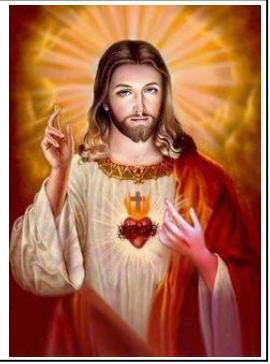




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Parish Finance Committee:

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.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month).



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 7 August in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass.

Bulletin printed 28/7/2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30 July 2023 (Year A)

A Treasure Waiting to be Discovered.

Actually, what is the kingdom of heaven? There is no doubt that Jesus had a passion for the kingdom which was a central feature of his teaching and hospitality to all without exception. But it can be baffling like the parables he tells, challenging us, as they did the religious leaders and people of his time, to look deep beyond the values and priorities that currently guide our living to be open to discover God at the ground of our being, living and interaction with others.

Today's Gospel presents us with yet more of the parables of Jesus. Two call for decisive action while a third counsels patience. Faced with such different demands, we might well pray as Solomon did for wisdom and discernment.

Jesus explains that God's kingdom is like a priceless treasure for which people would give their most precious possessions. Again, the kingdom is like a perfect pearl purchased at great cost. These parables are telling us that the kingdom of God, expressed through the mission of Jesus, is not some remote state apart from this world, but is in our midst, a relationship to be lived, shared and when we come to discover it, we should do everything to embrace it as our way of living. The treasure in life is whatever helps us to discover God's love for, within and empowering us: scripture, tradition, liturgy, our awareness of being loved, causes that motivate empathetic justice and compassion, the comfort and gifts of friends and family, encounters with. If our relationship with God is of supreme value in our lives then we should be making strenuous efforts to cultivate it: spending time listening with open hearts to Him speaking through the generosity and the needs of others, discovering His will through the challenges we face in life, loving as He loves, especially those most vulnerable.

A third parable addresses a different issue. What should the faith community do about the mix of saints and sinners that it finds in its midst? Even though we are nowhere near perfection and there is good and bad in the world, like a huge net the kingdom stretches over everyone. All are invited in. It is not for us to make final sorting of good and bad. Ultimately God's values lived will be the criterion for judgement; and this will be sorted out by God at the end of time. To be 'of the kingdom' is to live it now with the mind and heart of Jesus and to welcome others to share the treasure we have found. Sometimes our efforts might seem to have minimal impact, but St Paul reminds us that our lives are in good hands and God works in all things for the good of all who love him.

**THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IS LIKE TREASURE
HIDDEN IN A FIELD,**

WHICH A MAN FOUND AND COVERED UP.
THEN IN HIS JOY HE GOES AND SELLS ALL
THAT HE HAS AND BUYS THAT FIELD.

MATTHEW 13:44

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
29-Jul-23	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
05-Aug-23	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
12-Aug-23	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Jul-23	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
06-Aug-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino
13-Aug-23	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Eileen Stevens

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Jul-23	Albert D'Souza Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard
06-Aug-23	Marijana Jurjevic Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard
13-Aug-23	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento

Attention Ministers of Communion and Readers

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.

A Heartfelt 
Thanks
To our volunteers!

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Ylenia Useli, Catherine Zanatta

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

Those who have died recently:

*Giuseppe Cianciarulo (Funeral Fri 4/8 at 11am)
Fr Desmond (Des) Anthony Pantan PE (RIP 26/7)*

We Commemorate:

Carol Sagert (7th Anniv.)

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



Healing Mass

The next Healing Mass will be
Friday 4 August at 1:30pm



Please take the bulletin home

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 31 July St Ignatius Loyola, Priest
Tuesday 1 August St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bishop, Doctor
Wednesday 2 August St Eusebius, Bishop, St Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday 3 August St Dominic, Priest
Friday 4 August St John Mary Vianney, Priest
Saturday 5 August Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Many countries are experiencing extreme climatic events. I reiterate my appeal to the leaders of Nations, that something more tangible be done to limit polluting emissions: it is an urgent challenge and affects everyone. Let us protect our common home!



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Joseph Aloia

for his Baptism on 30 July.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)

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

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



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



Last Week's Collection: 23/7/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,226

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$876

Thank you for your kind generosity!



World Youth Day 2023

‘The main message I want to get across is that the Lord is always by your side—always. Even in the most difficult moments, he is always with us. He never tires of walking with us!’



Pope Francis

at a private audience with Melbourne pilgrims



“A sweet friendship refreshes the soul”

Proverbs 27:9

Friendships are a remarkable gift that enrich our lives in countless ways.

