



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

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 6 October

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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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) Sunday 2 October 2022

Still only Servants

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a servant who has been ploughing or minding the sheep all day. Yet when he comes home in the evening, far from getting a pat on the back from his master, or being allowed to put his feet up, is expected to get his master's supper ready. Only then is he free to get his own supper. And in behaving like this, he mustn't think that he has done anything exceptional. All he has done is fulfil his duty as a servant. The treatment of the servant implied here would seem to be cruel. We have to understand what Jesus was saying in this little parable. He was telling his disciples about the kind of spirit they were to bring to their service of God. Consider the following example.

It was late afternoon on a raw winter's day in Dublin. Everybody was in a hurry to get home. Suddenly a cry arose: 'There's a man in the river!' People rushed to the wall and looked down into the muddy, uninviting water. Sure enough, there was a man down there trashing about in the dark water. His desperate cries for help reached the onlookers above the din of the traffic. Then, with a screech of brakes, a car swung out of the line of traffic, and came to a halt close to the kerb. A young man jumped out, throwing off his coat and shoes as he did so. He got up on the wall, took a quick look down, and then dived into the murky waters. He quickly grabbed the drowning man and hauled him to safety. Out on the roadside a crowd gathered around the rescued man as they waited for an ambulance to come. Presently it arrived and took the man to hospital from where he was released, none the worse of his ordeal. A reporter came by, and seeing the possibility of a story, began to fish for information. But, far from seeking the limelight or the plaudits of the people, the rescuer had vanished. That's the kind of spirit we are to bring to our service of God. There is a tendency among religious people to think that they can put God in their debt. They imagine God as being like the typical employer. If we do the work, then in justice our employer owes us our wages. This gives rise to a sense of entitlement. God owes us a reward in heaven providing we serve him faithfully on earth. Apart from being misguided, this introduces a mercenary attitude into what is essentially supposed to be a love affair between God and us.

At the time of Jesus, Judaism was dominated by the notion of merit – God 'owed' salvation to humans in return for keeping the Law. Jesus rejected this, and emphasised God's sheer goodness. We can never put God in the position where He is in debt to us. Even when we have done all we are expected to do (and which of us would be so bold as to make that claim), we still cannot make any demands on God. Christianity is a religion of grace, not of merit. We should behave ourselves honourably, not out of hope of a reward, but out of love for God zeal for his service. The most generous and heroic deeds in life are those that are performed, not in the line of duty in the hope of monetary or other rewards, but out of pure love.

Flor McCarthy SDB

**We are but
servants
Luke 17:7-10**



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
24-Sep-22	Rohan Lemos Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy
01-Oct-22	John Kmaid Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy
08-Oct-22	Celia Lemos Teresa Dang	Mary Harb
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
25-Sep-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
02-Oct-22	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
09-Oct-22	Alisha Verga Eileen Stevens	Ivana Lo Bello
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
25-Sep-22	Damian Casamento Ma Kathleen Adlaon	Margaret Bannan
02-Oct-22	Albert D'Souza Margaret Bannan	Robert Dullard
09-Oct-22	Michelle Totawatte Rachel Vorlander	Damian Casamento

Cleaning Roster:

*To all our Volunteers
Thank you for your hard work*



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:

Odile La Reservee (RIP 16/9)

Bishop Emeritus Hilton Forrest Deakin (RIP 28/9)

We Commemorate:

Enzo Favrin

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 25/9/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,129

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$771

Thank you for your kind generosity!



125th Anniversary of Consecration – St Patrick's Cathedral

As we celebrate our 175th Anniversary year as a diocese – we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's – **Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm.** This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord – built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese, and home for all.

Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App**, an initiative of the **Mary Glowrey Museum**.

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 4 October

St Francis of Assisi

Thursday 6 October

St Bruno, Priest

Friday 7 October

Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday 8 October

*St Denis and Companions
St John Leonardi*



🕯 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

Hannah Payuyao,

in preparation for her Baptism on 8 October.



🕯 Baptism Congratulations 🕯

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Lily Mae Tyson

for her Baptism on 2 October.



****IMPORTANT: Start of daylight saving ****

Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday

2 October 2022, when clocks will

go **forwards** one hour at 2am.

So don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night

(1 October)



**Financial entitlements for Veterans
who are former members of the
Young Christian Workers (YCW)**



Veterans of the armed services who are former members of the Young Christian Workers (YCW) movement in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are entitled to financial benefits under a patriotic fund established by the YCW in 1949. The fund includes coverage of former YCW members who were in the armed services in the 1960s and early 1970s. If you are, or know of, a Veteran who was involved in the YCW, or you know of a Veteran who may have been involved in the YCW, please contact Brian Lawrence at brianlawrence@optusnet.com.au



SVD Annual Mission Day 2022

For a Missionary Church in a Wounded World

Saturday 8 October 2022

AT: 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill

3pm: Mission Day seminar

6pm: Mission day Eucharist

7pm: Multi-Cultural meal & dance

Register at tinyurl.com/svdmissionday2022

For more information - See flyer in Church foyer

All Welcome



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Prayer is an indispensable aid for spiritual discernment, especially when it involves the affections, enabling us to address God with simplicity and familiarity, as one would speak to a friend.



