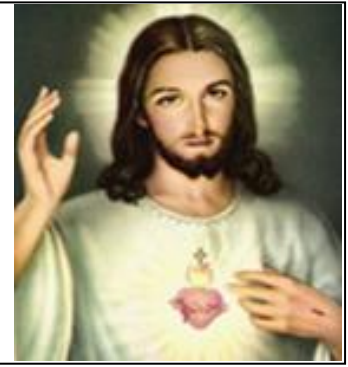




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Parish Mass Schedule

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 Thursday of the month
at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 1 September

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Thursdays 7:30pm

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

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) Sunday 14 August 2022

“I Have Come to Bring Fire to the Earth”

Prophets can get a bad time, as today’s first reading from Jeremiah demonstrates. This is almost certainly because their extreme wordings and action disturb the peace of the complacent and the politically powerful.

In the reading today, Jesus, seems to be contradicting much of what He has stood for to this point in the gospel story. From his birth He is presented as a bearer of peace and good news. Now He declares that he has come not to bring peace but division. His hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against another. How can this be?

By the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace, justice and compassion and others have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as God’s anointed would have involved a huge shift for some Jewish parties and for adherents of the different faiths of the Roman world. Families would be wrenched by division. Today’s families of mixed faith and values might be able to get inside this experience and understand the suffering involved, when a family member makes a life choice that others cannot accept.

In a similar way, Jesus feels under stress until the fire of God’s love and mercy He has come to cast on earth is kindled and the baptism of fire and of the Holy Spirit that John the Baptist foreshadowed takes effect.

So in the biblical context, what is the significance of fire? We might recall the presence of the burning bush when God appointed Moses as liberator of an enslaved people. God journeyed with His people in the presence of fire and cloud, from the giving of the law to Moses on Mt Sinai and through their sufferings and desert wanderings.

In Luke’s writing, tongues of fire were associated with the promised descent of God’s Spirit upon those gathered together in the story of Pentecost. Fire is also a sign of the end times, when the Spirit of prophecy descends on all God’s people, young and old, female and male, slave and free.

Bush fires, as we know, can take all before them and change the face of the earth. They can also bring the most astonishing new life in their wake. True, taken literally, this is not an easy text to understand. Still we pray:

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your Love!” Send forth Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

(Reflection: Sr Veronica Lawson RSM)



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
13-Aug-22	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
20-Aug-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
27-Aug-22	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
14-Aug-22	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez	Ivana Lo Bello
21-Aug-22	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani	George McBrien
28-Aug-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
14-Aug-22	Tim Rankin Albert D'Souza	Robert Dullard
21-Aug-22	Damian Casamento Ma Kathleen Adlaon	Margaret Bannan
28-Aug-22	Marijana Jurjevic Rachel Vorlander	Robert Dullard

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



How precious is that profoundly genuine sense of family and community among Indigenous Peoples! And how important it is to cultivate properly the bond between young and old, and to maintain a healthy and harmonious relationship with all of creation!



† Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week †

Monday 15 August *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Tuesday 16 August *St Stephen of Hungary*
Friday 19 August *St John Eudes, Priest*
Saturday 20 August *St Bernard Abbot, Doctor*



The Catholic Landscape

The Catholic Landscape is an ideal introduction to the *Catechism and the Catholic Faith* for RCIA inquirers, as well as a practical refresher for parents, teenagers and young adults.

Renowned theologian and educator Anna Krohn, OAM will present these talks Thursday evenings during August.

August 4th - 7.00pm -8:30pm
August 11th - 7.00pm -8:30pm
August 18th - 7.00pm -8:30pm
August 25th - 7.00pm -8:30pm

Address:

"The Bethany Room"
 St Gabriel's Catholic Church
 Viola Street, Reservoir 3073
Note: Enter via Spring St carpark

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SACRED HEART Garden Working Bee

Volunteers are invited to a garden working bee to help plant a variety of flowers at the front entrance of our beautiful church. We have roses, grevilleas, correas and many more plants.



The Working Bee will be held on:
Sunday 14 August
1-3pm



Followed by afternoon tea with Fr Albano
BYO: Gardening gloves



National Vocations Awareness Week 7 - 14 August 2022

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured.

In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Luigi Alborea (RIP 1/8 Funeral Wed 17/8 at 1:45pm)
Elsa Di Zio

We Commemorate:

Dora Casauria (1month)
Maria Chahid Kairouz (9th Anniv.)
Wanda Narajowski
Costantino Furtado
Ann Marjory Mary Bourke
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

All are welcome to spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.

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



Dates to Remember

Monday 15 August: Masses at 9:10am and 7:30pm

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Last Week's Collection: 7/8/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$875

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$504

Thank you for your kind generosity!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Sacred Heart Community Preston acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrong people of the Kulin Nations, 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. † † †



Serving at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church.

