

# Sacred Heart Parish Preston

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## Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

## Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

## Priest in Residence:

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**Parish Office:** Cristina Agius

**School Principal:** Mark Tierney

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## Sacrament Co-ordinator:

Judeline Wadhvani

## Child Safety Officer:

Kay Dufty: 0431 376 212

## Child Safety Committee:

Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Robert Dullard (Chair), Mary Harb, Sharron Kotz, Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szweda

## Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson), Kay Dufty (secretary), Tony Eley, Gerard Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Solomon Konchakara, Natalie Baran

## St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Pauline O'Day (President)

## 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 (Eng) &  
Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday  
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

#### **Reconciliation:**

Weekdays: 30 minutes before  
Mass or by appointment

#### **Baptisms & Weddings:**

By appointment only

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11th - 12th January 2020, Year A

### You are my beloved Son

Today's celebration marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The Baptism of the Lord in the Synoptic Gospels marks a swift transition from Jesus' infancy and childhood, to his adult public ministry.

The Baptism story that we hear today, in Matthew's Gospel, is an initiation story. Matthew introduces Jesus as God's long awaited Chosen One on whom God's Spirit rests. We hear it against the backdrop of the first reading from Isaiah. The voice of God commissions the chosen one to bring forth justice, sensitively and without fanfare: to be a light to the peoples; to open the eyes of the blind and set captives free. It is God's will that He fulfil his messianic role, not through the exercise of power and domination in the conventional way of rulers throughout the world, but through solidarity with the sinful, suffering and burdened mass of humanity and to establish true justice by quiet, gentle, but persevering encouragement of those who are crushed and downtrodden.

And so our Gospel today is telling us: 'Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John.' He was baptised, not because he needed a baptism of repentance for himself, but in order to identify with and reach out to those who did. It then happened that God, whom Jesus would always call 'My Father' and 'Our Father' during his ministry, spoke to him so there could be no mistake about his identity before

God: "You are my beloved Son, my chosen one."

In effect, the message Jesus was hearing from God at his baptism was this: "Go to my people. Tell them that I love them. Show them that I love them. Gather them together and bring them back to me". There and then Jesus understood the whole future direction of his life and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and proclaiming God's love for all.



We are all deeply loved by God and are his sons and daughters made so by baptism. We are also brothers and sisters of Jesus. By our baptism we have been joined to his person, and share in his life and mission. As we celebrate his baptism let us re-open our hearts to the Father's call: Go to my people. Tell them and show them that I love them. Gather them together and bring them back to me.

(Fr Brian Gleeson CP)

**Roster: Weekend 18th - 19th Jan 2020**

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bains Mary Harb
Sun (Ita) 9.00am	Capobianco A.	Bozzella C. Roda G.
Sun 10.30am	Catherine Zanatta Sonya Bading	Eileen Stevens G. D'Intino
Sun 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic John Plum	D. Casamento Margaret Bannon



**Cleaning Roster**  
**Saturday 18th Jan 2020**

Anna O'Neill/Lucy

**Last Week's Collection: 05/01/20**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1139.90  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$703.20  
Bushfire Appeal: \$875.00

*Thank you for your kind generosity!*



**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.**

**Welcome!**

This weekend through Baptism  
we welcome: **Safaia Sisifa**  
into our Parish family



**WE PRAY FOR:**

**The elderly and the sick**  
**Charmaine Nuqui**

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**Those recommended to our prayers**  
***Maria Donatti, Caterina & Tony Gagliano,***  
***Ines Malavisi (1<sup>st</sup> month),***  
***Carmela & Salvatore Montagnese,***  
***Carmelo & Maria Quattrone***  
***and all deceased members of the***  
***Montagnese & Quattrone families.***

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

**The Baptism of the Lord - Year A**  
**11th - 12th January 2020**

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

*Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.*

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waiver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 28:1-4, 9-10. R. v.11

**R/** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**The Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** see Mk 9:8

**Alleluia, Alleluia!** The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

*When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of  
God came upon him.*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.