are still available. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>



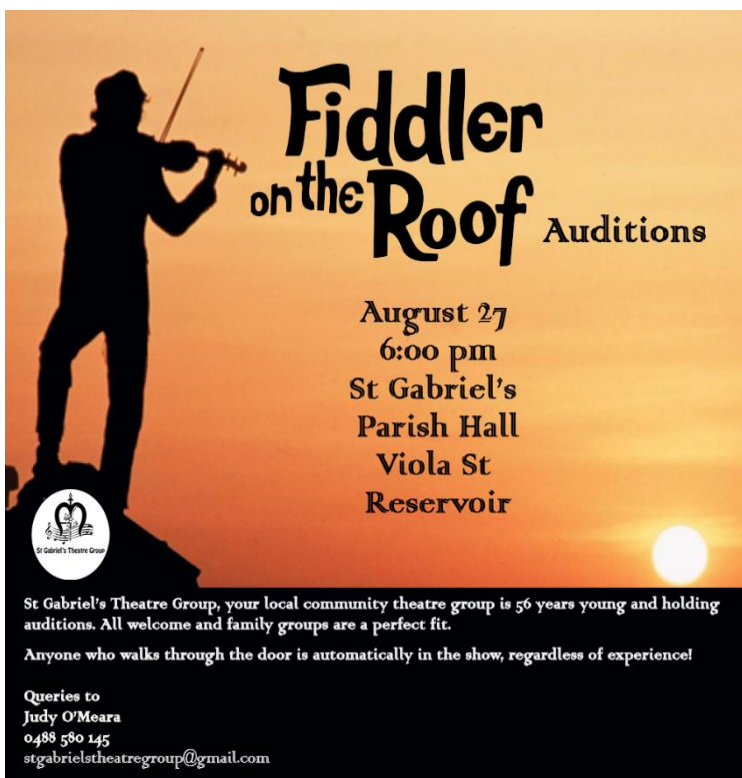
Children's activity pages

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



Joke Corner

A priest working in a remote parish in the outback gets his yearly visit from his Bishop.
The Bishop asks him, "How are you managing with the isolation and the loneliness?"
The priest responds, "If it wasn't for my Rosary and my whiskey, I couldn't make it. Would you like a shot of whiskey?"
The Bishop nods his head and says "yes".
The priest yells out, "Hey Rosary, please bring us two shots of whiskey."

Fiddler on the Roof Auditions

**August 27
6:00 pm
St Gabriel's
Parish Hall
Viola St
Reservoir**

St Gabriel's Theatre Group, your local community theatre group is 56 years young and holding auditions. All welcome and family groups are a perfect fit.

Anyone who walks through the door is automatically in the show, regardless of experience!

Queries to
Judy O'Meara
0488 580 145
stgabrielstheatre@gmail.com

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed
one; one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for
justice, act with integrity, for soon my
salvation will come and my integrity be
manifest.

Foreigners who have attached
themselves to the Lord to serve him and
to love his name and be his servants –
all who observe the sabbath, not
profaning it, and cling to my
covenant – these I will bring to my holy
mountain. I will make them joyful in
my house of prayer. Their holocausts
and their sacrifices will be accepted on
my altar, for my house will be called a
house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

The Response Is:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and
I am proud of being sent, but the
purpose of it is to make my own people
envious of you, and in this way save
some of them. Since their rejection
meant the reconciliation of the world,
do you know what their admission will
mean? Nothing less than a resurrection
from the dead! God never takes back
his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being
disobedient to God, and now enjoy
mercy because of their disobedience,
so those who are disobedient now – and
only because of the mercy shown to
you – will also enjoy mercy eventually.
God has imprisoned all men in their
own disobedience only to show mercy
to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the
kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to
the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out
came a Canaanite woman from that
district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son
of David, take pity on me. My daughter
is tormented by a devil.' But he
answered her not a word. And his
disciples went and pleaded with him.
'Give her what she wants,' they said
'because she is shouting after us.' He
said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost
sheep of the House of Israel.' But the
woman had come up and was kneeling
at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.'
He replied, 'It is not fair to take the
children's food and throw it to the
house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir;
but even house-dogs can eat the scraps
that fall from their master's table.'

Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman,
you have great faith. Let your wish be
granted.' And from that moment her
daughter was well again.

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

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

