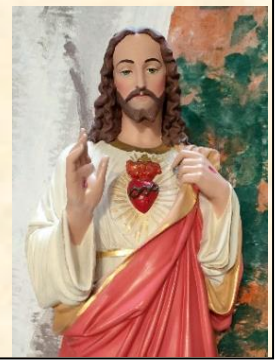




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

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Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Co-ordinators:

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 1 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 2 September 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.*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 1 September 2024 Father's Day

“The Just shall Live in the presence of the Lord.”

Jesus was a faithful observer of the religion of His ancestors, but critical of human traditions and practices that hindered rather than deepened a person's loving relationship with God and others. The first reading today reminds the people of God that the focus of commandments and customs of the Covenant when observed faithfully can draw others into a communal life of fidelity to their faithful and all loving God.

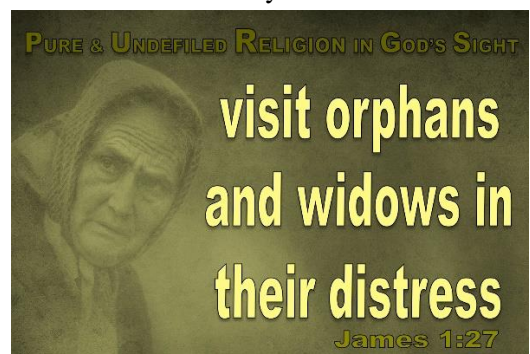
In the second reading, James defines pure religion as coming to the help of orphans and widows. Certainly external observances are necessary to enable members of a community to live in harmony, safety and respect. But when observance of external rituals become ends in themselves or to score points with God and lead to the condemnation or exclusion of others, the whole spirit of God's Covenant with His people is lost. The real issue is holiness, which comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life lived in relation to others.

In Mark's narrative, Jesus' problem with some interpreters of the law was that for many, external practice had become an end in itself, unrelated to the spirit it was meant to express. Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah condemning worship that was mere show and didn't rise from true hearts in tune with a loving God. Yet then work for justice that does not draw us to the common table of support, worship and love may end in burnout. The two were actually interdependent- as are the love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus summed all this up in His response to a lawyer who asked Him what commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the greatest and first. And the second one is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself”.

Jesus revealed and affirmed in His life and mission the image of God as ‘Abba’ (one of the first word utterances a growing infant may make) ‘Abba, a doting loving father carrying his child when needed, walking just a little behind him/her to protect but respect his child's efforts to take wobbly independent steps; protecting the little one from harm and pointing out or removing obstacles on the path to enable him/her to grow in trust and confidence. As adults in a Christian community this image reminds us that from time to time like now we need to check our priorities. As children of an all loving faithful God who is LOVE, do we live by this spirit of Love in our relationship with others especially the excluded and vulnerable in our midst? Healthy community living promotes wholeness and ensures the safety of each individual particularly the young and/or the fragile.

On this Fathers' Day let us say to all fathers and those who embrace this model role to care, protect, caringly guide and sometimes - when timely- admonish us.

“Happy memories and – Thank
God for you!”



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
24-Aug	Terry Murphy Mary Harb	Charlotte Bainy	
31-Aug	Marlene Vergou Celia Lemos	Mary Harb	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
07-Sep	Teresa Dang Mary Harb	Terry Murphy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
25-Aug	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Thambiraj	Eileen Stevens	Jessica	Aleisha Jasmine
01-Sep	Jessy Thambiraj Hannah Thambiraj	Giovanna D' Intino	Jessy	Shamus Maxi
08-Sep	Ophelia Swai Jessy Thambiraj	Tony Eley	Jessica	Azariah Natalie

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
25-Aug	John Gafney Susan Bakani	Robert Dullard
01-Sep	Jenifer Cahapay Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
08-Sep	Shanthi Antony Snehita Antony	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,

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:

Giovanni Zavona RIP 21/8, Funeral Tue 3/9 at 11am

We Commemorate:

Salvatore & Francesco Ingardia, Marc & Giuseppe Lucci – all Sat 31/8 at 6pm

Cosimo Oppedisano – Sun 1/9 at 9am

Giuseppe Passalacqua – Sun 1/9 at 9am

Loffo, Domenico, Surace, Vincenzo & Paiano Francesco & all the deceased of the Paiano, Loffo, & Loria families

– all Sun 1/9 at 9am.

Francesca Sirianni – Sun 1/9 at 9am

Anna Nemeč – Sun 1/9 at 9am

Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin, Teresina & Valter De Stefani,

Carlo, Duilio, Livio, Pasqua & Beppi Trentin

and all deceased members of the Ottaviano Bertoncetto & Carlo Trentin families. – all Sun 1/9 at 9am

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 25.8.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,043

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$837

Thank you for your kind generosity!



