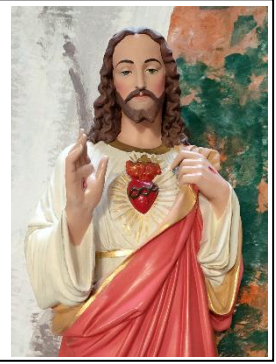




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran,
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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 2 October 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.*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 1 October 2023 (Year A)

“In Your Minds You Must Be The Same As Christ Jesus”

Today’s readings are not just about saying “Yes” but doing what we say we will do – putting words into action. In short, It’s about “Integrity”.

The prophet Ezekiel speaks to his people in exile, many of who regarded their situation as “unfair punishment by God”. Ezekiel urges them to think more deeply – to change their own hearts and the way they live with others as people of honesty and integrity abiding by the law. Then, regardless of the circumstances they will maintain their dignity and live as models of God’s justice and love which reaches out to all of creation.

In the Gospel Jesus tells a parable of two sons. The first was asked by his father to go and work in the vineyard for the day. He said “No!” but later thought about it and went. The second son was asked and he said, “Yes” but had no intention of doing so and didn’t. The first son had a change of heart and put this into practice. The second in speech kept up the appearance of being co-operative and active but did not “live” it.

In Matthews Gospel, this comes at a time when Jesus has already warned His disciples that He is to suffer for the way He conducts His mission to reach out to all God’s children particularly those deemed lost – religious and social dropouts, the poor, the morally bankrupt: those condemned or discarded by elders and religious leaders of the time as non-observers of the Covenant. The parable was a challenge not to these but pious and religious elders who, by complying and promoting rigid external observances of the law professed to be saying “Yes” to God’s will. Yet by their lack of active compassion for a neighbour and the oppressed and failure to include or try to ease the suffering of others were actually working against the spreading of God’s kingdom which as Jesus depicted and prophets before him like John the Baptist was to be offered to all.

Apparently such people were too self-preoccupied to open their hearts, change their lives and follow him. Whereas many condemned as unworthy recognized the hope Jesus was offering – the Love of God for all- and responded in heart and action. Such was the nature of the kingdom of God. Impressive words, statements of belief and ritual had a purpose but were not the key. God’s kingdom was a way of being -the living out of the covenant established between God and God’s people from the depths of one’s heart and mind. St Paul’s advice to the Philippians referred to the practical attitudes that followers of Jesus should “Be united in your convictions and in love, let there be no competition or petty rivalry, put the wellbeing and interests of others before your own...so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus”.

So may we aim to go forward as a church and as disciples to be bearers of Jesus’ healing power not from a sense of duty but with the mind of Christ, walking in others shoes - identifying and attending to the wounds of our brothers and sisters; undoing oppression of violence and discrimination through peace, compassionate respect and inclusion; bringing back into life in practical ways those alienated by poverty, illness, loneliness, despair and abuse.

THEREFORE IF YOU HAVE ANY ENCOURAGEMENT FROM BEING UNITED
WITH CHRIST, IF ANY COMFORT FROM HIS LOVE, IF ANY COMMON
SHARING IN THE SPIRIT, IF ANY TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION,
THEN MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE BY BEING LIKE-MINDED,
HAVING THE SAME LOVE, BEING ONE
IN SPIRIT AND OF ONE MIND.



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
30-Sep-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
07-Oct-23	Rohan Lemos Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
14-Oct-23	Mary Harb Natalie Baran	Charlotte Bainy

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
01-Oct-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Giovanna D' Intino
08-Oct-23	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	Eileen Stevens
15-Oct-23	Jessy Thambiraj Hannah Lopez	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
01-Oct-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
08-Oct-23	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
15-Oct-23	Albert D'Souza Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard

Readers, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, kindly contact another reader to organise a swap or advise your co-reader that he/she may need to prepare **all** allocated readings.



Ministers of Communion, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day kindly contact another minister to organise a swap. Thank 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:

Irma La Bozzetta (RIP 22/9. Funeral Tues 3/10 at 11am)
Cosimo Marinucci (RIP 26/9. Funeral Fri 6/10 at 11am)
Ray Hudson

We Commemorate:

Mario Trentin (6th Anniv)

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



Last Week's Collection: 24/9/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$980

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$563

Thank you for your kind generosity!



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 2 October</i>	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
<i>Wednesday 4 October</i>	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>
<i>Thursday 5 October</i>	<i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>
<i>Friday 6 October</i>	<i>St Bruno, Priest</i>
<i>Saturday 7 October</i>	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



The Word of God invites us not to hide behind the complexity of problems, behind "nothing can be done about it." It urges us to unite worship of God and care for the human person. For Sacred Scripture has been given to us to go forth and meet others, drawing near to their wounds.



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..."



⌄ 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

Austin Heap

in preparation for his Baptism on 7 October.



Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

Please join Father for breakfast on,

Monday 2 October 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.



