



# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 Thursday of the month at 1.30pm

### Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 3 March 2022

### Devotional Practices:

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (English)

#### Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

#### Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

**Sunday 13 February 2022**

### The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs

What a strange Gospel! 'Blessed are the poor. Blessed are the hungry. Blessed are those who weep. Blessed are those who are persecuted.' What is Jesus really saying? When he says, 'Blessed are the poor', he is not saying that poverty is a good thing in itself. Poverty is an evil. And when we see abject poverty, it is very disturbing, especially for a Christian. He is pointing out the danger of riches. They build their kingdom in this world. The kingdom of God becomes remote and hazy. The poor, on the other hand, are blessed because they place their hope in God. Only God can satisfy the longings of our hearts.

When he says, 'Blessed are you who are hungry now', he is not saying that physical hunger is a good thing. Hunger is great evil, and its effects are shocking. When he met hungry people he fed them. And he told us that we should do the same. He is saying that a human being doesn't live on bread alone. There is a kind of hunger that is good – a hunger for the food that God gives. Those who hunger for this food are truly blessed – their hunger will be satisfied. Only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts.

When he says, 'Blessed are you who weep now', he is not saying that sorrow is a good thing. He had compassion on the sorrowing and dried many a tear. He is talking about those who put their trust in God. They may have many sorrows in this life, but they will not be disappointed because God will fulfil their hopes and dreams in his kingdom.

These three beatitudes do not refer to three separate categories (the poor, the hungry, and the afflicted), but to three aspects of the same distressful situation. One may ask: what merit is there in being poor or hungry or afflicted? There is none. The 'blessedness' of the poor lies in the fact that God is their champion. The fourth beatitude, 'Blessed are you when people abuse you', was addressed to suffering and persecuted Christians. It is a way of encouraging them in the midst of the difficulties in which they were caught. Jesus is not saying that it is a good thing to be spoken ill of. Abuse and false accusation are very difficult things to deal with. They have been known to destroy people.

Why then are the persecuted blessed? They are blessed because they know their cause is right. They are blessed because God is on their side. They are blessed because they are in very good company. They are following in the footsteps of the prophets.

Jesus points out the danger for a disciple of popularity seeking. Those whose main goal in life is to be popular, will inevitably betray their ideals. On the other hand, those whose main aim is to live a virtuous life are blessed, even if it brings trouble on them, as it inevitably will.

All those who suffer in the cause of right draws strength especially from the example of Jesus. To suffer for one's faith, or for doing the right thing (which for a believer amounts to the same thing), is the way to the closest possible companionship with Jesus. Fr Flor McCarthy SDB, New Sunday & Holiday Liturgies.



**THIS IS JESUS:**

Thought  
Provoking  
Preacher

Luke 6:17-26

## 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>
12-Feb-22	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke
19-Feb-22	John Kmaid Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
26-Feb-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy

	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
13-Feb-22	Judeline Wadhvani Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
20-Feb-22	Catherine Zanatta Ivana Lo Bello	Tony Eley
27-Feb-22	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello

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13-Feb-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
20-Feb-22	Damian Casamento Marijana Jurjevic	Margaret Bannan
27-Feb-22	Tim Rankin Ylenia Useli	Margaret Rankin



### Cleaning Roster: Saturday 19 February 2022

#### Volunteers

*Thank you for your hard work*



### **WE PRAY FOR:**

#### **The elderly and the sick**

*Our parishioners, family members and friends*

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

#### **Those who have died recently**

*Maria Stella (RIP 28/1)*

*Fr Mathew Chethikalam (RIP in Kerala, India)*



#### **We Commemorate**

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



**PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME**



### **BAPTISM Welcome!**

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:

**Jason Lim**  
into our Parish family



### **Feasts /Memorials of the week:**

*Monday 14 February St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop (St Valentine)*

*Thursday 17 February The Seven Holy founders of the Servite Order*

*Friday 18 February (Blessed Fra Angelico)*



### **Last Week's Collection: 6/2/22**

1st Collection for our Church: \$874

(Direct Debit for January 2022: \$905)

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$529

(Direct Debit for January 2022: \$40)

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### **Giving Tree –**

#### **Thank you**

A very sincere thankyou to our parishioners, groups and visitors for your contributions to our Christmas Giving Tree Appeal amounting to a value of \$1,290. Through your generosity we were able to bring Christmas Joy to almost 50 families and individuals and help them get through a very challenging January. God bless you all,  
St Vincent's de Paul team.



### **Chaplaincy Appeal 2022**

**This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal.** Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic 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 facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

Please give generously.



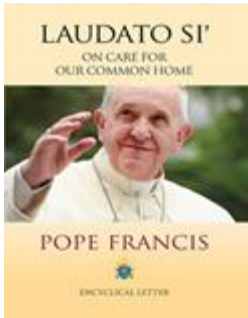
## PRAYERS FROM POPE FRANCIS



To caress an elderly person expresses the same hope as caressing a child, because the beginning of life and the end are always a mystery, a mystery that should be respected, accompanied, cared for, loved.



## LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



### Chapter 2: The Gospel of Creation

“Science and religion, with their distinctive approaches to understanding reality, can enter into an intense dialogue fruitful for both” (LS:62). The following offers a way to understand what Pope Francis is referring to as the Gospel of Creation. We can view creation through these lenses.

1. The Light offered by Faith.
2. The Wisdom of Biblical Accounts
3. The Mystery of the Universe
4. The Message of Each Creature in the Harmony of Creation
5. A Universal Communion
6. The Common destination of Goods
7. The Gaze of Jesus

“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made (Ps 33:6). Creation is the order of love, God’s love is the fundamental moving force in all created things. ‘For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made’ (Wisdom 11:24). The love which moves the sun and the stars.” LS:77

**Prayer:** As we are called to see ourselves and each other as earthen vessels that hold God's presence in creation and bring God's gifts to the world, so too, this very world and all that is above, around and within it are earthen vessels - just as easily shattered, just as much in need of our loving attentiveness and support. May our hands align with God's in caressing and shaping these vessels of God's love.



### Piety Stall

With the help of generous volunteers the Piety Stall will again be open after each of the weekend Masses. Religious items including **Columban calendars** are available at very reasonable prices. Volunteers are sought for all weekend Masses. Please contact Rachel on 9480 3398 for more details. You are required to have a current WWCC and be fully vaccinated. Thank you

SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

PARADE COLLEGE

# OPEN DAY



10am-2pm Preston 8 Clifton Grove  
10am-2pm Bundoora 1436 Plenty Rd

Register [www.parade.vic.edu.au](http://www.parade.vic.edu.au) ■ p 9468 3300 ■ [enrol@parade.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@parade.vic.edu.au)  
Year 7 2024 Enrolments Now Open! ■ Limited places at Preston available 2023



Welcoming Saint Pope John-Paul II  
AS CO-PATRON OF OUR VICTORIAN MARIAN SHRINE  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Starts 2.00 p.m.

*Totus Tuus - I'm Totally Yours*  
St Pope John's Motto - Testimony of his True Devotion to Mary

Inauguration and Blessing of the Monument  
By Most Reverend Bishop Martin Ashe  
Aux. Bishop of Archdiocese of Melbourne (Western Regions)  
& other members of the Clergy

Come & Join the Clergy & the Faithful  
in this historic celebration at  
Ta Pinu Shrine (Aust)

All Nations Marian Centre

For more information: 15 Flanagan Drive, Merrimua (Baechus Marsh) 3340  
Office: 53677006; Josette 0412360231; Rita 0401534838; Mary 0409231926



### Joke Corner

A man went to the doctor and said his wife was losing her hearing.

“How bad is it?” the doctor asked.

“I’ve no idea,” replied the husband.

The doctor suggested this little test. “Say something to her from a few paces away, and if she doesn’t hear you, then move closer and say the same thing until she does. That way we’ll have some idea of her range of hearing loss.”

The man went home and found his wife in the kitchen cutting up vegetables.

From a few paces away he asked: “What’s for dinner?” No answer.

He moved closer and asked the same thing. Finally, he stood right behind her and asked: “What’s for dinner?”

She turned and looked at him and said: “For the third time, beef stew!”

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

## 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

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust  
in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the  
wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his  
trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 1:1-4,6**

*The Response Is:*

**Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the  
wicked;

nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night.

**Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.

**Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

Not so are the wicked, not so!

For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind:  
for the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to  
doom.

**Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*

If Christ raised from the dead is what  
has been preached, how can some of  
you be saying that there is no  
resurrection of the dead? For if the dead  
are not raised, Christ has not been  
raised, and if Christ has not been raised,  
you are still in your sins. And what is  
more serious, all who have died in  
Christ have perished. If our hope in  
Christ has been for this life only, we are  
the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from  
the dead, the first-fruits of all who have  
fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel  
Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 6:17,20-26*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and  
stopped at a piece of level ground where  
there was a large gathering of his  
disciples with a great crowd of people  
from all parts of Judaea and from  
Jerusalem and from the coastal region of  
Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on  
his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor:  
yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you  
shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall  
laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you,  
drive you out, abuse you, denounce your  
name as criminal, on account of the Son  
of Man. Rejoice when that day comes  
and dance for joy, for then your reward  
will be great in heaven. This was the  
way their ancestors treated the prophets.  
‘But alas for you who are rich: you are  
having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now:  
you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall  
mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks  
well of you! This was the way their  
ancestors treated the false prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /  
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in  
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our lord, /  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /  
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified,  
died and was buried; / he descended into  
hell; / on the third day he rose again  
from the dead; / he ascended into  
heaven, / and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty; / from there  
he will come to judge the living and the  
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the  
holy catholic Church, / the communion  
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the  
resurrection of the body, / and life  
everlasting. Amen.

## RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,  
for by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord gave  
them;  
they were not disappointed in what they  
craved.

