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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 3 November

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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) Sunday 16 October 2022

THE ROLE OF PRAYER

No one can live a Christian life without prayer. But we have to understand what prayer is and what it does. Three men were trapped in a dark cellar that had no doors or windows. The first was a writer by the name of George. He had no faith. He just sat there cursing the darkness. 'There's nothing we can do', he said despairingly. 'We might as well resign ourselves to our fate.' The second was Peter, who was a very religious man. He prayed a long time. When he had finished, he sat back and waited for a miracle. The third man was a bricklayer by the name of Ivan. Ivan was quite religious in his own way. But he was also a very practical man. He had a small chisel in his pocket. With the light of a match he found a small stone. Using this as a hammer he began to chip away the wall. The work was slow and monotonous and extremely tiring. He got dust in his eyes and blisters on his hands. George sat in one corner smoking. Peter sat in another corner praying. From time to time, Ivan prayed also: 'Dear God, I believe that you will help ensure we can make it out of here. Please help us.' After hours of painful work, he succeeded in dislodging a brick, and suddenly light streamed in from the next room. He began to shout for joy, praising and thanking God at the same time. His two companions helped him to enlarge the hole, and eventually all three crawled through and were free.

Here you have three different attitudes to prayer. For George prayer was a waste of time. Since he had no faith, his attitude was logical. If you don't believe in God, who can you pray to? For Peter prayer was a substitute for action. So, once he had prayed, he sat back and waited for God to come to his rescue. A lot of our prayer is like that, especially our prayer on behalf of others. It's just words. It becomes an excuse for doing nothing. Ivan believed in prayer, not as substitution for action, but as a spur to action. Having prayed, he immediately took whatever action he could. His prayer served the purpose of keeping up his courage and hope. It also gave him a sense of God's nearness, and an assurance that God had not abandoned him. He drew great strength from this.

When we look at the First Reading, we see Ivan's view of prayer in action. On their journey to the Promised Land the Israelites were set upon by the Amalekites. In their struggle they relied on the prayer of Moses, not as an excuse for doing nothing, but as a spur to action. And Jesus urges us in the Gospel to pray continually and never to lose heart.

Prayer does make a difference. It sustains us. Those who pray never lose heart. When we turn our thoughts to God, we feel a new strength in our soul, and in our entire being. 'Without divine assistance I cannot succeed; with it I cannot fail' (Abraham Lincoln).

Faith and prayer are interconnected. St. Augustine said, 'Faith pours our prayer, and the pouring out of prayer sustains and strengthens faith.' Prayer is the oil that keeps the lamp of faith burning. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. And the fruit of service is peace. Flor McCarthy SDB, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Year C.

Distractions in Prayer and St. Bernard

A friend boasted to St. Bernard that he had no distractions. St. Bernard admitted that he had trouble with distractions. One day the two of them were out riding on horseback and St. Bernard said he would give his friend his horse if he got off his horse and could pray the Our Father without any distractions. His friend got as far as, "Give us this day our daily bread" when he looked at St. Bernard and asked, "Can I have the saddle too?" (Told by Archbishop Fulton Sheen in a broadcast)

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 |
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| 08-Oct-22 | Celia Lemos Teresa Dang | Mary Harb |
| 15-Oct-22 | Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou | Terry Murphy |
| 22-Oct-22 | Mary Harb Terry Murphy | Charlotte Bainy |
| | Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers | Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion |
| 09-Oct-22 | Alisha Verga Eileen Stevens | Ivana Lo Bello |
| 16-Oct-22 | Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai | Tony Eley |
| 23-Oct-22 | Hannah Lopez Marilene Fortuna | George McBrien |
| | Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers | Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion |
| 09-Oct-22 | Michelle Totawatte Rachel Vorlander | Damian Casamento |
| 16-Oct-22 | Carolina Constable Peter Constable | Damian Casamento |
| 23-Oct-22 | Marijana Jurjevic Rachel Vorlander | Robert Dullard |

Cleaning Roster:

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



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Shu-Fen Wu, Peter Bourke,

Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Lopisoni Makario (RIP in Sydney 3/10)

We Commemorate:

Rosa Cavalieri (1st Anniv.)

Antonio (Tony) Mercuri

Giovanni Pizzato

Antonio Gugliotti

Lupo Gugliotti

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 9/10/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$951

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$659

Thank you for your kind generosity!



