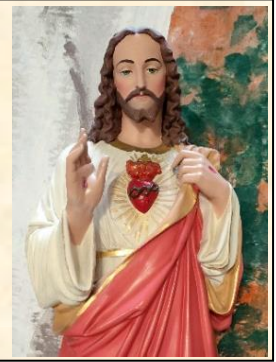




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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School Principal: Mark Tierney

School Phone: 9487 1001

Sacrament Coordinator: TBA

Safeguarding Committee:

Safeguarding Officer: Robert Dullard

Safeguarding Committee: Members:

Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

Parish Council Members:

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

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Co-ordinators:

Lectors and Audio Visual – Jessy Thambiraj

Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica Stanley and Stanley Charles Louis

Safeguarding – Pauline O'Day

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 3 May 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



Holy Rosary: Thurs after the 9:10am Mass

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on

Monday 6 May in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass.

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5th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sunday 28 April 2024

***“Make Your Home in Me, as I make Mine in you
....I am the Vine, you are the Branches”***

The image of a vine is staggeringly simple but points to one of the fundamentals of the Good News. It carries forward our Easter reflections upon what Jesus’ life, death and resurrection means in our lives and in our life as “Church”. We do not try to live a good life in order to earn God’s love. Nor is the fruitfulness of our life as church demonstrated solely by the number of devotional practices we are seen to make. Rather, ‘It is God’s love that empowers us to live more and more as Jesus lived: open in faith to God’s love and sharing the fruitfulness of this love with others’.

(Fr John Reilly SJ – Kairos)

The prophets spoke of Israel as the vine planted and cared for by God. When Jesus speaks of the vine, He speaks of something more intimate. The Vine, as presented in John’s Gospel is a beautiful analogy for the Doctrine of ‘Incarnation’ central to the Christian Faith from the beginning. In Jesus, humanity meets and connects with God and God with humanity. In the words of the Gospel Jesus states, “I am the Vine, my Father is the Vinedresser.” His disciples live in Him as branches of the vine. Another way Jesus expresses this is: “Make your home in me as I make mine in you.”

Above all the Gospel, as also the second reading from the first letter of John , is a call to unity and fruitfulness. Bearing fruit in nature is a slow process. The vine needs watering, light and nourishment daily in order that the branches may produce the wine of justice, freedom, healing and wholeness. For the fruit to be good, pruning is needed to prevent bizarre but fruitless growth in some branches that could drain the healthy growth of others: for all are connected to each other. In human experience, pruning may take different forms. A chance encounter, a sudden inspiration to review our priorities, a word from a friend, a realisation of the need of another. From time to time failure and disappointment will be our pruning - urging us to give up egocentric attitudes for God - centred attitudes. These attitudes are about maintaining community and nurturing its growth, animated by the realization of God’s living Love for each of us without exception.

The Letter of John is directed to Christian living. God’s Love which is at the heart of Community inspires action. Words are not enough. To live the life of Jesus we must discern our connection with those around us - in our communities and in our world - responding in genuine and practical ways to those most vulnerable and in need as Jesus did, and encouraging others to do the same.

“Our love must be something real and active”



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 Lectors	Saturday 6:00pm Mass - Ministers of Communion
20-Apr-24	Mary Harb Celia Lemos	Terry Murphy
27-Apr-24	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
04-May-24	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy

	Sunday 10:30am Mass Lectors	Sunday 10:30am Mass Ministers of Communion	Slide Projectionist
21-Apr	Judeline Wadhvani Albert D'Souza	Eileen Stevens	Jessy
28-Apr	Ophelia Swai Marilene Fortuna	Giovanna D' Intino	Judeline
05-May	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley	Judeline

	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Lectors	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Ministers of Communion
21-Apr-24	Tim Rankin Natalie Baran	Damian Casamento
28-Apr-24	Michelle Totawatte Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
05-May-24	Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, Ampelio Cavallin
Our Sacred Heart School student Samantha Corsi
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

We Commemorate:

Dino D'Intino

Maria Vacca

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



Last Week's Collection: 21.4.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,145

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$722

Thank you for your kind generosity!



SAFE PARKING PRACTICE AT SACRED HEART PARISH

All visitors and parishioners are reminded **not to park** vehicles in the driveways around the church building, including

1. The straight driveway leading to the rear car park.
2. The curved shaped driveway in front of the church entrance.

Parking in these driveways is a safety risk and restricts access for emergency services such as ambulances in the event of a medical emergency which could have serious consequences. Parking in these areas is also a safety risk for people, including children.
Thank you for being considerate and looking after each other in true Sacred Heart community spirit.



