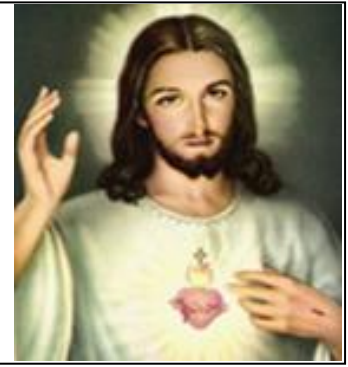




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Parish Mass Schedule

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 2 June

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

The Ascension of the Lord (year C) Sunday 29 May 2022

The Ascension of the Lord (26th/29th May 2022)

Professing through the Creed we never miss to say “He ascended into Heaven.” We believe that the Lord’s Ascension is an integral part of our faith. It is the culmination of God’s divine plan for Christ Jesus. His Ascension, which marks the accomplishment of His mission, is the grand finale of all His words and works done for us and our salvation. Although the Lord has gone into His glory, His redemptive work hasn’t come to its conclusion. He continues to guide us through the Holy Spirit. He said: “Lo, I am with you always...” (Mt 28:20).

What is the significance of the Lord’s Ascension? The three Evangelists, Luke, Matthew and Mark, presented the story to us. They seemed to show no interest in describing the event as a historical fact. Rather they put their emphasis more on the transmitting of the Lord’s message. This is seen clearly in the differences of describing the event. According to Luke and Acts (also written by Luke), the event took place in Jerusalem. Matthew and Mark, on the other hand, wrote that it happened in Galilee. They all agreed, however, that the event occurred on a mountain. In regards to when the event took place, Luke wrote it happened forty days after the Resurrection, a period during which Jesus appeared repeatedly to His followers. Matthew and Mark, on the other hand, had no indication of the time period between the Resurrection and the Ascension. From these differences we may conclude that the main concern of the Evangelists was not the accuracy of the historical detail of the Ascension. Their primary concern is about the transmitting of the Lord’s message “Preach the Good News and be my witnesses.” Again, the Evangelists recorded the Lord’s message differently but its content is the same. Luke wrote: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Here’s Matthew’s version: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). And finally, Mark’s version says, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15).

There are three aspects of the Lord’s message: Firstly, the Lord gave the disciples a mission of bearing witness to everyone by preaching and living the Good News by telling and re-telling the story of His life, suffering, death, and Resurrection. Secondly, the Lord assured them of the Holy Spirit, His divine assistance, in the carrying out of this mission. Last but not least, the Lord instructed them to baptize the believers: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Mt 16:19-20).

What is the significance of the Lord’s Ascension for us? As we celebrate the Lord’s Ascension, we are reminded of His message. We take this opportunity to renew our commitment to be proclaimers and evangelizers. In today’s Gospel Jesus said: “Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” The work of proclaiming and evangelizing is not the responsibility of Bishops, priests, nuns and brothers alone but all Christians. To be a Christian means to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. “We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives. Carrying out this mission won’t be easy as we will encounter many challenges, sufferings and persecutions. But the Lord assures us that He won’t abandon us. The Holy Spirit, His Advocate, will give us not only wisdom but also strength, confidence, hope and encouragement to carry out our mission. Let’s conclude with this prayer: *“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Holy Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

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.

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
28-May-22	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
04-Jun-22	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke
11-Jun-22	Celia Lemos Renato Tonini	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
29-May-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley
05-Jun-22	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
12-Jun-22	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	George McBrien
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
29-May-22	Margaret Bannan Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard
05-Jun-22	Damian Casamento Volunteer	Margaret Bannan
12-Jun-22	Margaret Bannan Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin

Cleaning Roster:

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:

*Fr Eric John Hodgins PE (RIP 25/5)
Renzo Gallina (RIP 25/5, Funeral Fri 3/6 at 11am)
Marcello Pompei*

*Pasquale Venturiello
Rita Scapin*

We Commemorate:

*Lupo Gugliotti (First Anniversary)
Antonio Saggese (Fifth Anniversary)*

*Cosimo Oppedisano
Rosa Cucinotta and Rosario Wacli
Maria Bruzzese*

Salvatore Oppedisano

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Feasts /Memorials of the week:

*Tuesday 31 May The Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

Wednesday 1 June St Justin, Martyr

Thursday 2 June Sts Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

*Friday 3 June St Charles Lwanga and his
Companions, Martyrs*



Baptism Congratulations



The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Orlando Lay

for his Baptisms on 29 May 2022.



Last Week's Collection: 22/5/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,055

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$490

Thank you for your kind generosity!



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



In Christ, true God and true man, our humanity has been brought to God. Christ opened the path for us. He attracts us to himself and leads us to God. If we entrust our lives to him we are certain to be in the hands of our Saviour..



BIG THANKS



To the generous parishioners who are removing the Oleander bushes/trees from the front of Sacred Heart Church this Sunday. We will plant something less poisonous in their place soon.

