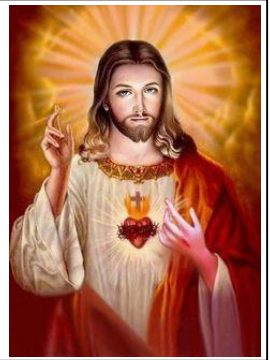




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston

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## Safeguarding Committee:

### Safeguarding Officers:

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## Parish Council Members:

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

## Parish Finance Committee:

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## 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 the month  
at 1:30pm

### Next Healing Mass:

**Friday 2 June**

### 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

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**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**14 May 2023 (Year A)**  
**Mother's Day**



“I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.”

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's: Jesus is speaking at the Last Supper, offering encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, -one who will speak and act on behalf of another.

He contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of this Gift. He will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples and through this gift of the Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: “On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you” (John 14:20).

Jesus gives them instructions that begin and end with reference to loving Him and keeping His commandments; and now, close as He is to death, He has given them a new commandment: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” This is no small demand, to be prepared to die for one another. Given the opposition they are likely to face; the disciples cannot live out such a commitment on their own. Neither is Jesus leaving them “orphans” who have to fend for themselves. He will ask his “Father” to provide “another” defender who will act on their behalf, the advocate who will always be with them.

so, as we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy points us towards Pentecost and the gift of God's Spirit. It is good to know we are never on our own. It is also good to reflect on the capacity we have for love which is not just an emotion or ‘empty expression’ but something “active and real”. (St James) “Many of us will never find ourselves in a situation where our love is tested to the point that we have to die for another. But in life there will come times when we will be urged to “lay down our lives” to prioritise our care -as a mother does for her children- to speak up in order to rescue those displaced by war or persecution, to advocate for children and vulnerable ones who are victims of violence, abuse or neglect and draw attention to the plight of millions suffering in our world. At those times we will know that the everlasting, parental love of God is with us, will never abandon us and will act with and through us. With the help of the Spirit our Advocate, we can surely rise to the challenge. ”

(Sr Veronica Lawson RSM).

On this Mother's Day let us express our gratitude to our mothers for the many ways they have exemplified to us in our daily lives the care, commitment, strength and unconditional love of God.

*The true masterpiece of the heart of God*

*Is the heart of a mother.*

*May God, bless you on this day*

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you”  
(John 14:18).



## 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.*

	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
13-May-23	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
20-May-23	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
27-May-23	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy

	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
14-May-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino
21-May-23	Jessy Thambiraj Ivana Lo Bello	Eileen Stevens
28-May-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley

	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
14-May-23	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
21-May-23	Marijana Jurjevic Rachel Vorlander	Robert Dullard
28-May-23	Marijana Jurjevic Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard

*A Heartfelt Thank You*  
**TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!**  
We couldn't do it without you!

**Volunteers**  
*To all our Volunteers*  
Thank you for your hard work



## **WE PRAY FOR:**

### The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Plum, John Storrie  
*Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.*

### Those who have died recently:

Lorna Therese Dullard (RIP 4/5)

### We Commemorate:

Ersilia Regnani, Michela Gandolfo, Marianna Privitelli  
Angelo & Florrie D'Souza

Catharine D'Silva, Eugenia Mendes.

Maria Spanu (3rd Anniversary)

Serafina Marcedu & Nicolino Spanu & family.

Marianna & Leonardo Bertuci & Bertuci family.

Loffo Maria Rosa, Loria Giovanna, Vorluni Fortunata,

Paiano Raffaella, and all the deceased from the Paiano, Loffo, & Loria families.

Marcello Pompei (1st Anniversary)

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



## 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 †

Thursday 18 May

Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

Saturday 20 May

St Bernardine of Siena, Priest



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



*In this month of May, let us pray the Rosary, asking the Blessed Virgin for the gift of peace, especially for beleaguered Ukraine. May the leaders of nations listen to the desire of the suffering people who want peace!.*



### † Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

**Athena Vilar**

for her Baptism

on 13 May.



### **Our Parish Commitment to the Safety of the Young and The Vulnerable**

Sacred Heart parish is committed to embedding a culture of respect, safety and protection of all children, youth and vulnerable people in our church community.

As a parish of the Archdiocese of Melbourne we endorse the requirements that all clergy, employees and volunteers from the age of 18 must comply with the following for the duration of their service to the people of our parish:

\*Hold a current Working With Children Check linked to Sacred Heart parish. Copies are required to be kept on file by the parish.

\*Attend a Safeguarding Essentials training Module every 3 years.

\*Sign a Declaration to abide by the Parish Code of Conduct and submit it to the parish if continuing or prior to beginning their active role as volunteer or employee.

\*A National Police Check Police is also required of Parish Pastoral Council members, Finance Committee members, or those who handle parish finance; those involved in home visiting or transporting persons to and from events

**Please Note:** There are no exceptions for these requirements which apply equally to leaders and long term members of existing groups.

For clarification or assistance with any of the above contact a member of the Safeguarding Committee (phone numbers are on the front page of the bulletin).

**Exception:** Teachers who present a Current VIT will not require a separate Police or Working With Children Check.

**The safety and protection of the young and the vulnerable is at the Heart of the Gospel and therefore of our Faith Community.**

**Thank you**



### Last Week's Collection: 7/5/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$872

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$643

Thank you for your kind generosity!