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 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

Tuesday 18 October

St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

Wednesday 19 October

*Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests, and their Companions, Martyrs
St Paul of the Cross, Priest (1694 - 1775)*

Saturday 22 October

St John Paul II, Pope



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish
congratulates

Oscar Sutera,

for his Baptism on 16 October.



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.



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



A prayer for the tragic loss of the 24 young children and 13 adults in Thailand in the mass killing at a preschool.

Dear Father,

Your Spirit carries the softness of eternity.

You are the fragrance of comfort; you are the enfolding lullaby.

Please encircle the parents of the children drastically lost in Thailand in their grief.

Cocoon them within your arms of love, whisper heavenly truth into their souls and keep each fragment of their broken hearts safe.

When we are in pieces your presence will keep us.

So, we lay them in your strong arms Jesus. Carry them.

Watch steadily over them day and night.

May they come to know that their beloved children are safe with you. Not lost but found, known and cherished.

Amen.

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



The Lord has a great desire for us -- to make us sharers in his own life. In our dialogue with Him, we learn to understand what we truly want from our lives.



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



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship.

Toiletry and cleaning product drive.

In response to the growing numbers of requests from individuals and families for help to cover basic day to day essentials, our ST Vincent de Paul Conference is conducting an appeal for donations of toiletries and cleaning products on the weekend of 29th/30th October. A collection trolley will be available in the Church foyer for items to be placed.

On behalf of our struggling neighbours, thank you Sacred Heart for your ongoing generosity and support.

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

If you or a neighbour requires vital assistance, please phone our welfare Assistance line on Free Call 1800 305 330. This service is free and confidential.



**BUILD
BRIGHTER
FUTURES
FOR FAMILIES
IN EMDIBIR**

**catholic
mission**



Next week, as we celebrate **World Mission Month**, **Catholic Mission** will invite you to partner with Fr Habte and the Church in Ethiopia as they provide the community with the opportunity to build brighter futures. Fr Habte has seen firsthand the benefits the current farm provided for his community in accessing nutritious milk and its by-products. Now, he believes that together, the Church and community can make a real difference for people seeking agricultural training and employment.

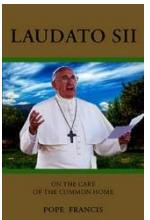
We hope you will join us in partnering with this life-changing program.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/families



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Prayer for water



Creator, we turn our attention to acknowledge and give thanks for Your gift of water. The mighty seas, the calm lakes, the rivers, the streams, and the rain that falls to refresh our sister mother earth. At the beginning of creation, you sanctified the waters. Your gift is indispensable to all life on earth. It grows our food; it sustains all living things physically. When we need spiritual strength, You instructed us to go down to the water and wash our spirits clean. Awaken the heart of those who exploit Your gift for profit. And forgive those of us who take Your gift for granted. Help us to remember the preciousness of Your gift and give us the wisdom to use Your gift wisely and to share it equitably. *Virginia Fifield: Laudato Si' Prayer Book* We pray for all people and creatures in drought. We pray for all who are experiencing floods. Please Heavenly Father, show your loving hand to all in distress through droughts and floods. Amen



INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR World Youth Day 2023



Upcoming World Youth Day Information Sessions in October. A life-changing trip to Lisbon, Portugal: Join 500 other young Catholics from around Melbourne on an epic journey to World Youth Day in 2023. Find out more at <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>



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



PUBLIC CONVERSATION HOSTED BY ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI

You are invited to attend a public conversation hosted by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, featuring internationally renowned speaker and author Mary Eberstadt discussing the topic: The future of humanity passes by way of the family. The conversation will be held on Tuesday 25 October, 12.30-2pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. Tickets are free; however, bookings are essential with a light lunch provided. Tickets can be booked via: www.trybooking.com/CDKKN or 9926 5612.



Joke Corner

A man in his 70s approaches an attractive younger woman in a large supermarket and says, "I've lost my wife in one of the aisles. Would you mind talking to me for a couple of minutes?" Puzzled, the woman replies, "Why?" "Because every time I speak to a pretty lady, my wife has an uncanny knack of appearing out of nowhere."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;

turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 120(121)

The Response Is:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!

Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,

Israel's guard.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;

at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you

nor the moon in the night.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will guard you from evil,

he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

