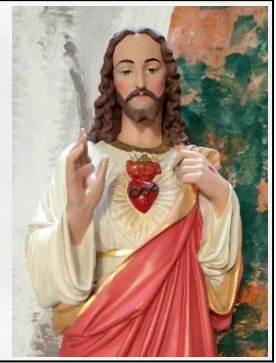




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Natalie Baran, Judeline Wadhvani

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Coordinators:

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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 February,

May, August & November at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass: Friday 7 Feb. 2025

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

No Adoration in January. Adoration

will recommence in February 2025.



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 3 February in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass. All welcome

Bulletin printed: 31/1/2025

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

The Presentation of the Lord (Year C) *Sunday 2 February 2025*

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is only mentioned in the Gospel of Luke who tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of it is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, does extend to Gentiles.

Luke recognises Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. He recognised the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel". Anna also recognised Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about Him to all.

The coming of the child Jesus to the temple to be presented to God according to the Law of Moses took place forty days after his birth. Today's feast day echoes themes of our Christmas celebration. Traditionally it has been a festival of light, with processions of blessed candles. The coming of Spring in the northern hemisphere provided a symbolic setting for recalling the appearing of the Light of the World.

Luke's Infancy Narrative - while a simple account - weaves together several themes that are fundamental to the gospel story he is about to tell. What a contrast between the prophet Malachi's description of the Lord coming to His temple and this scene sketched by Luke - in which all the characters are from the 'Anawim', the poor and humble ones of God's people to whom first and foremost the messianic blessings were promised. Luke underlines the fact that the Holy Family made the presentation in fulfilment of the Law of Moses. Until His "hour" had come, Jesus Himself was a faithful observer of the Law, the God-given prelude and foreshadowing to which He would bring fulfilment. He was truly one with us in the life we lead, as the reading from Hebrews reminds us: "because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help those who are tempted". Luke includes a moving detail, pointing to the fact that Joseph and Mary were not well off. The offering prescribed was a lamb but a pair of birds was the offering of those who could not afford the lamb.

The meeting with Simeon and Anna introduced the dimension of prophecy; Simeon gave God thanks and praise - echoing the phrases used by the prophets of old he declared what they foretold was being fulfilled: "a light to enlighten the pagans, and the glory of your people".

Still it is Mary who is at the centre of Luke's Infancy Narrative. He closes the scene with the mysterious prophecy of Simeon pointing to Mary's place in this work of God. Christian history was to bring a remarkable fulfilment of Simeon's words to the humble mother of Jesus.



John Thornhill sm

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
25-Jan-	Mary Harb Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy	
01-Feb-	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy	
08-Feb-	Marlene Vergou Mary Harb	Terry Murphy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
26-Jan-	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino	Judeline	
02-Feb-	Jessy Thambiraj Marilène Fortuna	Mia Grant	Jessy	
09-Feb-	Judeline Wadhvani Jessica Suppiah	Gerard Grant	Judeline	

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
26-Jan-	Jenifer Cahapay Susan Bakani	Robert Dullard
02-Feb-	John Gaffney Shanthi Antony	Judith Pimentel
09-Feb-	Snehita Antony Susan Bakani	Damian Casamento

A Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, Oliver and James Mendis
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:

*Rosa Zannoni, RIP 31/1 Funeral - Thurs 6/2 at 11am
Creomilda Exposto
Suzanne Midolo, RIP 24/1 Funeral – Thurs 13/2 at 11am*

We Commemorate:

*Mary Rose Cataldi-Condo, 1st Anniv – Sun 2/2 at 9am
Giuseppe Gandolfo – Sun 2/2 at 9am
Dulcey Grant, 5th Anniv.
Brother Ludovic Bourke, 23rd Anniv.
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Last week's Collection: 26.1.2025

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,017
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$558
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.



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 3 February St Ansgar (Oscar), Bishop & St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr
Wednesday 5 February St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
Thursday 6 February St Paul Miki and his Companions, Martyrs
Saturday 8 February St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin St Jerome Emiliani



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



God never stops dreaming of us becoming men and women of hope, harmony, and peace, as people who are not overcome by adversity. May we have the courage to dream for ourselves what God dreams for us!



SACRED HEART PARISH URGENTLY NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

- Slide Projection (All Masses)
- Ministers of Communion (6:00 pm Saturdays)
- Lectors (6:00 pm Saturdays)

Please consider giving some of your time to serve in Our Lord's vineyard here at Sacred Heart Parish.

