

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.

Feast Days of the week:

Monday 13 September	St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor
Tuesday 14 September	Exultation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday 16 September	Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Friday 17 September	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor St Hildegard of Bingen

Safeguarding Children & Young People Survey for Parents and Carers

The wellbeing of children and young people in our care is our collective priority. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) has a mission-driven moral and legal responsibility to create a safe, nurturing environment where children are respected and heard.

The Professional Standards Unit in CAM has prepared a survey for parents and carers to provide feedback on their safeguarding experience within the parish. Survey data will be used to improve safeguarding policies, practices, and procedures and will help shape any reviews and future support.

Please complete the survey by Friday 17 September 2021.

For completing the survey and for more information on Safeguarding, please visit:

<http://www.sacredheartpreston.com.au/professional-standards.html>

Father's Day Appeal

Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and public Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued.

The site is www.cam.org.au/foundation.

Joke Corner

A small town had three churches: Presbyterian, Methodist, and Catholic. All three had a serious problem with possums in the church building and each, in its own fashion, had a meeting to deal with the problem.

The Presbyterians decided that it was predestined that possums be in the church and that they would just have to live with them.

The Methodists decided they should deal with the possums lovingly in the style of Charles Wesley. They humanely trapped them and released them in a park at the edge of town. Within three days, they were all back in the church. The Catholics had the best solution. They baptised and confirmed the possums. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church, settings. We will recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk to be heard, respected and protected.

'The safety of children, young and vulnerable people is everybody's business.'

Refer: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

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, and whose trust and innocence have 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.

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

Child Safety Committee.

It is a fundamental human right of all children not only to 'feel' safe but to be safe at all times and in all circumstances. All adult members of communities and organizations have a responsibility to protect this right. It is the ongoing commitment of the Child Safety Committee in conjunction with the leadership of Sacred Heart Parish to ensure that the extent of responsibility for taking action to prevent any form of harm to children is understood and accepted by every member of the community, visitor, volunteer or employee.

The members of the Committee are:

Child Safety Officers: Robert Dullard: 0433 401 958
Kay Dufty: 0431 376 212
Committee Members: Mary Harb: 0422 891 324,
Teresa Dang : 0434 583 911,
Pauline O'Day: 0497 935 593



Lockdown Light—a weekly series

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at www.bit.ly/LockdownLight

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer in Australia and Overseas -

The Caqliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.caqliero.org.au



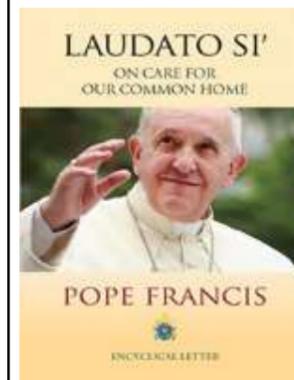
LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

SEASON OF CREATION

The Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Group met via zoom Tuesday 7th September to discuss further opportunities to engage with Pope Francis' call to an ecological conversion to care for our common home. We are planning some activities that you might like to join us in. October 17 and 18 there will be a [Global Day of Action for the climate called Faiths 4 Climate Justice](#). This will take place in countries all over the world. One of the main vehicles for our message will be places of worship putting up banners about climate action. We will be protesting for Climate Action on Bell St beside our beautiful church, and you are invited to join with us.

LS 71: The ancient scriptures remind us that the earth is God's. All are to share its gifts, taking what is needed for a good life. In God's plan, the earth can provide abundantly for the needs of all creatures. Human beings are called to be good stewards, looking after it, sharing its fruits with everyone, especially with the poor.

LS 219: The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion.



"Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. Amen." (Pope Francis)

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke,
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph
Paige Lapenta, John Plum, and
Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

Giuseppina Cordima
Antonietta Viceconte

We Commemorate

Kevin Sievers (1st anniversary)

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



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Education is one of the most effective ways of making our world and history more human. Education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
(say this prayer in lieu of receiving Communion)

Online Mass Service

10:30am Sunday Mass and 9:10 weekday
Sacred Heart parish Masses are
livestreamed.

For the live stream links please visit:
www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

Daily Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral can be attended live online every day at <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>

Live telecast of Sunday Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral can be viewed on Channel 44 (31) at 11am

Cleaning Roster:
Saturday 18 September 2021

Volunteers
Thank you for your hard work

