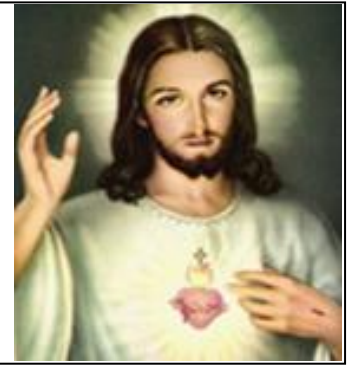




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Parish Mass Schedule

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 7 April

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by
appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) Sunday 27 March 2022

Laetare Sunday

God's attitude to sinners

Mahatma Gandhi tells how when he was fifteen, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother. However, he felt so bad about it that he made up his mind to confess it to his father. He wrote out his sin on a piece of paper, asking for forgiveness and punishment, while promising never to steal again. At that particular time his father was in bed sick. Gandhi handed him the note, and set down by the bedside waiting for his judgment. His father sat up in bed and began to read the note. As he read it, tears came into his eyes. Gandhi himself also cried. Instead of getting angry and punishing him, the father hugged his repentant son, and that was the end of the matter.

The experience of being loved while he was in sin had a profound effect on Gandhi. He said latter, 'Only the person who has experienced his kind of love can know what it is.'

This is the kind of love the younger son experienced when he came back home. There is no question but that he behaved badly. Yet when he came back home, what happened? His father didn't merely receive him back; he welcomed him back. And it was no half-hearted or grudging welcome either. It was a warm, whole-hearted, and prodigally generous welcome.

In the welcome the younger son received, Jesus shows us God's attitude to repentant sinners. If we are sinners – and which of us is not a sinner? – then God loves us not less but more. It doesn't do us much good to be loved for being perfect. We need to be accepted and loved precisely as sinners.

The attitude of the older brother towards his younger brother is a mirror image of the attitude of the Pharisees to sinners. They would rather see a sinner damned than saved. Yet they were very religious people. But what is the use of religion if it doesn't make a person more compassionate towards those who fall? If we find ourselves sympathizing with the older brother, it shows how much of the Pharisees is in us.

All of us, to a greater or lesser extent, are in the shoes of the younger son. For which of us can say that we have always been faithful? Do we not squander God's grace and misuse His gifts? Which of us would like to be treated by God according to strict justice? Do we not all need more mercy than justice?

It is in and through our sins that we experience the goodness and mercy of God. if we never sinned, we'd never know God's forgiveness. This is not an excuse for sinning. But it is nice to know that this is how God receives sinners. Saints bear witness to God's grace and fidelity. Sinners bear witness to God's love and mercy.

Every parent is at some time the father of the unreturned prodigal, with nothing to do but keep the door of the home open and the light on. 'When a father laments that his son has taken to evil ways, what should he do? Love him all the more' (Baal Shem Tov).

What we all want, at the end of the day, is to be welcomed home. By Fr Flor McCarthy SDB, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies C.

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
2 April-22	John Kmaid Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
9 April-22	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Peter Bourke
16-April-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
03-Apr-22	Alisha Verga Catherine Zanatta	Ivana Lo Bello
10-Apr-22	Jessica Suppiah Jessy Thambiraj	Tony Eley
17-Apr-22	Eileen Stevens Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino
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Cleaning Roster:

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

Renato Ferro (RIP 14/3)

We Commemorate



O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Dates to Remember

All Fridays during Lent:

Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm in the presbytery.



Feasts /Memorials of the week:

Saturday 2 April Collect: St Francis of Paola

****IMPORTANT: End of daylight saving****

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday 3 April 2022, when clocks will go **backwards** one hour at 3am. So don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night (2 April)



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



Baptism Congratulations



The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Billie Quinton

for her Baptism on 27 March 2022.



Last Week's Collection: 20/3/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$828
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$495
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Volunteers Needed

Are you available to participate in our Holy Week Ceremonies 10th to 17th April?

Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar servers, leaders of music, projectionists, those who clean and prepare the church, collectors are all needed for:

Palm Sunday Masses

Holy Thursday Evening

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Lords Passion

Easter Vigil Mass

If you can assist, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au or phone 9480 3398. Thank you



More Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for washing of feet for the Holy Thursday Mass. Those who are interested please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the church foyer or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au or phone 9480 3398. Thank you



Holy Week Program 2022

Sun 10 April **Palm Sunday** – normal weekend Masses

Thurs 14 April **Mass of the last Supper** at 7:30pm

Fri 15 April **Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am

Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Our Lord at 3:00pm

Sat 16 April **Easter Vigil** at 7:30pm

Sun 17 April **Easter Sunday** - normal Sunday Masses

Please Note: There will be no morning Masses on Holy Thursday 14/4 and Good Friday 15/4



4th Sunday of Lent – 27 March 2022

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is a now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

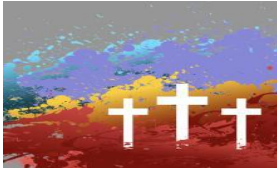
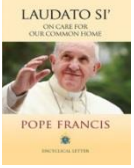
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413





THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask the Lord of life to deliver us from war. Everything is lost with war. There is no victory in a war. May the Lord send His Spirit to make us understand that war is a defeat of humanity..