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE

World Mission Sunday is a day where we recommit ourselves as Catholics to our mission to spread the Good News of Christ. Pope Francis has set the theme for this year's World Mission Day: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move,' inspired by the disciples' encounter with Jesus at Emmaus.

Please save the date for our Mission Sunday event:

Mission Sunday Family Fun Day Picnic

Sunday 22 October 2023

after 10.30 am Sunday Mass

Sausage Sizzle, Family Outdoor Games, Music and Dancing.

BYO Picnic Food and drinks.

Venue: Sacred Heart School grounds.

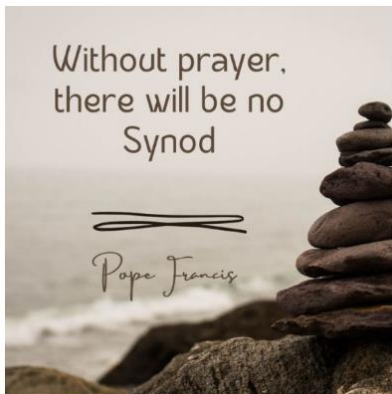


Blessed Statue of Mother Mary

1 October to 31 October 2023

During the Month of October two Statues of Mother Mary will be passed on to members of the parish to take home to pray as a family and/or with friends.

Please register your interest if you wish to have a statue present in your home by placing your name and mobile on the sheet provided in the foyer.



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>



Blessing of our Pets Liturgy

6.00pm, Friday 13th October

Sacred Heart Primary School

All pets from goldfish to guinea pigs, dogs to reptiles and every pet in between are invited, and will receive a blessing from Father Aloysius.

"Everyone is welcome even if you do not have a pet."



Children's activity pages

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



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Closing the Season of Creation 2023

This year, the closing of the Season of Creation on 4 October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, will coincide with the opening of the [Synod on Synodality](#) as well as the release of a new letter from Pope Francis on the environment, titled '[Laudate Deum](#)' (Praise God). The document is described as a follow-up to the 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, *On Care for Our Common Home*, and takes a look at what has happened since 2015 and what still needs to be done.

[Pope Francis](#) likens the synodal process that began in 2021 with rivers in nature, fed by myriad tiny brooks and larger streams and rivulets, inviting all those who take part on a personal or community level, to coalesce in a majestic river of reflection and renewal. The entire People of God is being invited to an immersive journey of synodal dialogue and conversion".

Creator of All, open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation. Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ Adapted from the [Season of Creation 2023 Prayer](#).

♥ Natalie

Laudato Si' Animator, Sacred Heart Parish



SVD Annual Mission Day 2023

YOUR LIGHT MUST *Shine* BEFORE OTHERS

Saturday 7 October 2023

AT: 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill

3pm: Mission Day seminar

6pm: Mission day Eucharist

7pm: Multi-Cultural meal

Register at: tinyurl.com/svd2023

For more information - See flyer in Church foyer

All Welcome



Joke Corner

Attending a twenty-year school reunion, a man caught up with his old football coach. Walking through the gym, they found a plaque on a wall listing the man as the record holder for the longest kick. Noticing his surprise, the coach said, "You should be proud. That record will stand forever." About to make some modest disclaimer that records exist to be broken, the man was interrupted by his former coach who added, "We stopped holding that event years ago."

A newly-wed was sprawled on the living-room couch watching her favourite cooking show when her husband walked in.

"Why do you watch those food shows?" he asked.

"You don't even cook."

Glaring back at him, she said, "Then why do you watch football?"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the
bounty of your mercy.

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 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to
me as follows: ‘You object, “What the
Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House
of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not
what you do that is unjust? When the
upright man renounces his integrity to
commit sin and dies because of this, he
dies because of the evil that he himself
has committed. When the sinner
renounces sin to become law-abiding
and honest, he deserves to live. He has
chosen to renounce all his previous
sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not
die.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24(25):4-9

The Response Is:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach
me:

for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of
old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to
you, if love can persuade at all, or the
Spirit that we have in common, or any
tenderness and sympathy, then be
united in your convictions and united in
your love, with a common purpose and
a common mind. That is the one thing
which would make me completely
happy. There must be no competition
among you, no conceit; but everybody
is to be self-effacing. Always consider
the other person to be better than
yourself, so that nobody thinks of his
own interests first but everybody thinks
of other people’s interests instead. In
your minds you must be the same as
Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,

yet he did not cling

to his equality with God

but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings in the heavens,

on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the
Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders
of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A
man had two sons. He went and said to
the first, “My boy, you go and work in
the vineyard today.” He answered, “I
will not go,” but afterwards thought
better of it and went. The man then
went and said the same thing to the
second who answered, “Certainly, sir,”
but did not go. Which of the two did the
father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said.
Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly,
tax collectors and prostitutes are
making their way into the kingdom of
God before you. For John came to you,
a pattern of true righteousness, but you
did not believe him, and yet the tax
collectors and prostitutes did. Even
after seeing that, you refused to think
better of it and believe in him.’

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O
Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought
low.

