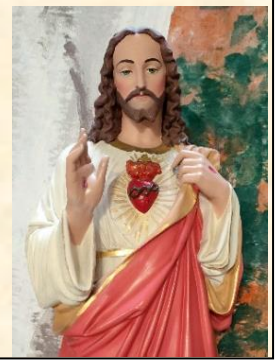




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Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

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Co-ordinators:

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Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica

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Parish Finance Committee:

Peter Constable (Chair)

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Stephen Costello (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 Friday of February,

May, August & November at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass: Friday 1 Nov. 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



Holy Rosary: Thurs after the 9:10am Mass

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on

Monday 7 October in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass. All welcome

Bulletin printed: 6/9/2024

*Our Parish is committed to the safety,
wellbeing and dignity of all children
and vulnerable adults.*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 8 September 2024

Safeguarding Sunday - Every Conversation Matters

“Ephphatha – Be opened!”

Those who have been baptised as infants – and that’s most of us -would have no recollection of the ceremony. We have no memory of the gesture that originated in today’s gospel story. But if you have been to a Baptism recently you may recall that immediately after the child’s immersion of washing, there’s a series of short rituals. The infant is anointed with chrism, robed in a white garment, a Christ Candle is lit and the infant is touched on the ears and the mouth. This action is directly inspired by today’s Gospel reading.

A deaf man is brought to Jesus and He is asked to heal him. Jesus welcomes him, as Jesus welcomed children, the vulnerable and ostracised into the safety of His care. And so were we through the rite of Baptism welcomed into the ‘Church.’ Jesus touches the man’s ears and tongue saying “Ephphatha” –“Be opened!” and the man is healed of his deafness and speech impediment by the timely word and the gentle, respectful, healing touch of Jesus. This call to “openness” is a call to each one of us as Jesus’ disciples and as children of one Human and one Church Family.

Today is Safeguarding Sunday. A day that recalls to us our task of ensuring that children and adults at risk in our churches, schools and other entities can grow, play, talk, share and participate safely, be heard and respected. The day carries great weight because we know that in the past, too many people entrusted with the care of children and the vulnerable exploited and abused them.

Today we recognise and apologise to those who have been abused, their families and supporters from the harm done by priests, religious and lay people within church settings but that is not all. It is not only a time for lamenting the horrendous harm done to God’s innocent ones. More deeply it is a time for asking how better we can make the Church a welcoming and open space in which children, young people and others can be heard, flourish and be respected, mindful that the protection of the vulnerable is “**Everyone’s responsibility.**”

Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance and on this Sunday we recommit ourselves to safe practices and protocols to create and maintain safe environments for all people. In Mark’s story, the man is brought out of a world of silence into where he can hear and speak clearly, and so be able to participate fully in the life of the community. The Catholic community was also trapped in silence when responding to the sexual abuse of children. Children were not listened to; those who heard did or could not believe it, or failed to report it: those who tried were in many cases institutionally silenced. The Gospel story of Jesus’ healing suggests that the model of Church to which Jesus calls us is one where people speak freely, children play safely and life is lived transparently - potential harm and risks having been identified and removed.

Every conversation matters “...**Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.**” Reflections – Fr Andrew Hamilton. SJ and the Australian Bishops’ Conference.



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.

Sat 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
07-Sep	Teresa Dang Mary Harb	Terry Murphy	
14-Sep	Terry Murphy Rohan Lemos	Charlotte Bairy	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
21-Sep	Marlene Vergou Celia Lemos	Mary Harb	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
08-Sep	Ophelia Swai Jessy Thambiraj	Gerard Grant	Jessica	Azariah Natalie
15-Sep	Hannah Thambiraj Jessica Suppiah	Eileen Stevens	Jessy	Ishe Glendon
22-Sep	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D'Intino	Jessica	

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
08-Sep	Susan Bakani	Damian Casamento
15-Sep	Susan Bakani John Gafney	Damian Casamento
22-Sep	Snehita Antony Shanthi Antony	Robert Dullard

A Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick,

Our Sacred Heart School student Samantha Corsi
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Rev. Jean Claude Lourdes RIP 1/9

We Commemorate:

Kay Dufty – 1st Anniv.
Antonio Jr Mendolicchio 43rd Anniv – Sun 8/9 at 9am
Lupo Gugliotti, Rosaria, Francesco Iannella & all the deceased of the Gugliotti family – all Sun 8/9 at 9am
Vincenzo Capobianco – Sun 8/9 at 9am
Santo Sergi (20th Anni) – Sun 8/9 at 9am
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 1.9.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$977
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$610
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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.