The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will be rostered. Thanking all parishioners in anticipation of your generosity. Contact Rachel Costa, Parish Secretary at 9480 3398.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Australian Catholic University is offering an excellent short online training course for current and prospective volunteers interested in this ministry. The parish will be happy to support volunteers by paying for the cost of the course. Please visit www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training to get course details. Please speak to Rachel Costa, Parish Secretary at 9480 3398 about arranging payment for your attendance.



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Olivia Zito,

for her Baptism on
Sunday 2 February.



Healing Mass

The next Healing Mass will be
Friday 7 February at 1:30pm



May all who celebrate Lunar New Year, in our land and around the world, receive the gifts of peace, hope, freedom and security. Amen

The Jubilee of Jesus

According to the evangelist Luke, Jesus consciously used the language of jubilee when he began His ministry in the synagogue at Nazareth. Standing before the people, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of the Lord’s favour.” (Luke 4:18-19)

Through His life, death and resurrection, Jesus brought about a kind of ‘ultimate jubilee’; a time of newness and ‘new creation’ (2 Cor 5:17) a time of abundant mercy for His people until His return in glory. The apostles saw it as their responsibility to continue this work of Christ’s jubilee: ‘See now is the acceptable time; see now is the day of salvation’ (2 Cor 6:2).

As pilgrims of hope, let us embrace the message of Jubilee in how we live our life everyday.

(Ref: Pilgrims of Hope, Jubilee 2025 Resource Pack for Parishes, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne)



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



FINDING STRENGTH IN LOVE AND HOPE

“Cancer pushed me to see what’s really important in life, and I learned to cherish every moment.”

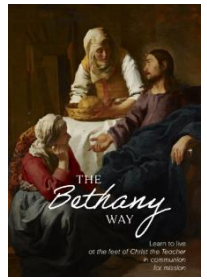
~ A cancer survivor ~

Families dealing with a cancer diagnosis face a flood of emotions. Fear, apprehension and vulnerability change the way you live each day, but in the middle of it all, you find strength through the love you share and the hope you hold on to. Prayer brings comfort and peace, not just to the person with cancer, but to everyone in the family. It offers a sense of hope and calm in the middle of uncertainty, helping them navigate the difficult emotions and challenges that come with treatment. For the individual, prayer can be a source of strength and courage, while for the family, it becomes a way to feel connected, supported and uplifted. In those quiet moments, it creates a space for reflection and resilience, giving everyone the ability to face the tough days with renewed determination. Life changes in unexpected ways, but cancer can also bring families closer. In those difficult times, you find new ways to be there for each other and that love makes you strong. Remember, you are not alone, together with your loved ones, there is always hope for better days ahead.

Dear Lord, give us the courage to face the challenges before us and the wisdom to know we are never alone. Be our strength today and always. Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,
You are invited to **The Bethany Way** retreat:
‘At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus’
Saturday 8 February 2025, 12pm–4pm
Catholic Leadership Centre,
576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
All are welcome to join for Mass at 11:30am
Lunch included.



This **free retreat** will introduce you to The Bethany Way — a journey of being formed in the faith and equipped to form others, whatever your field of influence.

Grow to:

pray more authentically.

believe more deeply.

articulate more clearly

love more faithfully



RSVP BY 3 FEBRUARY

www.trybooking.com/CXHYE

ENQUIRIES: proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5761



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.



Pursuing a Lasting Love
Celebrating Marriage Week!
7 - 14 February 2025



It is always good to be reminded to **invest** in your marriage. A strong marriage overflows with love and compassion to your family and beyond. SmartLoving has created **“The Intentional Couple”** micro-course as a free gift for all married couples,

visit: www.smartloving.org/gift

Brochures can be found in the church foyer



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 ☺

There was an old couple ... they noticed that they were getting more and more forgetful and decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them to start writing things down so they wouldn’t forget. They went home and the old woman told her husband to bring her a bowl of ice cream. “She said, “You might want to write this down. He said, “No, I remember that you wanted a bowl of ice cream. So the wife told her husband that she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. “Write that down,” she said to him. “No, no, I remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream,” he said again. Then the old woman said she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. She said to her husband, “Write that down. Again he said, “No, I understand. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top.” He went to get the ice cream and spent an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes to his wife and hands her a plate of bacon and eggs. The old woman looks at the plate for a while, she then looks at her husband and asks him, “Where’s the toast?”



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23(24):7-10

The Response Is:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,

the Lord, the valiant in war.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Who is he, the king of glory?

He, the Lord of armies,

he is the king of glory.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-32

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,

just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see,

a light to enlighten the pagans

and the glory of your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

