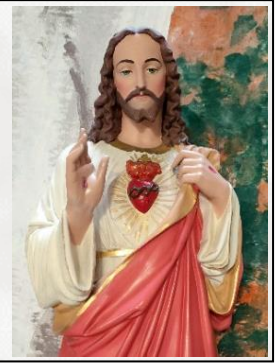




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Safeguarding Committee:

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Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

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Gerard Grant (chairperson), Mark Tierney,
Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline
Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Coordinators:

Lectors and Audio Visual – Jessy Thambiraj

Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica
Stanley and Teresa Bernardini

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 7 Feb. 2025

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 2 December in the presbytery

after 9:10am Mass. All welcome

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 17 November 2024

Eighth World Day of the Poor

“The Prayer of the Poor Rises up to God”

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the liturgy puts before us a consideration of the ‘end times’ as they have been presented in scripture through times of tribulation during Judeo- Christian history – and sometimes written, in extreme figurative language called “Apocalyptic”. The ‘prophesy’ of Daniel from which the first reading comes was written around the time of great persecution of the Jewish people at the hands of an invading Seleucid tyrant -Antiochus Epiphanes about a century and a half before the birth of Christ.

The Gospel attributed to Mark was produced possibly in Rome some 40 years after the death/resurrection of Jesus. Some Christian communities were experiencing persecution probably during the reign of the emperor Nero. In Judea, Jewish activists rose against Roman occupation and oppression which after years of war resulted in the destruction of the second Temple in Jerusalem. For many this would have been regarded as an ultimate threat to the survival of their faith and culture. But in spite of the destruction around them, for many faith in an eternally compassionate God was strengthened and compelled the Jewish people towards a new vision of themselves as a people of God.

So also the early Christian Communities continued to grow in hope and in number amid sometimes hostile environments and persecution. As in the cycles of nature new life buds forth from seemingly dead branches, so with those faithful to the memory and promise of Jesus to be with them always. In today’s Gospel, Mark portrays Jesus continuing His teaching about the costs of discipleship and the need to for watchfulness so that they would not be caught unprepared for the “final day of judgement”. His words and imagery drawn from the book of Daniel are not spoken to frighten His disciples but to reassure them that however intense trials may confront them in life, ultimately God’s faithfulness and power will prevail.

For us today, the language of the gospel may not seem to be particularly helpful, but Jesus is giving us a way forward: not to submit to fear and grief but keep watchful, be vigilant, continually responding in faith, hope and love for one another. We cannot live the future we can only live in the “now”

The responsorial psalm provides an insight into a right attitude of heart and mind – not gloom, but joyful confidence that God will grant us ‘the fullness of joy in God’s presence’. This being so, and blessed by this Good News we should be led to expand our hearts to serve God and neighbour in Faith, Hope, Love and Joy and particularly looking out for those who have lost hope in themselves. In this time when the media draws attention to human abuse, hunger, violence, internecine war, dislocation and environmental tragedies of a global scale, the voice of Pope Francis calls us to be people of active hope and mercy for our planet and for each other.

Pope Francis has called on all parishes to observe this Sunday as the Eighth World Day of the Poor. We might take on board the first words whispered to him by Cardinal Hummes on the day of his election. “Don’t forget the Poor!” And with the mind of Christ Jesus- may we always carry the poor with us in our hearts and our giving.

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.

Sat 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
16-Nov-	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy	
23-Nov-	Marlene Vergou Mary Harb	Terry Murphy	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
30-Nov-	Terry Murphy Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
17-Nov-	Marilene Fortuna Ophelia Swai	Judeline Wadhvani	Jessy	Azariah Natalie
24-Nov-	Jessica Suppiah Darina Lobo	Mia Grant	Judeline	Ishe Glendon
01-Dec-	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino	Jessy	Aleisha Jasmine

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
17-Nov-	Susan Bakani Shanthi Antony	Damian Casamento
24-Nov-	Jenifer Cahapay Snehita Antony	Judith Pimentel
01-Dec-	Susan Bakani John Gaffney	Natalie Baran

Attention Ministers of Communion and Lectors

NEW ROSTERS and updated phone lists have been emailed. Please also check your junk mail folder if you haven't received yours in your inbox. For those who do not receive an email copy please check the Church foyer for your copy. Thank you all for your faithful service to our Eucharistic Celebrations.

♥ Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

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

Jese Englaterra – RIP in Cebu, Philippines
Richu Paul Zachariah – RIP in Munjattu Malayil, Kerala, India.

We Commemorate:

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



Last Week's Collection: 10.11.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,020
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$855
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Church Flowers

Volunteers are needed to prepare flowers for our church.
If you are interested, please contact Jessica on
0433 278 175. Thank you.