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 †

Monday 9 September St Peter Claver, Priest
Thursday 12 September The Most Holy Name of Mary
Friday 13 September St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor
Saturday 14 September The Exultation of the Holy Cross



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Harmony is achieved when we are committed not only to our own interests and vision, but to the good of all.



The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church foyer. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes above or on the campaign materials.

I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.



Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass



Please join us today after the 10:30am Mass for a cup of tea or coffee **at Sacred Heart School.**

All are welcome



Safeguarding Sundau Community Prayer

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, So that now and in the future, their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever, Amen



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope

(Rom 8:19-25)

This Season of Creation, we are called to unite our Christian voices through a joint advocacy initiative to support the **Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty** which brings together nations, civil society, and faith groups to reduce fossil fuel use. Many faith leaders and organisations have endorsed the treaty (including the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and PNG) as well as individuals, government bodies (including the City of Darebin), Nobel laureates, academics and scientists.

21 September is scheduled as the **global day of action** for individuals, communities, organisations, and all levels of government to endorse the Treaty. All signatures will be used to influence decision-makers at the next UN conference on climate change, COP29, scheduled for November 2024 in Azerbaijan.

You can read about the treaty and endorse it too at <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/>. You are also welcome to join the global webinar 'A conversation on the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty' hosted by the Laudato Si Movement on 10 September.

<https://laudatosimovement.org/event/a-conversation-on-the-fossil-fuel-non-proliferation-treaty>

"We have been granted a gift, an earth created in all its diversity, vitality, and abundance, for which we are called upon to be stewards. But this role of stewardship has been overshadowed by neglect, exploitation, and unsustainable consumption that threaten the natural balance, social harmony, and existence of life on earth."

<https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter>



ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE— EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

The Archdiocese of Melbourne will run two pilgrimages to Rome next year as we celebrate Jubilee Year 2025.

The first pilgrimage will be held in May and June 2025, coinciding with the **Jubilee for Families, Grandparents and the Elderly**.

The second pilgrimage will be for young adults (18-30 years), journeying to the **Jubilee of Youth** in July and August 2025.

These graced and hope-filled pilgrimages will journey through the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great Saints like St Francis and St Clare (and soon to be canonised Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati), before walking through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica.

Be a pilgrim of hope! Embark on an incredible pilgrimage to encounter God and deepen your faith with others.

Be the first to receive the latest updates, including booking information and itineraries, by submitting an expression of interest:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ST83H75>



Children's activity pages

Please find in the foyer of the Church activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



Sacred Heart Church Social Planning Committee – NEWS

Save the Date

Mission Sunday

We will be celebrating **Mission Sunday** on 20th of October.

As part of the celebration, The Social Committee of Sacred Heart Church with Father Aloysius' blessings will be hosting a Talent Show. The theme for this year is "Go and invite everyone to the Banquet". So get ready to be Sacred Heart Parish's superstar...

Registration are now open. We will be having 3 categories.

1) Prep to Year 6

2) Year 7 to Year 12

3) Adults

The Talent Show will take place in the Sacred Heart Primary School Hall at 12pm. The registration fees will be 5 dollars. Since it is Mission Sunday, please feel free to include the theme in your acts to send out the message to the audience.

If you have further questions please contact the social committee members or the parish office on 9480 3398.



You Are Not Alone - A Message of Hope

"You are stronger than you know, more capable than you ever dreamed and you are loved more than you could possible imagine."

~ Unknown ~

September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day. Let us take a moment to remind ourselves and others that no one should face their struggles alone. Life can be overwhelming and sometimes it feels like the weight is too much to bear, but reaching out, whether to a friend, a loved one or a professional can make a world of difference. A simple conversation, a listening ear or a message of support can be a lifeline someone needs. Let's break the silence around mental health and encourage openness, understanding and compassion. If you are struggling, know that your life matters and there is help available. Together we can create a world where everyone feels valued, supported and safe. Your presence is important, **YOU** are important. Please remember there is always hope.

Dear God, In moments of darkness, remind us of our worth. Help us to see that our presence matters and that we are loved. Grant us the strength to reach out and the courage to embrace hope. Let us be a light for others and find comfort in knowing WE are important. Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media



Upcoming CTC Events



- Information Session for Educators
- Information Session for Prospective Students
- Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions

For more information:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/>

<https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/>



☺ Joke Corner ☺

A priest had an important appointment with the bishop in the city but couldn't find a parking spot. Because he was running so late, he took a chance and left his car in a no parking zone.

He placed a note under the windscreen wiper that read: "I have circled the block ten times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment with the bishop. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned two hours later, he found a parking ticket and a note from the parking inspector. It read: "I've circled this block for ten years and if I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145(146):7-10

The Response Is:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He

took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

