

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Year B) 24 October 2021**

**First reading**  
The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'

**Jeremiah 31:7-9**

See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.  
The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm 125 (126)**

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

The heathens themselves said:  
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**Second reading** **Hebrews 5:1-6**  
Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.*

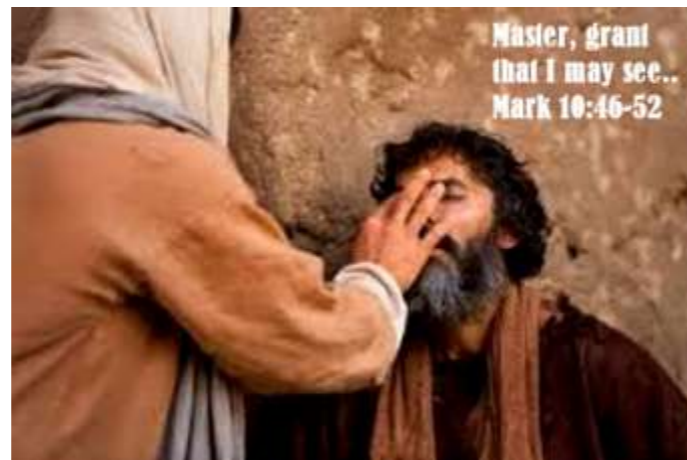
The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**  
*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** **Mark 10:46-52**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**World Mission Sunday**

The World Mission Sunday is an annual celebration which we observe on the second last Sunday of October. According to Pope Francis, the purpose of the World Mission Sunday is to "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people at thirst for its saving message." This means that the observation of the World Mission Sunday should be, for us, an opportunity to, firstly, thank God for our brothers and sisters who passed on the Christian faith to us. Secondly, we continue to pray for missionaries and their ministry around the globe. Thirdly, it is also an opportunity for us to renew our faith and commitment to share the mission of the risen Lord who told us, "Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find" (Mt 22:9). How can we do this?

The theme of the World Mission Sunday 2021 is 'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20). The theme reflects the boldness, courage and confidence of Peter and John to preach the Good News of the risen Lord without fear despite strong warning by the Sanhedrin. Moreover, the theme also reflects the tremendous power of the Spirit of the risen Lord who had worked miraculously in the lives of His apostles. They had lived with Jesus for three years and accompanied Him in His ministry. They were eyewitnesses of what He did and taught. They also witnessed His suffering, death and resurrection. Their encounter with Him had transformed their lives. For instance Peter, who was a simple fisherman and even denied Jesus three times, had been transformed into a powerful witness of the risen Lord. Hence, turning back or keeping their mouths shut from proclaiming the risen Lord to anyone was not possible. Listening to God, for them, was far more important than to men.

What does this theme mean to us? We must admit that unlike the apostles we are not eyewitnesses of Jesus' life in Palestine. We did not witness what He did and taught. However, we must keep in mind that our Christian faith is rooted in the apostolic eyewitness testimony. How can we have the boldness, courage and confidence of Peter and John and the rest of the apostles to give a living witness to the risen Lord? The secret, I believe, is to have a personal encounter with the risen Christ. Such encounter may take place in the Eucharist, prayer, reading and meditating the Word of God, and so on. We can experience God's healing power from all sort of brokenness in our personal encounter with Him. We may experience God's unconditional love in an intimate relationship with Him. Our living witness of God's love, then, comes from our personal encounter with Him. Our witness, I believe, will be more persuasive when it flows from our personal encounter with the risen Lord. Reminding us of the strong connection between personal encounter with the risen Lord and our live testimony, Pope Francis says, 'Once we experience the power of God's love we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus' relationship with his disciples and his humanity shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns'.

We live in a world that is devastated by many problems such as climate change, wars, crisis of migrants and refugees, Covid-19 pandemic, etc. It is to such situations and conditions that God calls us to bear witness to His loving care and compassion. Encouraging us to listen to God's whispering call, Pope Francis says that 'Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion'. Let us continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern God's call to be messengers and agents of His loving care and compassion like Peter and John.

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**Restricted numbers at Masses**

(refer page 2 of bulletin for details)

**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

**Live stream**

The 10:30am Sunday Mass and all 9:10am weekday Masses are livestreamed. For the live stream links please visit:

www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

### 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:

Thursday 28th October Saints Simon and Jude, apostles  
Saints Simon and Jude were two apostles.  
In the Gospel of Luke, Simon is called "the Zealot", meaning he may have belonged to a radical anti-Roman group.  
Jude, the son of James, spoke with Jesus at the Last Supper.  
According to Passion of Simon and Jude, an apocryphal text, the two saints preached and were martyred together in Persia. These Apostles remind us to execute the will of God with a sense of inquiry and passion.



### 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  
Rosa Cavalieri RIP 12/10/2021  
Stella Venturiello RIP 11.10.2021  
Anontio Mercuri RIP 10/10/2021  
We Commemorate



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

### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Come, Holy Spirit of love, open our hearts to listen. Come, Spirit of holiness, renew the holy faithful People of God. Come, creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth!