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 †

Tuesday 3 September St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Jesus asks you for a gaze that does not stop at outward appearance. He asks you to look at the heart with a gaze that is not judgmental but welcomes others. For love alone heals life.



The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.



SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

to be Eucharistic ministers for all weekend Masses

If you are a regular attendee of our weekend Masses, you are most welcome to apply to become a Eucharistic Minister.

Please speak with Fr Aloysius after Mass or phone Tony Eley on 0432 329 830. Minimum requirement is that you have a WWCC linked to the parish and in due course, safeguarding documents are to be signed. Training will be provided.



Piety Shop

Volunteers are needed to assist with Operating the Piety Shop.

We are hoping for the shop to be open after all weekend Masses.

At present assistance is required following the 10:30am and 6pm Sunday Masses.

If you are able to help, please contact Rachel at the parish office for more information. (ph: 9480 3398)

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.



Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

Please join Father for breakfast on,
Monday 2 September in the presbytery
after the 9:10am Mass. All Welcome



A Prayer for Fathers

*God our common Father,
We give you thanks and praise for
fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers, newly
embracing their vocation. May they
find courage and perseverance to
balance work, family and faith in joy
and sacrifice.
We pray for our own fathers around
the world whose children are lost or
suffering.
May they know that the God of Compassion walks with
them in their sorrow.*



*We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and
guide us with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers and great
grandfathers who are now no longer with us but who live
forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen.*

Happy Father's Day

*Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers,
great-grandfathers and fathers-to-be in our Parish!
The world needs you and we are grateful for you.*



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Welcome friends, to the **Season of Creation** which starts each year on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. The Season of Creation is a time to "put right" our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion and change of lifestyle. It is a global ecumenical celebration where we pray and act together as a Christian family for our common home.

The symbol for 2024 is **the first fruits of hope** (Rom 8:19-25). Hope is given to us by God as a protection and guard against futility. Only through hope may we realise the gift of freedom in fullness. Freedom to act not only to achieve enjoyment and prosperity, but to reach the stage in which we are free and responsible. Freedom and responsibility enable us to make the world a better place. Only when we work together with creation can the firstfruits of hope emerge. For more information please visit: seasonofcreation.org

"To hope and act with creation means above all to join forces and to walk together with all men and women of good will."
Pope Francis, 1 September 2024



Children's activity pages

Please find in the foyer of the Church activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



Sacred Heart Church Social Planning Committee – NEWS

Save the Date

- Mission Sunday Talent Show: Sunday 20 October 2024



The Unseen Depth of a Father's Love

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."

~ Unknown ~

Fathers are the quiet strength in our lives, guiding us with love and wisdom. They may not always speak loudly, but their actions show their deep care and commitment. Fathers teach us valuable lessons about hard work, honesty and kindness. They support us through challenges, celebrate our successes and provide a steady presence in our lives. Even if our fathers are no longer with us, their influence persists in the values they instilled and the memories we hold. Their love continues to inspire and define who we are. Whether offering advice, sharing laughter or simply being there, fathers shape our lives in countless ways throughout the year. Let's honour and appreciate them for all they have given us and cherish the lasting impact they have made on our lives.



Dear God, we thank You for the gift of fathers and the love they bring into our lives. Bless them with strength, wisdom and good health. Guide them as they continue to provide, support and nurture their families. For those who are no longer with us, we ask for Your comfort and peace. May we honour their memory by living with the values they taught us and reflecting the love they shared. Help us show our appreciation and love, not just today, but every day. Amen.

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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.



Volunteer Lawn Mowers and Gardeners Needed

We require the help of our Parishioners to mow our lawns and do some weeding of the Church and presbytery grounds. Kindly contact Rachel in the office on 9480 3398 if you are able to help. All equipment will be supplied. Thank you.

Joke Corner

...because it's Father's Day, here are some Dad jokes ...
Do you know the name of the only green musician? Elvis Parsley...
Why did the coffee file a police report? It got mugged...
What's blue & smells like Red Paint? Blue paint ...
When you're driving past a cemetery and dad pipes up with: "I bet everyone is dying to get in there!"
Dad, did you get a haircut? No, I got them all cut...
How do you make a Kleenex dance? Put a little boogie in it!...
Dad: What do you want for dinner?
Kid: I feel like a pizza.
Dad: Well, you don't look like one!...
I asked my dad for his best joke and he said "You" ...



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 14(15):2-5

The Response Is:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’ He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED.

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.

