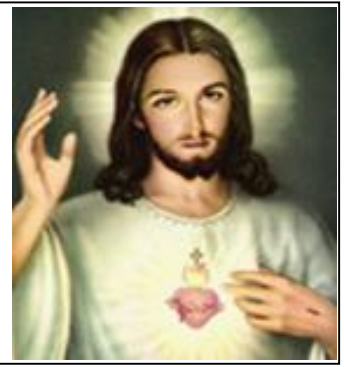




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 Friday** of the month  
at 1:30pm

Please note new day.

No healing Mass in January

**Next Healing Mass:**

**Friday** 3 February

#### Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour

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

#### Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

#### Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

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## Second Sunday of Advent (year A) Sunday 4 December 2022

### “Accept one another as Christ accepted You.”

In order to welcome Jesus, we must remove obstacles that prevent us from welcoming one another.

St Paul puts it plainly: ‘Accept one another as Christ accepted you.’ John the Baptist expresses it in another way through the words of the prophet: ‘Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.’

In the first reading Isaiah’s vision gives expression to the longing of God’s people for a leader of integrity who would restore universal peace and harmony to a world broken by suspicion, discrimination and oppression among peoples.

In words that have found their way into the rite of Confirmation, the one to come would be endowed with the Spirit of the Lord. This servant leader would usher in an era of justice for all, ruling with wisdom and insight, judging not by appearances but as a forthright champion of the poor and oppressed. In his reign everything would be brought into the harmony of hospitality: “The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them.” Conflict, after all, can never end by dominance or retaliation but by reconciliation.

John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus to be the long awaited one who would communicate God’s Spirit to humankind. This would be the mission of all the baptised –to live by the Spirit of Jesus and enable the Spirit’s gifts to be seen and shared by and with all - not just an elite few. Such a way of living could never condone violence, hatred or abandonment of another in need.

There was no room for complacency in John’s call to repentance which involved more than admitting one’s faults and regretting past wrongs. Repentance involved a radical life change– a turning back to God by opening of one’s heart to the mercy of God already bestowed upon us and accepting the challenge to a change of heart, attitudes and behaviour.

John’s presence in our Liturgy is a wakeup call. Like it or not we can’t ignore his message. If we ignore John, then we might not recognise where Christ is working today. Let us look for Christ in all people, treat one another with dignity and respect in the same friendly way as Christ treated all, and hold our leaders to high standards by urging them to promote harmony not separation or discord. Let us put on Christ. He is our Peace.

We might also take heart from the words of

Pope Francis:

*“Don’t be discouraged: Jesus looks beyond the faults and sees the person. In no case does it halt at appearances but looks to the heart. With this gaze of Jesus, you can help bring about another humanity.”*

*Pope Francis to the World’s Youth  
Krakow July 2016*



## 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>
03-Dec-22	Mary Harb Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bains
10-Dec-22	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
17-Dec-22	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bains
	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
04-Dec-22	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
11-Dec-22	Alisha Verga Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
18-Dec-22	Eileen Stevens Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley
	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
04-Dec-22	Marijana Jurjevic Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard
11-Dec-22	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
18-Dec-22	Michelle Totawatte Volunteer	Robert Dullard



### Cleaning Roster:

*To all our Volunteers*

*Thank you for your hard work*



### WE PRAY FOR:

#### The elderly and the sick

*Shu-Fen Wu, Peter Bourke, Kay Dufty*

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

#### Those who have died recently:

#### We Commemorate:

*Raffaele & Elisabetta Ciancio, and all the deceased of the Ciancio, Monteleone, Maiolo & Zaffino families.*

*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*



#### Last Week's Collection: 27/11/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,316

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$896

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### **Thanksgiving Envelopes**

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection.

Please commence using these envelopes on the weekend of 17 & 18 December 2022.

Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

**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 †

*Tuesday 6 December St Nicholas, Bishop*

*Wednesday 7 December St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor*

*Thursday 8 December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Friday 9 December Optional St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, hermit*

*Saturday 10 December Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto*



### † Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

**Reggie Tonini**

for his Baptism on 4 December.



### Wedding Congratulations

We congratulate

**Jacinta & Daniel**

for their Wedding

celebrated here at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 26 November



May God grant a happy and prosperous life to you both as you embark on your journey together as husband and wife.



### 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.



### Advent Candles:

**hope, peace, joy, love**

For the **second week in Advent**, we focus on **peace**.

In John 14:27, Jesus said, **"Peace** I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

*Two purple candles are lit.*

**Prince of Peace**, reveal yourself to us today. We need **peace** in our lives, our homes, our families, our church, and our whole world. Help us to slow down and seek out the **peace** you provide, so we may become peacemakers for ourselves and others. In your name, **Prince of Peace**, we pray. Amen.



### **Bambinelli Sunday - 15 December**

You may bring the Baby Jesus statues from your Nativity sets for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 15 December.

This tradition was started by Pope St John Paul II and is celebrated on Gaudete Sunday, third Sunday of Advent.

