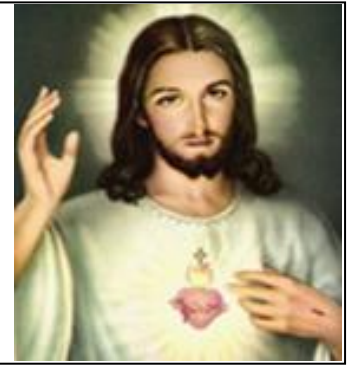




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Parish Mass Schedule

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

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Sunday 20 March 2022

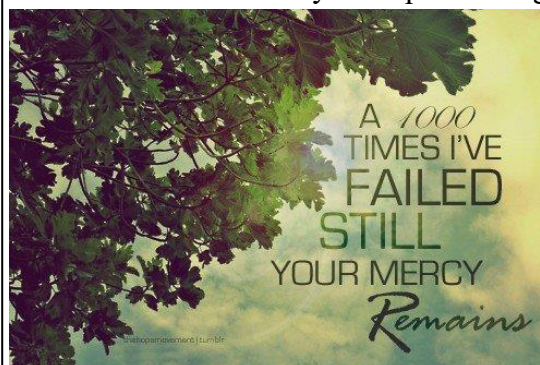
Lent is a second chance

My dear friends! For the Pharisees, sinners are hopeless. They are worth nothing but to be written off. Disagreeing with them, Jesus told them a little parable of a barren fig tree in which He contrasted the attitude of the vineyard owner and that of the gardener. According to vineyard owner, the barren fig tree is useless. It simply takes up space. So, chop it down! His attitude seems to be reasonable as he was more interested in fruits of the tree, than the tree itself. He had put nothing into caring for it. He didn't help the tree to become fruitful. Hence, the only option he could think of is to chop it down. The Gardener, on the other hand, has a different attitude toward the barren fig tree. As a lover of fruit trees, the barren fig tree is precious to him. Its precious not only because of what he gets out of it but also because of what he put into it to make it fruitful. He knew the fig tree is barren but he didn't give up. He sacrificed himself for it. He tried to help it by enhancing the soil. He showed tenderness and compassion in caring for the tree to enable it to bear fruit.

Reflecting on the different attitudes of the vineyard owner and the gardener toward the barren fig tree, we see clearly the way of head and the way of heart. The attitude of the vineyard owner is the way of head. He seemed sensible but overly emphasized in results. He was obsessed with power than love. Power is only interested in result, and often wants them instantly. Power has no patience with the slow or sympathy for the weak. The gardener's attitude was the way of love. Love is patient and kind. Love doesn't give up easily. Love doesn't force; it coaxes, encourages, and waits.

What is Jesus' way of treating the sinners? Unlike the Pharisees who behaved like the vineyard owner, Jesus showed the way of heart which is love. He identified himself with the sinners, befriended with them, ate and drank with them. Through His suffering and death on the cross, Jesus sacrificed Himself for the sinners that they may have life and have it in abundance. Jesus' way of love has helped many sinners, barren fig trees, left their sinful life and become fruitful trees.

As we enter into the third week of Lent, let us take this opportunity to reflect on our heavenly Father who has the heart of a Gardener. He never gives up on us. He is patient with sinners and always willing to give them a second chance. There are many examples of "fig trees" which were once barren but



after encountering Christ, the Face of God, transformed into fruitful trees, such as St Paul, St Augustine, Mary Magdalene, and many more others. In them we see clearly that no sinner is without future and no saints are without past. The reason is because **God always gives us a second chance.**

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
12-Mar-22	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke
19-Mar-22	John Kmaid Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
26-Mar-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
13-Mar-22	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	George McBrien
20-Mar-22	Marilene Fortuna Ophelia Swai	Pauline Veamatahau
27-Mar-22	Ivana Lo Bello Ophelia Swai	Eileen Stevens
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
13-Mar-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
20-Mar-22	Marijana Jurjevic Robert Dullard	Margaret Bannan
27-Mar-22	Damian Casamento Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 19 March 2022

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

Concetta Miano (RIP 7/3)

We Commemorate

Vittoria Dromi (1st Anniv)

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:

Friday 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

Wedding Congratulations

We congratulate

Paula & Lino

for their Wedding celebrated here at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 19 March
May God grant a happy and prosperous life to you both as you embark on your journey together as husband and wife.



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

Billie Quinton,

in preparation for her Baptism on 27 March 2022.