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 18 November Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Wednesday 20 November Red Wednesday for Persecuted Christians
Thursday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 22 November Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
Saturday 23 November St Columban, Abbot and Missionary



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Assisting the vulnerable is always a privilege, because theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven (Mt 5:3). Each time we approach a vulnerable person and offer our help, we have the opportunity to touch the flesh of Christ.



✠ Baptism Congratulations ✠

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates
Sofia Caserta, Evie Watson and Georgie Watson

for their Baptisms on
Sunday 17 November.



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.



Piety Shop

Columban calendars are now available in the Piety shop - \$10

The piety shop stocks small gifts and cards for **all Sacraments** as well as various religious items at reasonable prices. Please take the time to have a look after any of the weekend Masses. Thank you.



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.



VOLUNTEERING AT SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Parish holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of our Church community. It is our parish's aim to maintain safe and secure environments where all are welcomed and respected.

Volunteers prepared to consistently give their time and experience in service to our community are greatly appreciated.

In accordance with the directives of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, to begin and continue their role/s all are required to complete pre-employment checks including:

- Working with Children Check (WWCC) card (renewed every five years) that is **linked** to Sacred Heart Parish.
- Acknowledgement of the expectations and responsibilities outlined in the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct (to be signed every three years).

In addition to this, volunteers are required to successfully complete the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's Safeguarding Essentials online training module every three years.



Sacred Heart Giving Tree



This year has again been a difficult one for many families, couples and individuals with little or no income or insecure housing.

Once again, we will be asking for donations of Gift cards: * Gift Cards of \$10 or more from Coles or Woolworths or Aldi. * Donations of a Kmart or other Gift Card are a second option. The giving tree will be set up towards the beginning of Advent. Again, this year we ask you to kindly take a token from the Giving Tree, purchase a gift card or place cash of your decided value in the envelope token and return it to the church by the third Sunday of Advent (15 December). If you require a receipt, place the donation with your contact details in an envelope provided labelled "Christmas gift appeal" and place it in a collection basket. OR if you require us to collect your donation, phone Pauline O'Day 9484 2445. Thank you for your remarkable ongoing care for our neighbours and helping to bring some shared joy at this time.

Sacred Heart St Vincent de Paul Team.



♥ Lending a Hand to Lift a Heart ♥

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

~ Ronald Reagan ~

On World Day of the Poor, the everyday person can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Simple actions like offering a meal, donating clothing or volunteering at a local shelter can provide immediate relief to those in need, but it's not just about giving material things, showing kindness and respect can have a lasting impact as well. Listening to someone's story, acknowledging their humanity and offering a moment of connection can lift their spirits and remind them they are not forgotten. Beyond these acts, there are ways to support long-term change. You can participate in or organise community initiatives like food banks, job-skills workshops or tutoring programs that provide people with the tools to improve their lives. You can also support businesses that help their local communities or push for changes in laws and policies that fight poverty. When we open our hearts to others, we not only change their lives but often transform our own in the process. Small acts of kindness can spread and inspire others to do the same, creating a kinder and stronger community. Even the smallest gesture can make a big difference and lead to meaningful change.

Lord, open our eyes to the struggles of others. Fill our hearts with kindness and let our actions spread hope. Help us to show Your love in everything we do, supporting those in need and working for a more just and compassionate world. Amen.

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Pastoral Care Appeal 2024

This weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal (previously known as Chaplaincy Appeal).

Donations from our parish community will support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria.

The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

A collection will be taken up after all Masses on 9, 10, 16 & 17 November.



Message from Sacred Heart St Vincent de Paul Conference



On this World Day of the Poor, our sincere thanks go to all in our Parish and Sacred Heart School family for your generous support and trust in our team to bring relief and support - on your behalf - to persons and families struggling to meet their basic needs from week to week. Whether you have placed coins or notes in the church donation boxes, donated items to our local Vinnies shop to be resold or delivered to another person in need, contributed to our local projects like, supporting our annual Parish Christmas Giving Tree appeal, your kindness helps to make a significant difference in many lives and helps us in Jesus' name to bring Good News to God's poor in simple but practical ways.



ADVENT 2024 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Jesus is Coming – Time to Get Ready

Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes.

- Inspiring and transforming talks
- Opportunities to pray and reflect
- Practical strategies for impactful living
- Life-changing encounter with Christ

To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the **Advent Mission Event Retreat online** from 7-9 December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

Register now on the website or for more information, email: info@brucedownes.org



😊 Joke Corner 😊

A man walked into a chemist and noticed a customer leaning against a wall. He asked the chemist what the man was doing. The chemist replied, "Well, he came in here this morning to get something for his persistent cough. I had run out of syrup, so I gave him an entire bottle of laxatives." The customer was perplexed and said, "You can't treat a cough with laxatives!" "Want a bet? Look at him now. He's afraid to cough.".



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

Daniel 12:1-3

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

The Response Is:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let your beloved know decay.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and

earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

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

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