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



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 ✠

Monday 29 April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor
Tuesday 30 April	St Pius V, Pope
Wednesday 1 May	St Joseph the Worker
Thursday 2 May	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor
Friday 3 May	St Philip & James, Apostles



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us never lose sight of the Father's saving embrace. It is the paradigm of life, the heart of the Gospel, our model of radical love. May we allow Him to embrace us as children, so that we may embrace our brothers and sisters with the same charity.



✠ 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

Loleini Sisifa,

in preparation for her Baptism on Sunday 28 April.



✠ Baptism Congratulations ✠

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Loleini Sisifa,

for her Baptism on Sunday 28 April.



Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 9 online sessions.

Engaging Your Faith - Commencing 14 May 2024

Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



CATHOLIC
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INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE!

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on

Saturday 4 May 2024, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information: <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org.au>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357

(Email) diaconate@cam.org.au



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.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend (4 & 5 May) is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2025 Enrolments



Enrolments for the 2025 school year Foundation classes, have opened. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

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.



ANZAC POPPIES – SYMBOLS OF COURAGE AND REMEMBRANCE

Amidst fields of poppies, we pause to honour the valour and sacrifice of our Anzacs. Like these red blooms, they stood tall in adversity, their courage firmly ingrained in our history.

On Anzac Day we remember their unwavering spirit and the freedoms they secured for us. Let the poppies remind us of their enduring legacy, a legacy of bravery, unity and resilience.

May their memory inspire us to strive for peace and uphold the values they fought to defend. Lest we forget.

"IN FLANDERS FIELDS"

By Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.*



ANZAC DAY
Lest We Forget



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKoJvHcMLfc>

"Dear Lord, on Anzac Day, we remember the brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice for peace. Grant them eternal rest and comfort their loved ones. May their courage inspire us to build a world of harmony and understanding. Amen." Sourced from www.majellan.media

SACRED HEART LITURGY COMMITTEE

Sacred Heart Parish values Liturgy as the source and summit of parish life.

Over the 110 years of the existence of our parish, a large number of parishioners have given their time and effort to supporting the various parish priests in ensuring the highest quality of liturgies offered to the parishioners.

Over a period of time, it has become necessary to form a Liturgy Committee in order to formalise the work of all volunteers and to enhance communication between various volunteer groups.

The new Liturgy Committee for Sacred Heart Parish was formed on Tuesday 23 April with the following members:

Parish Priest – **Fr Aloysius Nato**

Chair – **Judeline Wadhvani**

Secretary – **(To Be Announced)**

Co-ordinators:

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Sacred Heart Parish wishes all these members a grace-filled time of service to the Mission of the Church and to all parishioners.



Flowers in the Church



Thank you to those who bring flowers to the Church.

We would be grateful if you kindly return after 5 days to remove the dead flowers and dispose of them in your green waste bin at home. Thank you



World Mission May Rosary Prayers

Mon - Fri

Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time

12pm Perth time

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID:

893 8798 2280

Password:

876574



😊 Joke Corner 😊

Florence was a conceited woman who was aware of her faults. One day after Mass she was talking to her parish priest and said, "Father, this morning I spent almost an hour looking into the bedroom mirror admiring my beauty. Is that cause for concern? Should I go to confession?"

"Actually, no," the priest replied after thinking for a moment. "You only have to confess sins, not errors in judgement."

During a priest's homily at Mass one Sunday morning, one of the parishioners got up and walked out the door.

After Mass, the man's wife went up to the priest and apologised profusely. "I hope it didn't upset you too much," she said. "And please don't take it personally. My husband's been walking in his sleep for years."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join
the disciples, but they were all afraid of
him: they could not believe he was really a
disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge
of him, introduced him to the apostles, and
explained how the Lord had appeared to
Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and
how he had preached boldly at Damascus
in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go
round with them in Jerusalem, preaching
fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after
he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued
with them, they became determined to kill
him. When the brothers knew, they took
him to Caesarea, and sent him off from
there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee
and Samaria were now left in peace,
building themselves up, living in the fear of
the Lord, and filled with the consolation of
the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

The Response Is:

*I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of
your people.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear
him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek
him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

***I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of
your people.***

All the earth shall remember and return to
the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before
him;

They shall worship him, all the mighty of
the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to
the dust.

***I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of
your people.***

And my soul shall live for him, my children
serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations
yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet
unborn:

‘These things the Lord has done.’

***I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of
your people.***

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his
presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against
us,
because God is greater than our conscience
and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own
conscience,

we need not be afraid in God’s presence,
and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus
Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the
Lord;

my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away, and every branch that does
bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even
more.

You are pruned already, by means of the
word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in
you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown
away – he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on
the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain
in you, you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you
should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears
fruit in plenty, alleluia.

