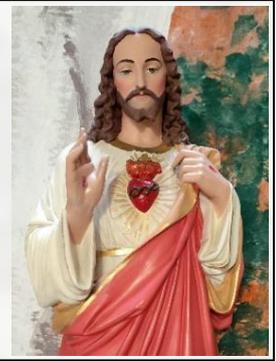




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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## Office Hours:

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**Sacrament Coordinator:** TBA

**Safeguarding Committee:**

**Safeguarding Officer:** Robert Dullard

**Safeguarding Committee: Members:**

Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

**Parish Council Members:**

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 15 Nov. 2024**

**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**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, the next one is on

**Monday 11 November** (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon) 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.*

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 10 November 2024

**“She from the little she had put in everything she possessed,  
all she had to live on.”**

When the books of the Hebrew Testament refer to the poor, they focused on three categories of people: the stranger, the orphan and the widow. Scripture constantly invited people to be sensitive to the needs of these three types of most vulnerable people. In the first reading today, it is a humble widow who becomes the true giver rather than the receiver. At a time of scarcity, the Prophet Elijah instead of helping the widow, requests help from her and she generously offers to share what little food she had: and God blessed her for it. In Mark’s Gospel today, attention is again focused on a poor but trusting widow who risks all she has for love of God and in this sense echoes the giving of Jesus Himself. Ultimately, He will sacrifice all He has as an offering to God for the sake of His people.

Mark reports that Jesus is teaching in the Temple area. He observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. Those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury, those with less, made smaller contributions. Then a poor widow makes the smallest contribution; two coins of little value. Jesus points out to His disciples that her small offering was, in fact, an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus. Contrast her with the rich young man of some weeks ago to whom Jesus said, “Go and sell what you own and give to the poor and come follow me!” But he was blocked by the security of possessions.

Jesus condemns the behaviours of some types of religious leaders and praises the widow. They provide a foil for each other: on one hand demonstrating religion gone wrong - people who make a selfish show of their piety and authority; and on the other, one secretly giving of all she has and placing her trust in her heavenly Father. Jesus criticises the flowing robes, fawning titles, front row seating and longwinded displays of prayer and devotion as mere show. They cover up in some cases exclusion of the vulnerable and helpless – the ones who are meant to be embraced and protected.

The message is that God looks not at appearances or external show but into the heart. Ultimately, Jesus calls us to: ‘Be merciful just as your Father is merciful’ (Luke 6:36) – even if that involves risk.

Most people see Mother Teresa of Calcutta as having done “great works” which continues through her sisters. She did not see her mission quite like that. She saw her work made up of many small actions directed to the hearts of the most vulnerable of God’s children.

**“We can do no great things:  
only small things with great love.”**

St Teresa of Calcutta

The Widow's  
Offering



## 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
02-Nov-	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Mary Harb	
9-Nov-	Mary Harb Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
16-Nov-	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
03-Nov-	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Jessy Thambiraj	Jessica	Aleisha Jasmine
10-Nov-	Darina Lobo Eileen Stevens	Gerard Grant	Judeline	Shamus Maxi
17-Nov-	Marilene Fortuna Ophelia Swai	Judeline Wadhvani	Jessy	Azariah Natalie

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
03-Nov-	John Gaffney Jenifer Cahapay	Natalie Baran
10-Nov-	Shanthi Antony Jenifer Cahapay	Robert Dullard
17-Nov-	Susan Bakani Shanthi Antony	Damian Casamento

### 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:

Marie- Thérèse Le Boeuf RIP 2/11  
Angela Mazzarella RIP 3/11, Funeral-Thurs 14/11 at 11:00am  
Antonio Ferraro RIP 1/11, Funeral-Fri 15/11 at 10:45am

#### We Commemorate:

Guerino, Santo & Filomena Perri, Eugenio & Rita Loizzo -all Sun 10/11 at 9am Mass.  
Rocco, Domenico & Caterina Pennella; Giseppina, & Antonio DeCata; Carmine & Carmela Macari; Giovanni & Caterina Tesoriero – all Sun 10/11 at 9am Mass  
Charles Psaila – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv. Sun 10/11 at 10:30am Mass  
*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### Last Week's Collection: 3.11.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$958  
(electronic contributions for October \$2,198)  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$962  
(electronic contributions for October: \$455)  
Thank you for your kind generosity!

### Healing Mass date change

PLEASE NOTE: The Healing Mass for November will be on **Friday 15 November** at 1:30pm.



## 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 11 November St Martin of Tours, Bishop*  
*Tuesday 12 November St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr*  
*Friday 15 November Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor*  
*Saturday 16 November Saint Margaret of Scotland*  
*Saint Gertrude, Virgin*



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The Saints are precious pearls and are always living and relevant, because they provide a fascinating commentary on the Gospel. Their lives are an illustration of the Good News that Jesus brought to humanity: God is our Father, who loves everyone with boundless love..*



### 🕯 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



### Sofia Caserta,

in preparation for her Baptism  
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.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

**"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."**

~ John 15:13 ~

Across the fields, where poppies grow,  
A sea of red, a quiet glow.

In each small bloom, a story lies,  
Of sacrifice, of last goodbyes.

They left their homes, they stood as one,  
Through bitter cold, beneath harsh sun.  
For freedoms kept, they paid the price,  
Their courage, strength, our sacrifice.

They gave their all with hearts so true,  
For dreams of peace, for skies of blue.  
We wear the flower, bow our heads,  
And think of all the words unsaid.

The silence fills with whispers past,  
Their memory strong, their legacy vast.  
In red, we honour those who rest,  
Our silent thanks for their final quest.

*Lord, we thank you for those who gave everything to protect our freedom. Bless their souls and comfort their loved ones. May we honour them by living with kindness, courage and peace. Amen.*

Sourced from [www.majellan.media](http://www.majellan.media)



Remembrance Day



### Church Flowers

Volunteers are needed to prepare flowers for our church.

If you are interested, please contact Jessica on 0433 278 175. Thank you.



### 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](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515.

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



### 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](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)



### ☺ Joke Corner ☺

A priest fell in the ocean while fishing, but he couldn't swim. However, he knew to float on his back so he wouldn't sink.

When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?"

The priest calmly said, "No, God will save me."

A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?"

The priest replied again, "No, I have faith in God. He will save me."

Eventually the priest could stay afloat no longer and drowned. In heaven and a tad annoyed, the priest asked God, "Why didn't you save me?"

God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats. What more did you want!"



Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, "Jesus is watching you." He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping around the room and again heard, "Jesus is watching you." In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "Was it you who said Jesus is watching me?"

The parrot replied, "Yes."

Relieved, the burglar asked, "What is your name?"

The parrot said, "Clarence."

The burglar said, "That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?"

The parrot answered, "The same idiot that named the rottweiler Jesus."



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## 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 17:10-16*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 145(146):7-10**

*The Response Is:*

***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan

but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 9:24-28*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel  
Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

*Mark 12:38-44*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places

of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he  
gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