**Please take the bulletin home**



## ♥MOTHER'S DAY ♥

Mother's Day is a day to honour and celebrate the most special woman in our lives - our mums. It's a day to recognise the tireless efforts and unconditional love that mothers give to their children. From the moment we are born, they become our first teachers, our role models and our biggest supporters. They are the ones who wipe away our tears, encourage us to chase our dreams and are always there to lend an ear. This Mother's Day, let us take a moment to thank our mums for everything they have done for us. Let us appreciate their sacrifices, their strength, their unwavering love and recognise the challenges they face and the hard work they put in every day to make our lives better. Let's make Mother's Day extra special by showing our mums just how much they mean to us. Whether it's with a heartfelt message, a thoughtful gift or simply spending time together, let's make sure they feel appreciated and loved.

So, to all the amazing mums out there, Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for all that you do and for being the incredible women that you are. You are truly an inspiration to us all.

*"Dear God, Bless all mothers with strength, patience and love. Guide them through their journey and let them know they are cherished and appreciated. Amen."*

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## Sacred Heart Film Night - now open to everyone!

Join us on **Saturday 20 May at 7pm** to watch **The Letter**, an inspiring documentary film about how our spiritual values call us to take action for the planetary emergency.

You are invited to watch and discuss Pope Francis' recently released film in the community meeting room at the presbytery and there will be free pizza!!

For more information, please take a flyer home from the foyer or chat to Fr Aloysius or Natalie. To help us plan, please also complete a registration form available in the foyer.

Not suitable for children under 12.



## Happy Mother's Day!

*Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and expectant mothers in our Parish! Wishing you all the love, health and happiness that you truly deserve.*



### A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Bless O Lord Jesus all mothers  
Of a family with or without fathers  
May Your hands of grace be upon them  
Touching their hearts with love, peace and encouragement.*

*Lead them Lord with Your light  
We pray they gain favour in Your sight  
May You be their pillar of strength  
As they overcome all hurdles in life's length. Amen*

## MAY MASS COUNT.

During the month of May, the Archdiocese organises this survey during the weekends so as to know how Catholics are faring in their church attendance and to organise better the pastoral needs of the parishes.



## 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.



Dear Sacred Heart parishioners,

You are invited to our "Biggest Afternoon Tea" fundraiser. Sunday 4 June – from 3pm onwards

At Sacred Heart Hall – 85 David Street, Preston

Kindly bring a plate to share

Please write your name, phone number and numbers attending on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Numbers are limited.

For further information, contact Mary on 0422 891 324



## Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass



Please join us after the 10:30am Mass for a cup of tea or coffee at **Sacred Heart School.**

All are welcome

### Joke Corner

A woman is speaking to her local green grocer and boasting that she has the perfect son.

The man says, "That's good to hear but does he smoke?"

"No, he doesn't," the mother replies.

The green grocer then says, "Does he drink whiskey?"

"Absolutely not," she says.

"Does he ever come home late?"

"No, definitely not," the mother replies.

The green grocer nods his approval and says, "I guess you really do have the perfect son. How old is he?"

"He will be six months old next Wednesday."

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Two children told their mother to stay in bed on Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. But after a long wait she finally went downstairs to investigate. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs. "As a surprise for Mother's Day," one child explained, "We decided to cook our own breakfast."

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Why is Mother's Day before Father's Day?

So the kids can spend all their Christmas money on Mum.

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The school teacher says to one of her students, "Tell me, George. Do you say prayers before meals?"

"No", said George, "I don't have to. My Mum's a good cook."

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## 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

*Acts 8:5-8,14-17*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and  
proclaimed the Christ to them. The people  
united in welcoming the message Philip  
preached, either because they had heard of  
the miracles he worked or because they saw  
them for themselves. There were, for  
example, unclean spirits that came  
shrieking out of many who were possessed,  
and several paralytics and cripples were  
cured. As a result there was great rejoicing  
in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that  
Samaria had accepted the word of God,  
they sent Peter and John to them, and they  
went down there, and prayed for the  
Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as  
yet he had not come down on any of them:  
they had only been baptised in the name of  
the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on  
them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20**

**The Response Is:**

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might.

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my  
prayer nor withhold his love from me.

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

## SECOND READING

*1 Peter 3:15-18*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts,  
and always have your answer ready for  
people who ask you the reason for the hope  
that you all have. But give it with courtesy  
and respect and with a clear conscience, so  
that those who slander you when you are  
living a good life in Christ may be proved  
wrong in the accusations that they bring.  
And if it is the will of God that you should  
suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right  
than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he  
was, had died once for sins, died for the  
guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was  
put to death, in the spirit he was raised to  
life.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them.

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*John 14:15-21*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my  
commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you  
another Advocate to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth whom the world can  
never receive since it neither sees nor  
knows him; but you know him, because he  
is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer  
see me; but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am  
in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my  
commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved

by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to  
him.'

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

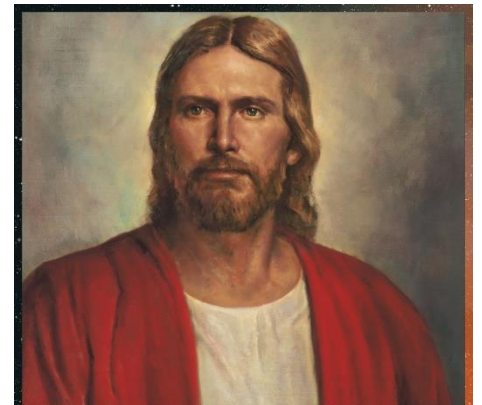
I am the true vine and you are the branches,  
says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and  
I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord,

and I will ask the Father and he will send  
you another Paraclete,

to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you  
another Helper, to be with you forever,  
even the Spirit of truth, whom the world  
cannot receive, because it neither sees him  
nor knows him. You know him, for he  
dwells with you and will be in you."  
John 14:15-17, ESV