

6th Sunday of Easter, 9 May 2021, Year B

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 97(98):1-4
The Response Is:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-10
My dear people,

let us love one another since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world
his only Son so that we could have life through him;

this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son

to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me:

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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6th Sunday Easter, 9 May 2021, Year B Mothers' Day

Something to ponder on Mother's Day

Historically Mother's Day celebration was started by Anna M. Jarvis in 1908. It was during the memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, whom she loved so dearly, that Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower), to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. After a Mother's Day bill passed both houses in 1914, it was signed into law on May 9 by President Woodrow Wilson who proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day. At present Mother's Day is celebrated in more than 46 countries throughout the world, including Australia which celebrates it on the second Sunday of May.

What is at the heart of Mother's Day celebration? Well, it is a special occasion to thank our mothers. Surely we must thank them every day in our life! But on this day we salute them for their tenacious and sacrificial love for their children, for the tremendous impact they have on their children and for their intimate relationship with us from birth to death. We learn to speak by calling "mum" and die with the same name on our lips.

How do we celebrate Mother's Day? There are many ways of celebrating it. For example: treating your mother with a breakfast in bed, taking her out for lunch or dinner, or picnic, or movies, trip, giving her a special gift, and so on. But as Catholics, did you ever think of offering our mothers on the altar? We offer our Mass on Mother's Day for all mothers, whether they are alive here or have gone to their eternal reward. We also thank God for all the mothers in our parish and offer them on the altar. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." I think it true. The word "mum" associates with sacrificial love in its purest form. On this Mother's Day, let us gratefully admit the fact that we cannot return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Hence, let us thank our mothers today by lavishing our love on them if they are alive and by offering our prayers for them if they have gone for their eternal reward. I recall an anecdote of Bishop Giuseppe Sarto (later Pope St. Pius X). When he first became a Bishop, he experienced a little touch of vanity as he proudly held up his hand to his loving mother and said, "Mother, look at my Episcopal ring!" His mother, being a strong Italian peasant, returned by holding up her elderly and worn hand bearing her wedding ring and said: "If it were not for this ring, you would not have that ring!" Who can ever take the place of a mother who gave us birth, trained us, and sacrificed her time and health for us? Rudyard Kipling wrote: If I were hanged on the highest hill, I know whose love would follow me still. Mother of mine. Mother of mine. If I were drowned in the deepest sea, I know whose tears would come down to me. Mother of mine, Mother of mine. If I were damned by body and soul, I know whose prayers would make me whole. Mother of mine, Mother of mine. (Based on Fr. Anthony Kadavil)

Happy Mother's Day



"This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you"

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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

Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)


Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

Meditation on Jesus for Healing and Wellbeing of Body and Soul
One day Retreat
 Saturday 15th May 2021: 10am – 4pm.
 BYO lunch. Cost \$25, Concession \$20
 Registration is necessary by phone or email.
 (concludes with Mass)
Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD
At: Janssen Spirituality Centre,
 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155.
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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.

Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:
 Visit <https://bit.ly/3sNC1W1>
 where you can listen anytime!




Sacred Heart Primary School 2021 Enrolments
 Enrolments for the 2021 school year are open as of Monday 1st March. 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.


Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021
 Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) are required to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church.



Welcome!
 This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Levi Donisi, Leah Cherubin and Martin An Thanh Nguyen** into our Parish family

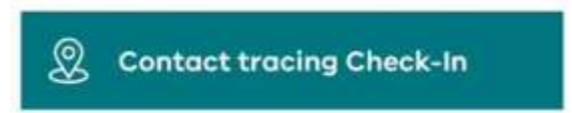


Last Week's Collection: 2/5/21
 1st Collection for our Church: \$886
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$415
Thank you for your kind generosity!





Chaplaincy Appeal 2021
 Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

NEW - Electronic sign in by QR code
 Sacred Heart church is now using Electronic Sign-in by QR Code for all Masses as directed by the Victorian Government. Paper based record keeping is no longer accepted. To Sign-in when you arrive at church, you can use the QR Code posters in the foyer. Scan the QR Code using the Services Victoria App on your smart phone.
 Note: You MUST have the Services Victoria App installed
 Tip: Install the app now from: <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/>
 When you arrive at church, open the Services Victoria App and tap on the "Contact tracing Check-In" button (as shown below) then scan the QR Code on the posters in the foyer.