**2022 Christmas Mass times**

**Saturday 24 December**  
**Christmas Eve**  
 7:00pm Family Mass  
 9:30pm Carols before 10pm Mass  
 10:00pm (in lieu of midnight) Mass

**Sunday 25 December**  
**Christmas Day**  
 9:00am Italian Mass  
 10:30am Parish Mass  
 6:00pm Sunday Evening Mass

**Volunteers Needed**

**Readers, Ministers of Eucharist, Overhead Projectionists, Ushers/Welcomers, Collectors, Candle Lighter, Singers are needed for all Christmas Masses.**

If you can assist, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or email Rachel at: [preston@cam.org.au](mailto:preston@cam.org.au) by 2pm Friday 17/12  
 Thank you



**THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS**



*God conceals himself in the most ordinary situations of our lives. He does not come in extraordinary events, but in everyday things: our daily work, a chance encounter, someone in need... That's where the Lord is, who calls to us and inspires our actions.*



**Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Comensoli**

On 15 November Archbishop Comensoli issued a letter to us entitled "**Welcome Home!**" in which it said: "Therefore, as from the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g. for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.)."



All parishioners are encouraged to return whenever physically possible, to attendance regularly at Sunday Mass. Copies of this letter can be found in the church foyer or <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/welcome-home-a-pastoral-letter-from-archbishop-comensoli>

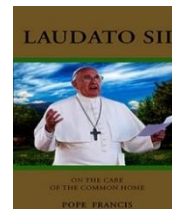


**NATIVITY PLAY**

with  
 Carols, Kings, Angels, Live Camels, and Donkey etc  
 at

**St Paul's Catholic Church,**  
 562 Sydney Road, Coburg  
 Saturday 17 December  
 immediately after the 6:30pm  
 Mass

following the Play, there will be refreshments in the school hall



**During Advent Pope Francis invites us to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ – the light of the world and all Creation. The second Sunday of Advent is a time of PEACE.**

ASK God for the faith of John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord. (Matthew 3:1-17)

REFLECT on your life and work and ask yourself: Like John the Baptist, how can I lead a simple lifestyle that is more focused on God's love of all living beings than society's love of things?

Let us pray: *God of all creation, we enter with joy into the season of Advent, anticipating your coming in the humbleness of a child, your Son Jesus. We thank you for the great gift of the Incarnation, as Jesus joined in our human nature, sharing the material being of all creation.*



**Sacred Heart Giving Tree**



Once again we are asking for donations of **Gift cards**:

- \* Cards of \$10 or more from Coles or Woolworths for the purchase of food or essential items to celebrate and share Christmas with family or friends or a Kmart or other Gift card for a parent or carer to be able to purchase a for a child or other family member. Of course you are welcome to choose both.

If attending Mass in person you are invited to:

- \* Take a token from the tree, purchase a gift card or place cash in the envelope.
- \* Return it to the church by the fourth Sunday of Advent or
- \* Place a donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas gift appeal" with your contact details and either deliver your gift to the presbytery or contact Pauline O'Day 9484 2445 Or 0497 935 593 if you require us to collect your donation.

**Thank you** all for your remarkable ongoing care for our neighbours.

**Thank you** to Sacred Heart's students for helping to prepare our giving tree.

**Please Note: we are NOT collecting food items for this appeal. Thank you**

**Joke Corner**

Little Emily came home from Religious Education class one Sunday morning and proudly announced that she had learned the Lord's Prayer. But she had a question. "Mummy," she asked sweetly, "if we get our daily bread from God, why do we need bakeries?"

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In the same RE class the sacrament of Reconciliation was being discussed.

The teacher asked the class, "So, what must we do before our sins can be forgiven?"

Peter sitting at the back of the room proudly shouted, "That's easy. First we have to sin."

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## 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.

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the  
Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor  
of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion feed together,  
with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair

the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm,

on all my holy mountain,

for the country is filled with the knowledge  
of the Lord

as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17*

### The Response Is:

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and  
fullness of peace for ever.*

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

**Response.**

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

### Response.

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

### Response.

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name.

### Response.

## SECOND READING

*Romans 15:4-9*

Everything that was written long ago in  
the scriptures was meant to teach us  
something about hope from the examples  
scripture gives of how people who did  
not give up were helped by God. And  
may he who helps us when we refuse to  
give up, help you all to be tolerant with  
each other, following the example of  
Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and  
voice you may give glory to the God and  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for  
you to treat each other in the same  
friendly way as Christ treated you. The  
reason Christ became the servant of  
circumcised Jews was not only so that  
God could faithfully carry out the  
promises made to the patriarchs, it was  
also to get the pagans to give glory to  
God for his mercy, as scripture says in  
one place: For this I shall praise you  
among the pagans and sing to your name.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:1-12*

In due course John the Baptist appeared;  
he preached in the wilderness of Judaea  
and this was his message: 'Repent, for  
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
This was the man the prophet Isaiah  
spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:*

*Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of  
camel-hair with a leather belt round his  
waist, and his food was locusts and wild  
honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea  
and the whole Jordan district made their  
way to him, and as they were baptised by  
him in the river Jordan they confessed

their sins. But when he saw a number of  
Pharisees and Sadducees coming for  
baptism he said to them, 'Brood of  
vipers, who warned you to fly from the  
retribution that is coming? But if you are  
repentant, produce the appropriate fruit,  
and do not presume to tell yourselves,  
"We have Abraham for our father,"  
because, I tell you, God can raise children  
for Abraham from these stones. Even  
now the axe is laid to the roots of the  
trees, so that any tree which fails to  
produce good fruit will be cut down and  
thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water  
for repentance, but the one who follows  
me is more powerful than I am, and I am  
not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise  
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His  
winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will  
clear his threshing-floor and gather his  
wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will  
burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights, and behold the joy which comes  
to you from God.