Our common commitment is drawn from the teaching and mission of Jesus with love and Justice and the dignity and sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

It is the policy of the Archdiocese [that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 must maintain current Working with Children Check \(WWCC\)](#) throughout their involvement in parishes as in other agencies: **all** are to attend a safeguarding essentials module and updates organised by the Parish or Professional Standards online: and **All** are asked to sign a Declaration to abide by the parish Code of Conduct. These requirements of volunteers are just one -but an essential part of our united commitment to creating and maintaining a culturally safe environment for the young and the vulnerable in which they feel safe, heard and respected.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – 13 & 14 August

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible



Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are still open as we have some positions for Year Prep. 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.



St Mark's Church Fundraising Dinner Dance

Come along St Mark's Church Fundraising Dinner Dance for a fabulous night of music and dance –and don't forget your dancing shoes! Tickets: \$45 - Includes buffet dinner by Tonetti Catering, Soft drinks included. Saturday, August 20, 2022, 7:30pm – 9:30pm 9 Lee St, Fawkner For any queries, email fawkner@cam.org.au or call (9359 3111) or (0479 076 372).



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



For the first time, Pope Francis has published in advance his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which is celebrated every September 1. It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, an ecumenical period that unites Christians to pray and act for our common home.

What does the message say?

1: A time to cultivate our ecological conversion

The Pope defines the Season of Creation as “an opportunity to cultivate our ‘ecological conversion’”, recalling this concept encouraged by St. John Paul II as a response to the ‘ecological catastrophe’ announced by St. Paul VI as early as 1970.

In this way, he invites all Christians during this time to “pray once more in the great cathedral of creation, and revel in the “grandiose cosmic choir” made up of countless creatures, all singing the praises of God”. People of faith, says the Pope, feel “even more responsible for acting each day in accordance with the summons to conversion. Nor is that summons simply individual: “the ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion”.

52 ways to help the environment (cont'd)

38. Prepare for and/or watch the “Laudato Si” movie

Have you heard? Pope Francis and his inspiring encyclical, which has motivated millions to care for our common home and work against the climate crisis, will be the focus of an upcoming feature-length documentary, set to be released in 2022.

39. Pray the rosary

There are so many things to do, always. That will never change. There will always be items on your to-do list. But as Catholics, before we do anything, we must pray. This week, make time to pray the rosary and ask God for the courage to advocate for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers who are most affected by the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis.

Let us pray for the many millions of people in Africa who are suffering from hunger due to four years of drought. May God send generous rain to their land to restore their food security.



Joke Corner

Children at a local Catholic primary school were lining up outside a pop up confessional where a priest was hearing weekly confessions.

Little Mike's turn soon came up. The priest asked him to confess his sins.

The boy promptly replied, “Well, Father, I threw a stone at my little sister and made her cry.”

“That was a rather misguided thing to do, my son,” said the priest patiently.

“It wasn't misguided at all,” said Mike. “I hit her from 5 metres away.”



A kindergarten teacher was testing her students' language skills by asking them to explain simple words so she asked, “What is a fridge?”

A little girl said, “It's what we keep the food in.”

She then asked, “What is a pet?”

Another student said, “An animal that lives in your home.”

Then the teacher asked, “What is a jumper?”

A little boy jumped from his desk and said, “It's what you put on when your mother is cold.”

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

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the
king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he
is unquestionably disheartening the
remaining soldiers in the city, and all
the people too, by talking like this.
The fellow does not have the welfare
of this people at heart so much as its
ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you
know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for
the king is powerless against you.' So
they took Jeremiah and threw him into
the well of Prince Malchiah in the
Court of the Guard, letting him down
with ropes. There was no water in the
well, only mud, and into the mud
Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the
palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord
king,' he said 'these men have done a
wicked thing by treating the prophet
Jeremiah like this: they have thrown

him into the well, where he will die.'
At this the king gave Ebed-melech the
Cushite the following order: 'Take
three men with you from here and pull
the prophet Jeremiah out of the well
before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 39(40):2-4,18

The Response Is:

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

Lord, come to my aid!

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

Lord, come to my aid!

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

Lord, come to my aid!

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great
cloud on every side of us, we too,
then, should throw off everything that
hinders us, especially the sin that
clings so easily, and keep running
steadily in the race we have started.
Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who
leads us in our faith and brings it to
perfection: for the sake of the joy
which was still in the future, he
endured the cross, disregarding the
shamefulness of it, and from now on
has taken his place at the right of
God's throne. Think of the way he
stood such opposition from sinners
and then you will not give up for want
of courage. In the fight against sin,
you have not yet had to keep fighting
to the point of death.

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

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have
come to bring fire to the earth, and
how I wish it were blazing already!
There is a baptism I must still receive,
and how great is my distress till it is
over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to
bring peace on earth? No, I tell you,
but rather division. For from now on a
household of five will be divided:
three against two and two against
three; the father divided against the
son, son against father, mother against
daughter, daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against daughter-in-
law, daughter-in-law against mother-
in-law.'

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

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

