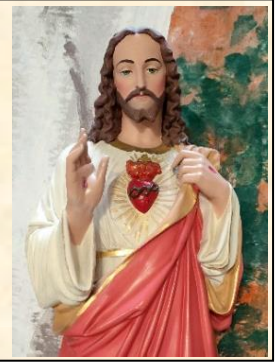




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Safeguarding Committee:

Safeguarding Officer: Robert Dullard

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Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Mark Tierney,

Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Co-ordinators:

Lectors and Audio Visual – Jessy Thambiraj

Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica Stanley and Stanley Charles Louis

Safeguarding – Pauline O'Day

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 2 August 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 3 June in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass.

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The Ascension of the Lord (Year B)

Sunday 12 May 2024

Happy Mothers Day



“Proclaim the Good News to all creation”

The Easter season is almost at an end. For the past six weeks the readings have proclaimed: ‘Jesus is alive, he has passed through death, go and tell everyone.’ The readings have witnessed to the new insights the early Christian community had into Jesus’ life and words in the light of His resurrection. Now they are to witness the risen Jesus in a world of political arrogance, of indifference to the poor and the powerless. This year’s Gospel Mark, believed to be the first of the four Gospels and believed to have been written at a time when the infant Christian community was threatened with persecution, separation from the sacred institutions of their past.

The physical absence of Jesus in such turbulent times drew the community of believers to look back upon the life of Jesus amongst them and recognise a new and different kind of his presence with them.

The significance of the Ascension is not about Jesus going up into outer space. The Ascension is a celebration of the passing of the baton from Jesus to His faithful disciples to the end of time. His life and mission to proclaim God’s kingdom to all becomes the ongoing mission. Jesus is alive in His people and each of the readings stresses the mission of the Church to carry on His work to proclaim and demonstrate God’s kingdom of love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth.

The reading from the letter of St Paul describes the task of the Church as it journeys through history, bringing the “Good News to all creation”. Its life together bonded by patience, selflessness and gentleness should be a living sign of the unity through the Spirit, as ‘one body of Christ’. Then drawing upon the strength of this Spirit and our experience of God’s nurturing, patient and forgiving indwelling love, we are compelled to proclaim this Good News in our daily living.

“Can a mother forget her child ?.”said God through Isaiah the prophet.”Even she could possibly forget I will never forget you”. What more compelling symbol of God’s merciful love could there be than the maternal love that flows from a mother: caring, nurturing, inspiring – sometimes admonishing, guiding and rejoicing in that sacred gift of life which is her child. Today let us give thanks for and to our mothers who, in all the struggles, joys, ups and downs of growing up walked and encouraged us to embrace life and nurture hope in ourselves and others.

Happy Mothers’ Day to all mothers and to all who have a mother’s role:

Caring for, encouraging and nurturing others.

You are the living signs of God’s love in our lives.

Thank you!

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 Lectors	Saturday 6:00pm Mass - Ministers of Communion
04-May-	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
11-May-	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
18-May-	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy

	Sunday 10:30am Mass Lectors	Sunday 10:30am Mass Ministers of Communion	Slide Projectionist
05-May	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley	Judeline
12-May	Jessy Thambiraj Albert D'Souza	Eileen Stevens	Jessy
19-May	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino	Judeline

	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Lectors	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Ministers of Communion
05-May	Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard
12-May	Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
19-May	Tim Rankin Michelle Totawatte	Damian Casamento



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, Ampelio Cavallin
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:

Lucia Azzato RIP 7/5 – Funeral Tues 21/5 at 11am

We Commemorate:

Anna Gallo – 1 month – Sat 11/5 at 6pm
Maria Spanu, Serafina Marcedu, Nicolino Spanu & families. – all Sun 5/5 at 9am
Marianna & Leonardo Bertucci & families. - all Sun 5/5 at 9am
Rodolfo Loffo (40th Anniversary) - Sun 5/5 at 9am
Loria Giovanna, Vorluni Fortunata, Raffaella Paiano, Rosina Loffo, and all the deceased of the Paiano, Loffo, and Loria families. - all Sun 5/5 at 9am
Anh Tran - Sun 12/5 at 10:30am
Mary, Salvina & Georgina Mifsud – all Sun 12/5 at 10:30am
*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Last Week's Collection: 5.5.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$922
(electronic contributions for April: \$1,855)
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$440
(electronic contributions for April: \$115)
CatholicCare: \$207
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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

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 13 May Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday 14 May St Matthias, Apostle
Saturday 18 May St John I, Pope Martyr



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

A gesture of love for someone who cannot reciprocate: this is to imitate God's selfless style.



Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 9 online sessions.

Engaging Your Faith - Commencing 14 May 2024

Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



CATHOLIC
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ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT

All Weekends of May

During the month of May, the Archdiocese organises this survey during the weekends so as to know how Catholics are faring in their church attendance and to organise better the pastoral needs of the parishes.



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.



Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and expectant mothers in our Parish! Wishing you all the love, health and happiness that you truly deserve.



*A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER
Bless O Lord Jesus all mothers
Of a family with or without fathers
May Your hands of grace be upon them
Touching their hearts with love, peace and encouragement.*

*Lead them Lord with Your light
We pray they gain favour in Your sight
May You be their pillar of strength
As they overcome all hurdles in life's length. Amen*



World Mission - May Rosary Prayers

Mon-Fri at 2pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280

Password: 876574

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2025 Enrolments



Enrolments for the 2025 school year Foundation classes, have opened. 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.



♡♡ A MOTHER'S LOVE ♡♡

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems.

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.

A many splendored miracle man cannot understand,
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

~ Helen Steiner Rice ~

Mothers are the pillars of our lives. Their love knows no bounds, shaping us into who we are today. For those fortunate enough to still feel their embrace, cherish every moment, every laugh, every hug. For those whose mothers live on in memory, hold tight to the lessons learned and the love shared. Though their physical presence may be absent, their influence remains, guiding us through life's twists and turns. On Mother's Day, let us honour all mothers, for their unwavering strength, boundless love and enduring legacy.

Dear God, This Mother's Day we lift up all mothers in prayer, celebrating the joy they bring to our lives.

Bless them with moments of laughter and precious memories with their children.

May their hearts be filled with happiness, their spirits lifted with love and their days brightened by hope.

Lord, let us remember the mothers we have lost, may their love continue to shine brightly in our hearts. Amen.

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Feast of Sacred Heart Celebration

Save the date: Sunday, 9 June 2024

Time: after 10:30am Mass

Venue: to be confirmed



ALTAR SERVERS PROGRAM

The Altar Servers Program has been revived at Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you to Mark Tierney Principal Sacred Heart Primary for his support. Teresa Bernardini, Stanley Charles Louis and Ashish Thambiraj, will train and form the first group of altar servers on **Tuesday 14 May from 9.40 am to 10.10 am**. The trained altar servers will be commissioned at the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart Mass at **10.30 am on Sunday 9 June**. This is an important milestone in the ongoing faith formation of these young people and has the support of their parents, the school and the entire parish community.



A regional gathering for our Church, drawing close to the presence and power of God. **Awaken** gathers Catholics from around Melbourne for a dynamic and inspiring afternoon, including contemporary worship and prayer experiences, talks, workshops and hospitality.

With special guests Sam Clear (Walk4One) and Kym Keady (Ignite Ministries, Brisbane)

Five streams available:

Adults, Youth (Years 9–12), Youth (Years 7–8), Children (Years 3–6), Children (Prep–Year 2)

Saturday 18 May 2024 - 1.00pm–6.00pm

12.30pm: Doors open

1pm: Worship and opening talk

2pm: Workshops and afternoon tea

3.45pm: Closing talk and worship

VENUE: NewHope, 3 Springfield Road, Blackburn North

Register and Learn more at awakenmelbourne.com.au



SAFE PARKING PRACTICE AT SACRED HEART PARISH

All visitors and parishioners are reminded **not to park** vehicles in the driveways around the church building, including

1. The straight driveway leading to the rear car park.
2. The curved shaped driveway in front of the church entrance.

Parking in these driveways is a safety risk and restricts access for emergency services such as ambulances in the event of a medical emergency which could have serious consequences. Parking in these areas is also a safety risk for people, including children.

Thank you for being considerate and looking after each other in true Sacred Heart community spirit.

😊 Joke Corner 😊

A mother was cooking pancakes for her two sons, Andrew and Luke. The boys started to argue over who would get the first one. The mother said: "If Jesus was here, he would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake.'"

Andrew then turned to Luke and said, "Okay, Luke. You can be Jesus!"

Motherhood is a fairytale in reverse. You start in a beautiful gown end up cleaning everyone's messes.

It's sad when you sit around waiting for mum to make dinner and then you realise you are the mum.

Why was the house so neat on Mother's Day? Because Mum spent all day Saturday cleaning it."

Mum, what's it like to have the greatest daughter in the world?"
I don't know, ask your grandma!"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout

Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

The Response Is:

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must
fear,

great king over all the earth.

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