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

LAUDATO SI' STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We continue the Way of the Cross which leads us to conversion. We are reconciled not only with our sisters and brothers but with Earth and all it holds. It helps us live with hope in our hearts.

5) JESUS BEFORE PILATE Lord Jesus, we too shout for your death when we make kings of money and media images; when we sanction clear felling of forests or coral broken and scattered on the seabed. May we not fear to defend people who have no voice but ours. May we not fear to speak out against destroying the planet since it cannot speak for itself.

6) JESUS WHIPPED AND CROWNED WITH THORNS Lord Jesus, we mock your creation as we drain water courses or scar hills with houses. Stop us putting the thorns of wrong development on our farms and coastal lands. Lord, may we not be unthinking followers of trends but bring your wisdom to dialogue – respect and awe. Come Holy Spirit.

7) JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS, SIMON HELPS. Lord Jesus, we allow owners to exploit poor workers in poor nations and abuse land, forest and oceans that become collateral damage. Just as Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus, may our service of others help to break unjust laws like 'dictatorship of economics' that have no respect for your creation.

8) JESUS SPEAKS WITH THE WOMEN Lord Jesus, may we seek gentle ways of caring for future generations: helping people to gladly bring children into this world; never driving our children to cynicism or despair. Ecologists tell us to weep over sterile soils and species lost, to respect and love the Earth so that it continues in due season to bring soothing rain to make it bloom. Sustain us in Hope. **SEE: Ecological Way of the Cross presented by the LaudatoSi' Movement Lent.** <https://laudatosilent.org>



FLOOD APPEAL – Society of St Vincent de Paul

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having devastating effects on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul society on Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through:

www.vinies.org.au Flood Appeal 2022 or by phoning:

Queensland (07) 2010 1000 or

New South Wales (02) 9568 0262



Holy Week 2022

As we approach the great gift of Holy Week and the joyous celebration of Easter – a time when the richness of our tradition resonates deeply within us all, you are encouraged to be attentive to the invitation for people to return, and to be welcomed anew.

The following points are to assist you in the celebration of liturgies and offer good practice against the transmission of the virus in our churches

- Hand sanitiser should be available for all to use, particularly at places of entry and exit to our churches.
- The Chief Health Officer currently recommends masks to be worn indoors, and the Archdiocese reminds parishes that this is especially applicable to larger gatherings.

- Our churches should continue to ensure there is good ventilation where possible.

- The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy.

- Holy Communion is to be distributed to the faithful under one species only (i.e., the Sacred Host). At concelebrations involving a number of priests, communion for them should be by intinction of the Sacred Host in the Precious Blood.

- Those who distribute Holy Communion should wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.

- Where there is physical touch as part of a Rite of the Church (for example, baptisms, confirmation and anointing of the sick or dying) the use of cotton buds is no longer mandated, but hands should be sanitised well before and after the Rite.

- Parish social activities can resume following the parish COVIDsafe plan that incorporates the safety assessment for the activity and the space used. A reminder that at this current time, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated in accordance with Government requirements.

PALM SUNDAY - Palm branches may be made available for the faithful.

HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of the Feet may be resumed. The celebrant and participants should wear a face covering whilst performing this Rite as they are in close proximity with each other.

GOOD FRIDAY - The Veneration of the Holy Cross during the Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord, on the other hand, should remain as a simple genuflection: the Cross is not to be revered with a kiss, or by touching. As we did last year, I would recommend that veneration also be offered during other devotions on Good Friday, such as the Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil The Blessing of the Fire and the Lighting of the Easter Candle may take place with a reminder that if people are in close proximity, they should continue to wear face coverings. The sprinkling of the faithful during the vidi aquam is permitted, and the blessed Easter Water may be put in Holy Water stoups, but care should be seen that the water is changed regularly (at a minimum of once a week).

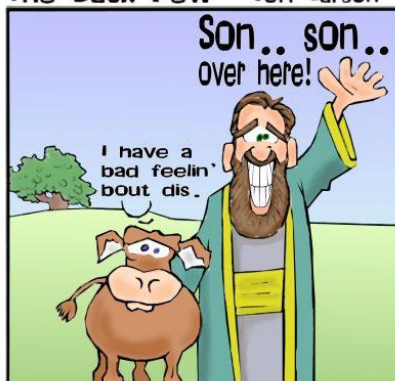


NEW ROSTERS NEW ROSTERS NEW ROSTERS

Attention all Ministers of Communion and Readers

Your new rosters and updated phone lists can be collected from the Church foyer

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



The 'Prodigal Son' returns and suddenly the life of the fatted family calf flashes before his teary eyes. **Luke 15:11-32**



Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are now open and officially close on the 20th June. 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling
breast.

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

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’ The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33(34):2-7

The Response Is:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look towards him and be radiant;

let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are

reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

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.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

