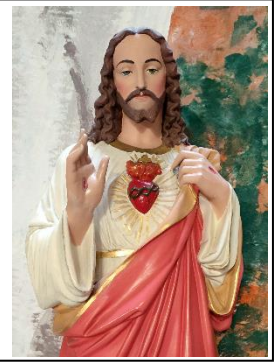




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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## Office Hours:

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## Safeguarding Committee:

**Safeguarding Officers:**

Robert Dullard

**Safeguarding Committee: Members:**

Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

## Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Ophelia Swai,  
Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark  
Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran,  
Judeline Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

## 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 February 2024**

### Devotional Practices:

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.  
(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



No Adoration 4/1 and 11/1

Adoration resumes 18/01/2024

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (English) after the  
9:10am Mass

#### Reconciliation:

**NOW - Every Saturday at 5:15pm**

**Baptisms & Weddings:** By appointment only

### Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, the next one is on  
**Monday 5 February** in the presbytery after  
9:10am Mass.

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

## *The Epiphany of the Lord (Year B)* *Sunday 7 January 2024*

**“Arise, shine out for your light has come.”**

Today’s poem from Isaiah presents the beautiful images that unfold as dawn bathes the morning sky with light. “Rise in splendour in the light of God’s radiance.”

The Epiphany brings the fullness of light to the Christmas feast. Yet this light is not from the star followed by the Magi - the Wise ones. These come to recognise the light of God’s Presence shining out of a frail little human being- Son of Mary/Son of God.

Today’s feast proclaims God’s love for all *people*. The Church community exists to proclaim this message in word and action to the whole of humanity – not just to a select few.

Hand in hand with this mission is the message of the embedded goodness of our humanity – as our Hebrew ancestors reminded us in the Genesis Creation story, God created the human being in the image and likeness of God’s self. And the goodness Christianity was meant to reveal to the world – Incarnation -was that the Sacred is entwined with our Humanness and we are called to be messengers of God’s being - God’s Love - to the world.

Epiphany, which means the ‘manifestation of God’s presence,’ invites us to welcome Jesus who came to everyone and who, as the gospels recall was acknowledged at his birth, not by local leaders of religion at the time or those in power by virtue of political appointment, wealth or social status. Truly these would not have acknowledged Him as a Messiah or a challenge to them given the lowliness of His parents or the state of His birth. Rather, Jesus’ coming witnessed by lowly shepherds and strangers from afar, represented all sincere seekers after truth and harmony among peoples.

This feast invites us to break through narrow attitudes, to recognise goodwill and truth that flows out from others and to take upon ourselves some of the big heartedness of our God towards those who need us most. The Epiphanous light that we, as Christians display to our world could well be measured by our openness to share the big-heartedness of God with our brothers and sisters who long for some gestures of welcome, respect and healing to pierce the darkness of their world.

The Crib will be taken down in a few days time and the season will be over but not it’s message which we must embed in our faith, our hearts, our living and our relationship with others.

*“When the song of the angels is stilled  
and when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the shepherds are back with the  
flocks and the men from the east have  
gone home,  
the work of Christmas begins: to find  
the lost, feed the hungry, to release the  
prisoner, enlighten the ignorant,  
rebuild the nations, bring peace  
among people, make music with the  
heart.”*

Howard Thurman



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;

and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

## 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

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.  
Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.  
Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.  
At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,  
the wealth of the nations come to you;  
camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13*

*The Response Is:*

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him.

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too

may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*THE NICENE CREED.*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven,

*(At the words that follow, up to and  
including 'and became man', all bow.)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was  
buried, and rose again on the third day in  
accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead and his kingdom will  
have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son, who with the Father  
and the Son is adored and glorified, who  
has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