### Online Mass Service

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

For the live stream links please visit:  
[www.sacredheartpreston.com.au](http://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 30 October 2021**

**Volunteers**  
Thank you for your hard work



### 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)

### Restricted numbers at Masses

As of 11:59pm Thursday 21 October 2021, the following measures will be applied to Masses at Sacred Heart Parish:  
All weekday and weekend Masses will have a cap of 10 parishioners including clergy. Having no more than 10 people allows people who are not fully vaccinated to attend.  
An additional Mass on Sundays for 20 parishioners who are fully vaccinated will be provided at 12:00pm (Midday). To be eligible to attend this Mass you must have your vaccination record loaded in your Service Victoria App or those without a smartphone please bring your printed vaccination certificate with you to this Mass.

**PLEASE NOTE:** at all Masses face masks are mandatory and you must check in by QR code.  
Please do not attend Mass if you are feeling unwell, have tested positive or are waiting for a Covid test result.

We are now taking online bookings for all weekday and weekend Masses via the following link:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BUZRQ>

We ask that you attend only one weekend Mass over the next two weekends to give all parishioners a fair chance.

The 10:30am Sunday Mass and the weekday Masses will still be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

For the live stream links please visit:  
[www.sacredheartpreston.com.au](http://www.sacredheartpreston.com.au)

### Blessed—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2021

**Blessed** is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

If you wish to purchase **Blessed** you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance. Cost \$5 each.

To Order please place your money with your name, address and phone number in an envelope and place it in the "Letters" slot near the front door of the presbytery before Monday 1 November.

Please DO NOT use the letterbox along the fence as this is not secure. Thank you

### 2022 Col umban Art calendar

This year, if you wish to purchase a Columban calendar, you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance.

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### LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



### Message from the Laudato Si' Movement

As Catholics we cannot remain impassive before this tragedy, we are called to promote change. A few days before the start of the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), we invite you to raise your voice alongside Pope Francis! The "Healthy Planet, Healthy People" petition has already been signed by hundreds of thousands of people across five continents, what are you waiting for? The future looks scary, but we have faith and hope. We know things can change (LS 13).

As a Laudato Si' Parish, we want to support the call of Pope Francis to be proactive for the health of our common home in the interests of protecting the poor who will be most affected by global heating. Sometimes all we can do is pray, so let us pray for the success of his call to the leaders of the world to restore God's Earth.

*Heavenly Father of all,  
touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen*

### World Mission Sunday

This Sunday, the second last Sunday of October, is World Mission Day – established by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

This year's theme is:

"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

In his message Pope Francis said:

"We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion."

"He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families. Universal openness to love has a dimension that is not geographical but existential."



This week Catholic Mission shares the story how, through a Kindergarten Centre run by the Good Shepherd Sisters, many children living in poverty are able to access education that they would otherwise be unable to afford. This program gives children a head start on their education, giving them opportunity to break free from the cycle of poverty – but it cannot continue without support of people like you. **Please give generously** today to help continue this incredible program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/education](http://catholicmission.org.au/education). Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

### Readers and

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

As we move closer to reopening our churches to celebrate as one, we will be looking to preparing new rosters for Liturgical ministers and also current and potential volunteers who clean and prepare our church each week. Please take time to advise the office if you are willing to continue in your current roles after lock down, with details of your availability and experience. New volunteers will also be welcome.

Please refer to the following information from the Archdiocese of Melbourne about who can serve as readers, altar servers or as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

- A person who is in full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Men, women, young and old who are committed to the practice of their faith and willing to participate in a parish initiated formation. (May soon be accessible online)

Persons aged over 18 must have a current Working With Children Check or be willing to apply for one.

Assistance to do so is available.

### Working With Children Checks (WWCC):

It is a requirement of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working With Children Check throughout their involvement in parishes, Agencies and entities. This is to ensure that we all stand united in creating safe environments for children and young people. The application process can be commenced online and finalised at a participating Australian Post Office.

While most of our frequent volunteers already hold updated WWCC that are recorded in our parish register, we urge volunteers who have not yet applied for a Check or whose Check has expired or not linked to the parish do so via the WWCC website:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Any questions- contact Rachel at the office, Pauline O'Day or other members of the Child Safe Standards Committee.

Thank you

### CHILDREN'S WEEK 23-31 OCTOBER 2021

Children's Week is a national celebration of children's rights, talents and citizenship held on the fourth Wednesday of October in Australia to coincide with Universal Children's Day. Each year the theme of Children's Week highlights a particular Children's Right.

**The Theme for 2021 is Article 15 – 'Children have the right to meet together and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.'**

This includes being free to:

- meet individual people and groups of friends
- set up an organisation
- join an organisation
- take part in peaceful protest

come together to discuss the issues that affect their lives. Children's Week 2021 is a wonderful opportunity to promote the rights of children and young people, and to celebrate their capacity to actively contribute to the world around them.