Baptism Congratulations



The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Jude Indovino & Eleanor Athaide

for Their Baptisms on 20 March 2022.



Last Week's Collection: 13/3/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$740

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$440

Thank you for your kind generosity!



INFORMATION SESSION - PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

A new Vocations website is under development; however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons: <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons:

<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335

(Email) diaconate@cam.org.au



Book & Plant Sale

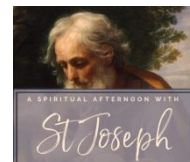
The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold a Book & Plant Sale, Saturday 26 March 9 am – 2 pm, at 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715



A Spiritual Afternoon with St Joseph

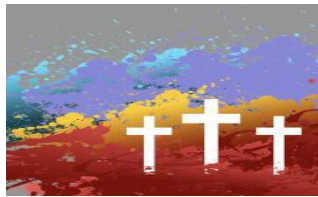
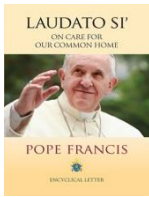
St Gabriel's Parish, Reservoir, invites you to a spiritual afternoon with St Joseph, **2-5pm Sunday 20 March 2022**. The afternoon will include two talks given by Anna Krohn and Sr Mary Sarah OP on different aspects of the life of St Joseph, Litany of St Joseph, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and afternoon tea. All welcome!

Entry by donation. For more information and to register go to www.sapientiaproject.com, or call St Gabriel's Parish Office on 9460 6036





God entrusts the task of saving humanity from the flood to the eldest of all, the “righteous” Noah. In his care for life in all its forms, Noah obeys God’s command, repeating the tender and generous gesture of creation.



**LAUDATO SI':
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

LAUDATO SI' STATIONS OF THE CROSS

God, Creative and Loving, Just but Compassionate, may we claim the Cross as our own. As we meditate on the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this Way of the Cross, may your promise of a New Creation become a reality in our lives and our world.

1) THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN Jesus, you are saddened when we waste your Father's gifts of Earth and without thinking burden it with the wastes of our lifestyle. Let us feel with the groaning of this land Australia. Make this an hour of conversion for us.

2) JESUS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED We too betray you when we invest our money and cast our vote out of pure self-interest, unthinking in following a trend to build walls of security around ourselves. Give us the courage to take responsibility within our society, and not sell our souls for thirty pieces of silver.

3) JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH Our extravagant plans exploit land and sea beyond its capacity to recover. We sacrifice both humanity and Earth's creatures in the name of 'progress'. Sadly, we can use religion to justify our actions. Help us to make just laws people and nature, giving them a chance to grow into the fullness you planned.

4) PETER DENIES JESUS Lord Jesus, just like Peter, we deny our Oneness with you when we deny that we are related to all peoples, and when we deny that we are kin to all species as part of your creation. Let us see that God's glory is not dimmed in each species we send to extinction. Let us claim you Lord. SEE: Ecological Way of the Cross presented by the LaudatoSi' Movement Lent. <https://laudatosilent.org>



3rd Sunday of Lent – 20 March 2022

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive. 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



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



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer:** e.g., Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self Denial:** e.g., not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others:** e.g., special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.
 - * All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain. (Canon 1252)
 - * The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During Lent the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
 - * Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022 and Trinity Sunday 12 June 2022 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
 - * The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



Mission Spirituality Forum

The fruits of “Mission: One Heart, Many Voices”

When: Thursday April 28 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Where: To register please go to:

<https://forms.gle/NSMhcW5qRzDcf7Xy7>

(refer to notices in Church foyer for more information)





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.

Joke Corner

It's **Saint Patrick's Day** and Paddy and Murphy are working on a building site.

Paddy says to Murphy, "I want to take the afternoon off to celebrate St Pat's Day, so I'm gonna' pretend I've gone mad!" So Paddy climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down, and shouts "I'm a light bulb, I'm a light bulb!" while Murphy watches in amazement.

The foreman shouts, "For God's sake Paddy, go home. You've gone mad."

As Paddy leaves the site with a huge smile on his face, Murphy starts packing his kit up to leave as well.

"Where do you think you're going?" asks the foreman.

"Well, I can't work in the bloomin' dark!" said Murphy.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

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

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11

The Response Is:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion,

The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are
oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the
earth so strong is his love for those who
fear him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ!***

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

***Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ!***

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At

this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?"' "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

