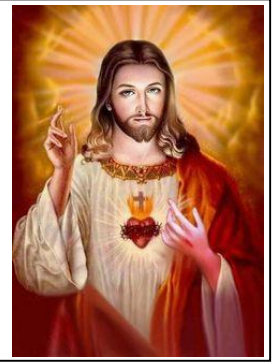




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 4 August

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour 

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

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

New Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on **Monday 3 July** in the presbytery after 9:10am Mass.

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2 July 2023 (Year A)

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Hospitality of Heart

Openness to life! Hospitality of heart – These are some of the themes of the readings this week. The woman in the first reading was open to life; she welcomed the prophet into her home, perceiving that beyond his appearance, he was truly a holy man of God, and set about facilitating his mission. The beautiful story of the Shunemite woman illustrates the fact that God's word finds acceptance in people's lives sometimes through the needs and deeds of the most unassuming of human agents. Elisha may seem to be an itinerant preacher. It was the woman who detected his mission and made room for him in her house. He in turn responded to her hospitality in God's name.

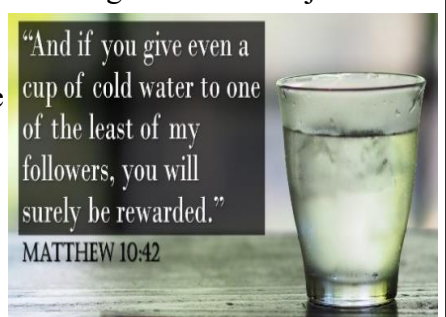
In the gospel we, as disciples, listen to Jesus' words telling us how we are to look beyond the obvious, open our lives to Him giving Him central place over family and friends, even to the point of 'bearing His cross'. Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. The conditions of discipleship may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. The Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. "He who welcomes you, welcomes me."

Our welcome is to be whole-hearted, and if I am in any doubt as to where I am to exercise this total acceptance of Christ in my life I have only to turn to my neighbour. Nothing could be clearer. Christ is all around me. He is present in my home, at work, in those who pass me in the street. He is present in myself! We may expect, then, that Christ will come to our doors in many disguises and almost always at the wrong time! We may find Him hidden in the stranger, the outcast of society, a refugee family, a child needing attention, a sick person, an aging relative. How would I respond? Openness to wonder, to the mystery of Christ hidden in the other: these qualities may often be sadly missing in my life. The "cup of cold water" is proverbially quoted as a somewhat dubious sign of Christian hospitality. Perhaps this is because it does not cost much in rain-drenched climates! In a hot, dusty climate, however, a drink of cold water can be a life-saver.

The attitude of thoughtfulness, the lack of self-absorption; these would seem to underline the Christian attitude towards others. It is not what is given that counts but the timeliness of the gift and the heart with which it is given. On this day our Sacred Heart Community 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 pray for and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

(Our Sunday Visitor: News Weekly 20/08/2016 used with permission)



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 - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
24-Jun-23	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
01-Jul-23	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
08-Jul-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Ministers of Communion
25-Jun-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
02-Jul-23	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
09-Jul-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
25-Jun-23	Rachel Vorlander Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
02-Jul-23	Marijana Jurjevic Michelle Totawatte	Damian Casamento
09-Jul-23	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento

A Heartfelt
Thanks
To our volunteers!



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Storrie

Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

John Plum (RIP 23/6. Funeral Mon 3/7 at 10:30am at St Raphael's church, Preston)

We Commemorate:

Carmela Montagnese and all the deceased of the Quattrone & Montagnese families.

Jiji Rose Somosot

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 25/6/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$766

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$585

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

Please join Father for breakfast tomorrow, Monday 3 July in the presbytery after the 9:10am Mass.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS



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✠ Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week ✠

Tuesday 27 June

St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop,

Monday 3 July St Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday 4 July

St Elizabeth of Portugal

Wednesday 5 July

St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest

Thursday 6 July

St Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr

Friday 7 July

Blessed Peter To Rot.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



God looks with joy upon all those who serve the needy. This is how goodness grows: in the simplicity of hands and hearts stretched out to others and in the courage of the small steps that approach those who are most vulnerable in the name of Jesus.



✠ Welcome before Baptism ✠

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Sacred Heart rejoice that you have chosen to baptize your child and we pray that in the coming years you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God, that is everlasting.

The Parish introduces to the Sacred Heart community

Emilia Folino,

in preparation for her Baptism on Sunday 9 July.



✠ Baptism Congratulations ✠

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Samuele Ganci,

for his Baptism on Sunday 2 July.



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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

All are welcome to spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.

"Stay with Me, remain here with Me... Watch and pray..."



Please take the bulletin home

Italian speaking volunteers needed

Hello, my name is Marianna, and I am the Regional Coordinator for the **COASIT** Visitation Program in the North-West. Our wonderful program has been running since 1985, and during this time we have managed to help so many of our vulnerable elderly in the community. I am currently looking for an Italian-speaking male and two female volunteers who are willing to visit an elderly gentleman and two lovely elderly ladies in the Preston/Coburg area for one hour per week for a friendly chat. These people are socially isolated and in need of a friend.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference in their life, and your own.

If you are interested or would like further information, please get in touch with me on

0481 603 758

Thank you

Marianna Cibin



HUMILITY

“Humility is the foundation of all the virtues.”

– St Frances de Sales

Humility is not a sign of weakness, but a mark of strength. It takes great courage to acknowledge our own limitations, to admit when we're wrong and to ask for help when we need it. When we do so we open ourselves up to new possibilities, new experiences and new relationships. When we approach life with humility, we see ourselves as part of something larger than ourselves. We recognise that we are all connected and that our actions have an impact on others. We become more compassionate, more empathetic and more open-minded.

Humility also allows us to learn and grow. When we're humble, we're open to feedback and criticism and we're willing to admit when we don't know something. This creates opportunities for us to expand our knowledge, develop new skills and become better versions of ourselves.

So let us embrace humility as a guiding principle in our lives. Let us approach each day with a sense of openness, curiosity and a willingness to learn. Let us treat others with kindness and compassion and let us recognise the value and dignity of every person we encounter. When we do so, we can create a more peaceful, more just and more compassionate world for ourselves and for future generations.

“Dear Lord, teach me the true meaning of humility. Give me the grace to recognise my own limitations, to admit when I am wrong and to ask for help when I need it. Help me to treat others with kindness, compassion and respect, and may I always strive to follow Your example of humility and selflessness.

Amen.”

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Piety Shop

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

Peter's Pence Collection

This weekend of 1-2 July, we join with many Parishes across the world in the Peter's Pence Collection. The **Peter's Pence Collection** provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis. By supporting this collection, you join with others across the world in supporting urgent projects including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disasters, communities impacted by coronavirus, conflict, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. Please give generously.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes, open on Monday 6th March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>



Our school was ranked in the top 7% of primary schools across Victoria for NAPLAN in 2022.

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 Vocation View:

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: “If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me.”



Children's activity pages

Please find in the foyer of the Church activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



Joke Corner

An elderly man had had serious hearing problems for a number of years which often resulted in squabbles with his wife. He finally went to a specialist and had a set of hearing aids fitted that resulted in almost 100% hearing. He went back in a month for a check-up. The specialist said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.”

The gentleman replied, “Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!”

An elderly woman prepared her will and told her local priest she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over the local shopping centre.

“Shopping centre” the priest exclaimed. “Why, for heaven's sake?”

“That way I can be sure my daughter will visit me twice a week.”

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

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

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19

The Response Is:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; by your favour it is that our might is exalted; for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his

life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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