

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 Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

2nd - 3rd January 2021, Year B

Do not be Afraid

In celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus was born as the Son of God. Today's gospel illustrates this revelation through the story of the three wise men that travelled to visit Jesus following his birth.

They embarked on a journey of faith, following the star of Bethlehem, until they

reached the manger where Jesus laid. They brought gifts that symbolised their revelation of his divinity: gold, which associated Jesus as a king. Gold symbolised kingship on earth. Frankincense, which was often used in worship and symbolised the holiness of Jesus. Myrrh, a perfume used for embalming, which symbolised that Christ would one day die for our sins.

As we start a new calendar year, it's a time of rejuvenation for many of us. A chance for a new beginning. A chance to discover new things and make our own revelations. As the wise men in today's gospel did, we too can continue to follow our faith throughout this year. The wise men had a revelation that the Son of God was coming, and they were not afraid to follow their hearts. Do not be afraid to follow your heart when you hear God's call.



Year of St Joseph

POPE FRANCIS has proclaimed 2021 will be the "Year of St Joseph".

The announcement came on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which marked 150 years since Pope Pius IX declared St Joseph the patron of the universal Church.

In an apostolic letter, "Patris Corde" ("With a father's heart"), Pope Francis said Christians could discover in St Joseph, who often went unnoticed, "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble".

"St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation," he said.

"A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

Prayer to St Joseph by Pope Francis

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



Happy New Year 2021!!

Roster: Weekend 9th - 10th Jan 2021

Readers

Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou and Terry Murphy
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj & Judeline Wadhvani
Sun 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic & Margaret Bannon



Cleaning Roster Sat 10th Jan 2021

Lucy and Lizzie

Fr Aloysius Nato, SVD New Parish Priest

Fr Aloysius Nato has been appointed new Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish, Preston. After my annual holiday in January, I have asked for sick leave to take care of my declining health condition, and when possible later in the year for permission to go home for some time to look after my father, who in his old age needs full time care. I was granted compassionate leave in 2021.

Upon the recommendation of the SVD superior, Fr Aloysius has been appointed Parish Priest commencing January 4th, 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for your support and prayers in the past 4 years. In particular, I would like to say 'Thank you' to the present and past Parish Pastoral Council members, the Finance Committee, to all ministers and servers, and to all who have so generously contributed to the life and works of our Parish. May God reward your generosity and continue to bless and protect you in the New Year.

To Fr Aloysius – all the best in your role as Parish Priest.
Fr Jan

Last Week's Collection: 27/12/2020

Christmas Offerings: \$2041.05
Sunday 1st Collection: \$2060.00
Christmas Offerings: \$1083.00
Sunday 2nd Collection: \$1185.00



Thank you for your kind generosity!

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke, John Plum Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph,

Ray Mc Veigh and Bronislawa Slobodzian

Those who have died recently

Dhea Abenir

We Commemorate

Brian Fitzgerald (32nd Anniversary)

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shine upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13. R. see v.11

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord