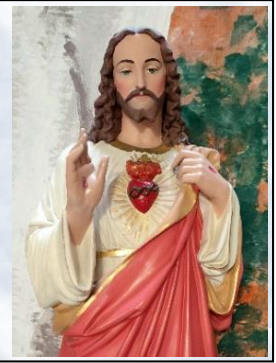




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Safeguarding – Pauline O'Day

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 8 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

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on

Monday 11 November (2nd 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.*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 27 October 2024

“Master, Help us to See”.

Many would be familiar with the saying, “There are none so blind as those who will not see”. The Gospel today turns this saying on its head and suggests that there are none so insightful as those who have been deprived of sight. In recent Sundays we have seen original followers of Jesus and other well-intentioned people failing to understand the true nature of discipleship.

A rich young man had turned away from following Jesus because he was a man of great wealth. Following that James and John made a claim for positions of superiority up the discipleship scale as a reward for their ongoing faithfulness.

Prior to these incidents, Jesus had preached the need for people to change their attitudes if they were to embrace the rule of God – you must become like little children: who live by trust, and who listen with open hearts.

Today we are given an example of true discipleship in Bartimaeus, a blind beggar and social outcast who cries out to Jesus. He, although bereft of sight is blessed with insight into the true nature and mission of Jesus, while the sighted people around them, fail to see who Jesus really is.

Bartimaeus in faith, sees with the heart. He recognises in Him the compassion and love of God and he shouts out to Him for mercy. Jesus stops and calls to him. The blind man jumps up to go to Jesus who asks him “What do you want me to do for you?” Bartimaeus asks simply for a restoration of his sight. Jesus acknowledges this plea as the sign in Bartimaeus of true faith and he is healed. His sight restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus along the road to Jerusalem.

The story of Jesus’ encounter with Bartimaeus comes to the heart of the Gospel – and a need for a change of heart in each of us: to be poor in spirit, to trust in the mercy of God by being merciful to others: to live in the peace of God by being peacemakers in our world: to become safe by looking out for the safety of others, to know one’s weaknesses and to learn from the humble and innocent.

Today we could ask ourselves individually and collectively and as a Church community, where have we been blind and not seen what we should have seen. Acknowledging how selective deafness and blindness of leaders and others failed to protect the innocent and vulnerable of our communities? How do we continue to bring about change? Children’s, young and vulnerable people’s Safety is everyone’s responsibility.

This week is National Children’s week. We are reminded in the wake of the tragic Institutional failures of the past to protect children, of the importance of listening to children, young and vulnerable people, respecting their opinions and sharing their concerns. It’s about “listening from the heart”. Children’s Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities and to feel safe and comfortable in sharing them in a supportive, respectful and caring community to which each of us as disciples of Jesus and sons and daughters of One Loving God are committed to build and maintain.



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
19-Oct	Marlene Vergou Mary Harb	Terry Murphy	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
26-Oct	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
20-Oct-	Hannah Thambiraj Marilene Fortuna	Gerard Grant	Jessy	Azariah Natalie
27-Oct	Jessy Thambiraj Hannah Thambiraj	Eileen Stevens	Jessica	

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
20-Oct-	Jenifer Cahapay Snehlita Antony	Mia Grant
27-Oct	John Gaffney Shanthi Antony	Damian Casamento

Attention Ministers of Communion and Lectors:

The next roster (2/3 November to 22/23 February) will be prepared this weekend and will be available next week.

♥ Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers
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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:

We Commemorate:

Romano & Graziano Caruso – Sun 27/10 at 9am
Raffaele, Felice & Margherita De Lucia
*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Last Week's Collection: 20.10.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,278
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$783
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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.



Church Flowers

Volunteers are needed to prepare flowers for our church
If you are interested, please contact Jessica on
0433 278 175. Thank you.



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.



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✠ Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week ✠

Monday 28 October Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Friday 1 November All Saints
Saturday 2 November All Souls

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THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

In the presence of the heart of Christ, I ask the Lord to have mercy on this suffering world. May He pour out the treasures of his love, so that our world may regain the most important and necessary thing of all: its heart.

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GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet

World Mission Sunday – 20 October

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 1 November: All Saints - extra Mass at 7:00pm

Saturday 2 November: All Souls - Mass at 9:10am

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Healing Mass date change

PLEASE NOTE: The Healing Mass for November will be on **Friday 8 November** at 1:30pm (not 1 November).

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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.

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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.



30th year of Tongan Community at Sacred Heart Parish, Preston



The Sacred Heart Tongan Community will be celebrating their 30th Year at our parish on Sunday 27 October at the 10:30am Mass.

All Parishioners are invited for lunch at the Presbytery after the 10:30am Mass.



Safeguarding is EVERYBODY's Responsibility

Sacred Heart Parish holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of our church community. This commitment is drawn from and central to the teaching and mission of Jesus with love, justice and the dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel and which is at the core also in the Universal declaration of Human Rights.

Caring for and protecting others from any kind of harm is at the heart of our parish, its individual values and mission.

Through practical safeguarding measures and the co-operation of all members of our community, it is our parish aim to prevent abuse of any kind by creating and securing safe environments, meeting places, interactive protocols and monitoring to prevent abuse of any kind from happening.



Children's Week is a national celebration of children's rights, talents and citizenship held on the fourth Wednesday of October in Australia to coincide with Universal Children's Day.

Each year the theme of Children's Week highlights a particular Children's Right to promote the rights of children and young people, and to celebrate their capacity to actively contribute to the world around them.

The National Theme for 2024 is based on **UNCRC Article 24:**

Children have the right to good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that they will stay healthy. Richer countries should help poorer countries achieve this.



Shaping Your Future – One Step at a Time

"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try."

~ John F Kennedy ~

As you enter this time of exams and new beginnings, remember that each moment is part of your journey. The effort you have put in has brought you here and every challenge is a chance to show your strength. It's okay to feel uncertain, but trust that you have what it takes to succeed. Exams are just one step on a path filled with opportunities and no test can define your full potential. Take things one day at a time, do your best and believe in your abilities. What matters most is your growth, not just the result. When this chapter closes another will open, full of new chances to explore, learn and grow. You are ready for what comes next. Keep moving forward with confidence, knowing that each step is progress and every effort brings you closer to where you are meant to be.



Dear God, Give me peace and strength as I face these exams and the changes ahead of me. Help me stay focused, calm and confident in the abilities You have given me. Guide my thoughts and actions and remind me that I am never alone.

Thank You for being with me always. Amen.

<https://majellan.media/help-with-family-issues/>

Sourced from www.majellan.media

Sacred Heart Church Social Planning Committee – NEWS

Mission Sunday

Following the Mission Sunday Mass on the 20th of October, the parish gathered for a celebration in the Sacred Heart Primary School Hall. The theme for this year being **"Go and invite everyone to the banquet"**, Fr. Aloysius Aloysius led us in prayer and welcomed everyone to the celebration.

We thank parishioners who brought food to share and the committee members who cooked the sausages for everyone.

The program started with a wonderful performance by Gracieuse followed by a Karate demonstration by the Divine Word Missionary Seminarians and a traditional song and dance by the Tongan Community. There were other impressive acts by Ava, Tazlyn, Jazlyn, Gloyne and the Seminarians. The program ended with the most popular game of Bingo that was hosted by Gloyne and Glendon. We thank Peter Constable for compèring during the program.

The highlight of the program was Fr. Aloysius showcasing his badminton skills with his "Badminton for dummies".

A big THANK YOU to all the Social Committee members and volunteers in helping make this event another success story.



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 grandmother was pushing her little grandchild around a shopping centre in a buggy.

Each time she put something in the basket she would say, "And here's something for you, Diploma." or "This will make a cute little outfit for you, Diploma."

Eventually a bewildered shopper who had overheard the comments, finally asked, "Why do you keep calling your grandchild Diploma?" The grandmother replied, "I sent my daughter to Monash University and this is what she came home with!"

For all those young people who are about to sit exams, hopefully the following jokes will provide some comic relief.

I got caught cheating on my physics exam. Furious, my professor said to me, "I hope you understand the gravity of the situation."

If I had known that, I wouldn't be in this situation in the first place.

If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$ 6.30 now.

Student: I don't think I deserved zero on this exam.

Teacher: I agree, but that's the lowest mark I could give you!

A friend has found out he's going to be a father. He's passed his priest entry exams.

I missed a question on my biology exam today.

The question was "what are commonly found in cells?"

I guess "prisoners" wasn't the right answer.

A gangster asks his son how his exam went.

"They questioned me for 3 hours but I told them nothing, dad."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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 31:7-9

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

‘The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!’

See, I will bring them back

from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of
earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not
stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125(126)

The Response Is:

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with

laughter,

on our lips there were songs.

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

The heathens themselves said: ‘What
 marvels the Lord worked for them!’

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears

will sing when they reap.

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full
of song, carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of
mankind and is appointed to act for
men in their relations with God, to offer
gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he
can sympathise with those who are
ignorant or uncertain because he too
lives in the limitations of weakness.
That is why he has to make sin
offerings for himself as well as for the
people. No one takes this honour on
himself, but each one is called by God,
as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give
himself the glory of becoming high
priest, but he had it from the one who
said to him: You are my son, today I
have become your father, and in
another text: You are a priest of the
order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done
away with death,

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples
and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is,
the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar,
was sitting at the side of the road. When
he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth,
he began to shout and to say, ‘Son of
David, Jesus, have pity on me.’ And
many of them scolded him and told him
to keep quiet, but he only shouted all
the louder, ‘Son of David, have pity on
me.’ Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him
here.’ So they called the blind man.
‘Courage,’ they said ‘get up; he is
calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak,
he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then
Jesus spoke, ‘What do you want me to
do for you?’ ‘Rabbuni,’ the blind man
said to him ‘Master, let me see again.’
Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has
saved you.’ And immediately his sight
returned and he followed him along the
road.

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving
help and exult in the name of our God.