Laudato Si Circle



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 2 June: Healing Mass - 1.30pm

Catholic Mission in Ethiopia

An invitation to meet Cardinal Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel, Cardinal Archbishop of Addis Ababa

Thursday 2 June 2022

Pray, Learn, Act

**10am Mass, St Ambrose's Church,
Sydney Road, Brunswick**

Followed by a 'Cuppa with the Cardinal'

Cardinal Souraphiel will outline exciting joint projects with Catholic Mission which promise to reach out to people in need, share faith and save lives.



Northern Region Mass for Young Adults

Get together with other young people from the local area for Mass, dinner, and a conversation with Bishop Terry Curtin. This will be an awesome opportunity to meet other young Catholics from across the North and share with Bishop Curtin your hopes, dreams, and expectations for the future of the Church.

Sunday, May 29, 2022 5:30pm – 7:30pm

VENUE: Good Shepherd Parish, 88 South Circular Rd, Gladstone Park



Accommodation Sought

A family (mother and two children) is anxiously seeking accommodation in Preston that is affordable to their circumstances and accessible for the mother's place of work and children's schools. Please contact Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 if you are able to advise or refer us to access a unit appropriate to a small family situation. With thanks,

St Vincent de Paul Preston Conference



Celebrating and Sharing the spirit of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

As we come to the end of National Volunteers week we sincerely thank all who have generously given their time and skills in dedicated service to our parish as volunteers.

On Sunday 19 June we will celebrate the Feast Day of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and give thanks for all those - past and present -who have served and contributed in so many ways to building our Sacred Heart community. Following the 10:30am Sunday Morning Mass all are invited to gather at Sacred Heart School to share some refreshments, catch up with friends and share some memories.

On this day, all current and prospective volunteers will be invited to attend an Induction session and be given the opportunity to renew their commitment to serving our community by observing and endorsing the safeguarding measures in place for the safety, inclusion and wellbeing of children and vulnerable persons.

More details next week.

Notice to all Parish Current and Intending Volunteers.

Before you leave today please take time to complete your volunteer details and contact information on the Sheets in the foyer of the Church. This will enable the Safeguarding Committee to keep our Parish File updated. Alternatively contact Mary Harb or Pauline O'Day (see Page 1 of bulletin).

Safeguarding Is Everybody's Responsibility.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and central to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospels. As a community under the Patronage of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, caring for and protecting others is at the heart of our parish values and mission. Through safeguarding measures and the co-operation of all members of our community, it is our parish aim to prevent abuse of any kind by reducing and preventing opportunities for it to occur.

Safeguarding is **EVERYBODY'S** responsibility.



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 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are now open and officially close on the 20th June. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

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.

LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



LiveLaudatoSi
Answering Pope Francis' urgent call in
Laudato Si', pledge to:
• Pray for and with creation
• Live more simply
• Advocate to protect our
common home.



The Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle celebrated the Laudato Si' Week by focusing on Pope Francis's call to be attentive to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Our weekend Masses focused on our parish response with Father Aloysius inviting all to participate in the celebration of Laudato Si' week.

Members of the Laudato Si' Circle gave a brief talk inviting parishioners to be very much part of this journey to renew God's Earth. Seedlings were distributed to parishioners so that all could plant a shrub or bulb to remind each of us that we all share in this important journey of renewal. To celebrate, two trees provided by Darebin Council were planted in the Memorial Garden in the Church grounds by VCAL students at Parade College.

Laudato Si' Week began to celebrate the first anniversary of Pope Francis' world-changing papal encyclical letter, "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home." Since then, the annual celebration has become a way for all Catholics to unite and rejoice in the progress we've made in bringing Laudato Si' to life and to commit ourselves to further prayer and action for our common home.

This year, with the theme of "Listening and Journeying Together" Catholics on six continents will work on "bringing the human family together to protect our common home" (LS 13), which is the guiding Laudato Si' quote for the weeklong celebration. Catholics across the globe will unite their communities in action and learn more about how Laudato Si' offers a blueprint on how to tackle the climate crisis. Globally, Catholics will come together as one family in prayer and action. (Laudato Si' Movement).



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. Please collect yours. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.



Projectionists wanted: Do you have time to donate your computer skills as a projectionist at our Sunday 6pm Mass If so, please contact: Stephen Costello on 0432 405 417 to discuss.

Joke Corner

The manager of a local grocery store overheard a cashier tell a female customer, "We haven't had that for a while, and I doubt we'll be getting it soon."

The manager walked over and quickly assured the customer that they would have whatever it was she wanted by next week. Nothing was too big an ask.

After the woman left, the manager read the cashier the riot act. "Never tell a customer we're out of anything. Tell them we'll have it next week. We can always deliver."

"Now, what did she want?"

The cashier looked at her manager strangely and said, "Rain."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from

their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

The Response Is:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