Cyber Security

There are a number of simple ways to keep reduce cyber threats:

- Screen emails for suspicious links or attachments, unfamiliar greetings, spelling errors or improper grammar. Be especially cautious of emails that ask for personal info or a payment
- Phone suppliers to confirm bank account details prior to payment
- Back up your data
- Run system updates when prompted
- Change passwords every 90 days (or more often if you desire)
- Include cyber threat training in your regular staff training sessions or meetings



Finishing Well Forum

Many of us have questions about end-of-life matters but struggle to know how and where to start those conversations and access good information.

The **Finishing Well Forum** brings together presenters with experience in topics around wills, powers of attorney, advance care plans, palliative care, grief and funeral planning.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of each of the presenters as well as information packs, and a morning tea.

This is a **free** event open to all community members. There is a simple registration process online or by phone (9484 4788).

Saturday 15 October 2022 9:15 am to midday

81-91 High Street, Preston



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

Over the past 12 months, the members of our Sacred Heart Conference have assisted over 320 families and individuals in Preston.

This has involved giving timely assistance to helping people genuinely struggling to access day-to-day essentials, manage rent and basic household and education expenses brought about by different life events and situations.

During this time, we have spent over \$74,000 helping people in various ways:

Supermarket Food Cards, utilities, accommodation, medical, transport and education expenses; essential furniture and whitegoods.

Thank you to parishioners, families and students who have generously donated to Vinnies through the poor boxes- at the entrance of the Church, personal donations, our Christmas Giving appeal as well as donations of furniture and other goods to The Vinnies shops.

A more detailed summary of our expenditure over this time is attached to leaflets available from the table in the foyer of the Church.

Your ongoing support will help us make timely change in the lives of our neighbours undergoing hardship at this time.

For information about becoming a member our Preston Conference please contact Stephen Costello (President) on 0432 405 417



March for the Babies

Parishioners are invited to attend this year's March for the Babies on Saturday, October 8 commencing at 1 pm starting at the corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade. This is an annual reminder of the babies lost to abortion in Australia each year and a public appeal to our parliaments to restore their human right to be born alive.



Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

THE FEASTDAY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI on 4 October CONCLUDES THE OFFICIAL SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Following St. Francis in hope and generosity by Christopher Rice

"I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically" (Pope Francis: LS 10).

Confronting the challenges of the present day can be overwhelming. From the climate crisis to poverty to various forms of violence and discrimination, the crises we face require careful attention to facts – facts about nature and human society that are often discouraging.

Some people argue that authentic solutions are impossible. Others dwell relentlessly on the facts, looking to strategize, or compromise, or invent some quick resolution.

Our work to confront a problem like the climate crisis or global poverty needs to be realistic, attuned to the true nature of the crises, the communities most at risk, and the political realities that constrain our initiatives

Prayer of St Francis: Patron Saint of Ecology (1224 A.D.)

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs. Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.

We pray for God's blessing for all the people of the world who are currently suffering from floods especially in Pakistan, Puerto Rico, Nova Scotia, and the people of the Pacific Islands. God help them please.



Sacred Heart Young Adult Group Youth Choir

All young adults who are musicians and those who enjoy singing are welcome

to join the Youth Choir at the Sunday 10:30am Masses on the 1st, 3rd and 5th

Sundays of the month

For more information contact

Priscilla on 0415 061 781



Joke Corner

Father Michael and his friend Pete were fans of rival AFL teams. They were due to play each other in the Grand Final, so the two made a gentleman's agreement **not** to pray for their respective teams.

Father Michael's team ended up losing quite badly, so he decided to tease his friend about the loss while delivering his homily at Mass on Sunday.

"My dear friends, you know that Pete and I back different footy teams. We agreed not to pray for our team to win, but obviously Pete cheated," he grinned at his friend who was sitting in the front pew and the congregation chuckled.

"Father, I didn't pray," Pete yelled out. "I just asked God to let the best team win!"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen; to cry
'Oppression!' in your ear and you will
not save?

Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is
tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord
flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down, inscribe it on
tablets to be easily read, since this
vision is for its own time only: eager for
its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait, for come it
will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not
at rights, but the upright man will live
by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

The Response Is:

***If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

***If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.***

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made
us:

for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

***If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.***

O that today you would listen to his
voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.'

***If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.***

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame
the gift that God gave you when I laid
my hands on you. God's gift was not a
spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of
power, and love, and self-control. So
you are never to be ashamed of
witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of
me for being his prisoner; but with me,
bear the hardships for the sake of the
Good News, relying on the power of
God.

Keep as your pattern the sound
teaching you have heard from me, in
the faith and love that are in Christ
Jesus. You have been trusted to look
after something precious; guard it with
the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in
us.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good
News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase
our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were
your faith the size of a mustard seed
you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be
uprooted and planted in the sea," and it
would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant
ploughing or minding sheep, would say
to him when he returned from the
fields, "Come and have your meal
immediately"? Would he not be more
likely to say, "Get my supper laid;
make yourself tidy and wait on me
while I eat and drink. You can eat and
drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be
grateful to the servant for doing what
he was told? So with you: when you
have done all you have been told to do,
say, "We are merely servants: we have
done no more than our duty."'

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

The Lord is good to those who hope in
him, to the soul that seeks him.