The value of friendships lies in the shared moments of laughter, comfort, and growth. True friends stand by us through thick and thin, offering support, encouragement, and a listening ear. They bring warmth and understanding to our lives, easing our burdens and multiplying our joys.

To be a good friend means embodying qualities such as kindness, empathy, and loyalty. It requires being present, actively listening, and showing genuine care. It involves celebrating the successes of our friends and providing a shoulder to lean on during their trials.

The importance of building and nurturing friendships cannot be understated. We need to make time for one another, communicate openly, and respect each other's boundaries. Trust, honesty, and forgiveness are the cornerstones of enduring friendships.

In a world where genuine connections are often undervalued, let us cherish the friends who have stood the test of time. Let us strive to be the kind of friend who brings light and love into the lives of others.

There's a unique beauty in sharing life's journey with kindred spirits. Let us embrace the gift of friendship, for it is a treasure that enhances our existence and reminds us that we are never alone."

Heavenly Father,

I am grateful for the gift of friendship that You have bestowed upon me.

I ask for Your blessings upon my friendships, that they may continue to flourish and bring joy to our lives. May we each be a source of light and encouragement to each other, reflecting Your love in our interactions.

Help me to be the best friend I can be. Amen.

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A Vocation View:

Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”-Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



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.




Billings Natural Fertility Awareness Week Webinar 21 August 2023

This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST.

As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life.

Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes are still available.

For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>



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

A couple of nuns who happen to be best friends go to the football together one Saturday afternoon. Dressed in old style habits they are easily recognisable to the crowd in the stand. Three slightly inebriated men sitting behind the nuns decide to give them a hard time.

A man notices the nuns and says loudly, "I think I'll move to Lord Howe Island. I've been told there are fewer than 100 Catholics there."

All three men laugh loudly.

The second man adds, "I want to go to Kangaroo Island. I believe there are only 50 Catholics living there."

Again, raucous laughs from the men.

The third man says, "I want to go to Bathurst Island. There are only 25 Catholics there."

One of the nuns has finally had enough. She turns around and calmly says, "Why don't you all go to Hell. There aren't any Catholics there."



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his
house; he himself gives might and strength
to his people.

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

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream
and said, 'Ask what you would like me to
give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my
God, you have made your servant king in
succession to David my father. But I am a
very young man, unskilled in leadership.
Your servant finds himself in the midst of
this people of yours that you have chosen,
a people so many its number cannot be
counted or reckoned. Give your servant a
heart to understand how to discern between
good and evil, for who could govern this
people of yours that is so great?' It pleased
the Lord that Solomon should have asked
for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the
Lord said 'and not asked for long life for
yourself or riches or the lives of your
enemies, but have asked for a discerning
judgement for yourself, here and now I do
what you ask. I give you a heart wise and
shrewd as none before you has had and
none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

The Response Is:

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to
me than silver and gold.

Lord, I love your commands.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

Lord, I love your commands.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,

why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Lord, I love your commands.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to
their good, God co-operates with all those
who love him, with all those he has called
according to his purpose. They are the ones
he chose specially long ago and intended to
become true images of his Son, so that his
Son might be the eldest of many brothers.
He called those he intended for this; those
he called he justified, and with those he
justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of
heaven is like treasure hidden in a field
which someone has found; he hides it
again, goes off happy, sells everything he
owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a
merchant looking for fine pearls; when he
finds one of great value he goes and sells
everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a
dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a
haul of all kinds. When it is full, the
fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting
down, they collect the good ones in a
basket and throw away those that are no
use. This is how it will be at the end of time:
the angels will appear and separate the
wicked from the just to throw them into the
blazing furnace where there will be
weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said,
'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then,
every scribe who becomes a disciple of the
kingdom of heaven is like a householder
who brings out from his storeroom things
both new and old.'

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.

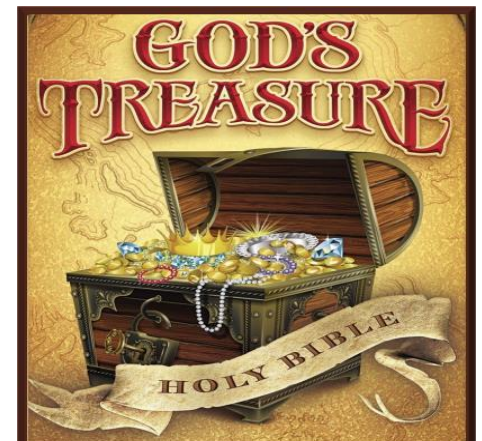
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father
and the Son is adored and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets.

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 never forget all his benefits.



**Then He said to them,
"Therefore every scribe
instructed concerning the
kingdom of heaven is like a
householder who brings out of
his treasure things new and old."**

Matthew 13:52