Then, you only need to enter your first name and phone number. The parish will not receive this data. The Victorian Government contact tracers will use this data if a Covid-19 outbreak occurs. The data is stored by the government for 28 days. We will have volunteers in the foyer to assist anyone who does not have a smart-phone - please be patient and arrive with plenty of time before Mass.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS
 The saints show us that we can praise God always, in good times and in bad, because He is the faithful friend, and his love never fails.




LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19
Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne
Updated as of 5:00pm Thursday 8 April 2021:
 Full guidelines can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3uBL1io>

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.

Happy Mother's Day!
Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and expectant mothers in our Parish!
Wishing you all the love, health and happiness that you truly deserve

A Prayer For Mothers
 All loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for all who have loved us and helped shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict. May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes tears away. We pray for all who spend their lives caring, protecting, teaching and nurturing strength and confidence in others. We remember mothers, grandmothers and godmothers who are no longer with us but whose love is in our memory forever. Loving God, bless our mothers. May your loving presence be a source of strength, comfort and peace to them as theirs has been to others.




CELEBRATING the 6th Anniversary of LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



It is six years since Pope Francis wrote his encyclical Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home. Pope Francis invited Catholics of the world to become involved in ecological conversion to restore and nurture our home planet as it is now seriously threatened with environmental degradation and global warming. Pope Francis writes in his encyclical: LS 4: I stand in a long line of popes and other church leaders throughout the world who have spoken about this. Blessed Pope Paul VI in 1971 called attention to the ecological catastrophe that threatened to turn against the human family, depriving people of food and homes. LS 5: Pope John Paul II called for a global ecological conversion. We humans exploit our natural environment, he said, wildly consuming as much as we can. A true conversion he taught, would lead to an "authentic human ecology." God has entrusted the world to us, and we must steer all development toward the human person, not merely toward human gain. The community of Sacred Heart Preston intends to be attentive to Laudato Si: Care for our Common home. Each week there will be updates on how you can become involved in this awesome work in response to the urgent call of Pope Francis who chose his papal name in honour of St Francis of Assisi patron saint of animals and ecology. PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE

WE PRAY FOR:
 The elderly and the sick
Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, John Plum, and ronislawa Slobodzian
 That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect
 Those who have died recently
Pauline Burr
 We Commemorate
Eugenia Mendes, Angelo D'Souza, Nello Regnani, Ersilia Regnani, Michela Gandolfo, Marianna Privitelli, Serafina Marcedu & Di Nicolino Spanu & Di Nardi Marianna & Leonardo Bertucci & Maria Spanu (1st anniv.), Giovanna Loria, Loffo Rosina, Fortunata Vorluni, Raffaella Paiano, & for all the deceased of the Paiano Loffo & Loria families, Pio Vigo
 O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Ministers and Readers
 At present, only one Extraordinary minister of the Eucharist has been allocated for each mass if required. This will depend partly on numbers of attendees at each mass and ongoing circumstances related to Covid-19. If you are continuing or are no longer available for these ministries or for a mass time, please advise the office, Jessy or myself as soon as possible and the roster will be adjusted. **The Parish Safe Standards committee is currently updating its record of volunteers who hold current Working with Children Checks, as it is now compulsory for all Clergy, volunteers and employees.** If you need to apply for a WWCC, update your currently held Card or add Sacred Heart Church to your list of organisations in which you work as a volunteer, please ask for clarification by contacting the presbytery office or myself. Teachers who hold current VIT cards will nominate organisations in which they undertake volunteer work via VIT and the Parish will be advised via the WWCC Unit. Thank you for your ministries past and present to our Sacred Heart community. Pauline O'Day - Parish SS Committee

Roster for weekend of 15/16 May 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Barbara Fitzgerald
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Eileen Stevens Jessica Suppiah	Pauline Veamatahau
Sun 6.00pm	Anna Liggieri Robert Dullard	Damian Casamento

Cleaning Roster:
Saturday 15 May 2021
Anna O'Neill & Lucy
Thank you for your help

