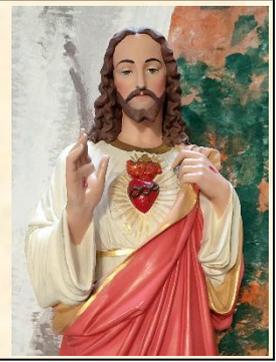




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Parish Mass Schedule

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 3 May 2024

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.
(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



Holy Rosary: Thursday (English) after the 9:10am Mass

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

4th Monday of the month, the next one is on

Monday 8 April (2nd Monday) in the presbytery after 9:10am Mass.

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday 24 March 2024 (Year B)

From Palms to the Cross

This final Sunday of Lent engages us in a full dress rehearsal for the liturgies of the three great days about to be celebrated: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. From the singing of “Hosanna” and waving of branches at the beginning, to contemplating Jesus the crucified and leaving in silence to anticipate the rise of a new dawn, no other Liturgy in the year evokes our response in such diverse ways as today’s.

Mass is preceded by a commemoration and re-enactment of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. He arrives on a domestic animal - riding on a donkey not a warhorse, much less than in a chariot as would a conquerer. Acclaimed enthusiastically with palm branches and hosannas, He comes in peace surrounded at first by ordinary people amongst whom He has shared His Father’s mission to “bring good news to the poor”. In so doing He subverts popular expectations of a political messiah but nevertheless is seen as a potential threat to political and religious control by those in power.

The second highlight of today’s liturgy is the proclamation of the Passion narrative according to Mark. Mark is concerned to present Jesus as the Messiah- the Christ- who fulfills Israel’s deepest longings and hopes, while at the same time confounding those expectations held by some. For Mark, Jesus is at one and the same time the suffering servant of Isaiah, royal son of David’s lineage, faithful Messiah, Son of man and Son of God. In its own way this liturgy touches on the ebb and flow of life, the ups and downs, the joys and struggle to be faithful like Jesus to what we believe and those whose lives touch ours.

So we hold our piece of palm, sing and demonstrate in our procession our willingness to follow Him. Then we stand at the Gospel and the piece of palm takes on a new significance as we contemplate the reality of human pain and suffering. Now it is a call to us to be faithful as Jesus was ready to be faithful, not to give up hope when life seriously tests us and our brothers and sisters for God is with us.

It is the beginning of an extraordinary week. We are invited to walk with Jesus through it and come eventually to the Resurrection which will shed new hope and new light on suffering. We are not asked to believe that suffering is good in itself but we are challenged to see that good can come of it and to recognise – in Jesus - God’s solidarity with all those who endure suffering for doing what is right and compassionate to others. For it is through our humanity that we are united as one human family with the mercy and unconditional love of God who longs to be One with usas the song goes:

“...in Eternal Love yesterday is now and our Pain, Joy and Life is in the Heart of God”.

*“God Remembers”
-Marty Haugen OCP*



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 Lectors(Readers)	Saturday 6:00pm Mass - Ministers of Communion
23-Mar-24	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
30-Mar-24	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
06-Apr-24	Rohan Lemos Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy

	Sunday 10:30am Mass Lectors(Readers)	Sunday 10:30am Mass Ministers of Communion
24-Mar-24	Judeline Wadhvani Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley
31-Mar-24	Albert D'Souza Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
07-Apr-24	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Lectors(Readers)	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Ministers of Communion
24-Mar-24	Michelle Totawatte Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard
31-Mar-24	Natalie Baran Tim Rankin	Robert Dullard
07-Apr-24	Tim Rankin Michelle Totawatte	Robert Dullard



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, Ampelio Cavallin

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:

Peter Bourke (RIP 16/3. Funeral Mon 25/3 at 11am)
John Taranto (RIP 15/3. Funeral Tues 26/3 at 11am)
Liliana Bonelli (RIP 18/3. Funeral Wed 27/3 at 11am)

We Commemorate:

Narcisca Liwanag (Sat 23/3 at 6pm)
Raffaella De Lucia (3 months – Sun 24/3 at 9am)
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last 2 Week's Collection: 10/3 & 17/3

1st Collection for our Church: \$946 & \$1,124
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$762 & \$689
Thank you for your kind generosity!



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION:

On **Good Friday** there will be a special collection for the Holy Land. Your donation supports the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing financial assistance to schools, medical centres, parishes, orphanages, welfare projects and poor Christians and it helps preserve the sacred shrines associated with the life of Jesus Australian Christians can help by our donations.

Envelopes can be found in the foyer.

Please give generously.



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.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



A person's dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee. Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of humanity.



Baptism Congratulations

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Gabriele Farina

for his Baptism on 23 March.



Holy Week Program 2024

Thurs 28 March **Mass of the Last Supper** at 7:30pm

Fri 29 March **Good Friday**

10:00am - Stations of the Cross

3:00pm - Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Our Lord

Sat 30 March **Easter Vigil Mass** at 7:30pm

Sun 31 March **Easter Sunday** - normal Sunday Masses

Please Note: There will be NO morning Masses on Holy Thursday 28/3, Good Friday 29/3 and Holy Saturday 30/3



Volunteers Needed

Are you available to participate in our Holy Week Ceremonies?

Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar servers, singers, projectionists, those who clean and prepare the church, collectors are all needed for:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Commemoration of the Lords Passion

Easter Vigil Mass

If you can assist, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au or phone 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



Dinner Dance: 13 April 2024

Sacred Heart Hall, 85 David Street Preston

Doors open at 6.30pm, Dinner at 7.00pm

Adults \$50, Children under 12yr \$35

Dinner, deserts and soft drinks provided, BYO Alcohol

Starlight DJ providing the music, Games and Prizes to be won

Dress code: Smart Elegant

Ticket sales close 24 March 2024, Bookings: contact 0406 777 986.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year B

This gospel is read at the procession with palms before Mass:

Gospel Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."'

And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it.

And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Hosanna in the highest! The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

The Response Is:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING *Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mark 14:1-15:47

Key: N. Narrator. ✕ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

N.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

N. It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said,

C. It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.

N. Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly,

C. Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor.

N. and they were angry with her. But Jesus said,

✕ Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works.

You have the poor with you always, and you can be kind to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what was in her power to do: she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her.

N. Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

C. Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?

N. So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

✕ Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: "Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.

N. The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,

✕ I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me, one of you eating with me.

N. They were distressed and asked him, one after another,

C. Not I, surely?

N. He said to them,

✕ It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

N. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

✕ Take it: this is my body.

N. Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them,

✕ This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.

N. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

✕ You will all lose faith, for the scripture says: 'I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.' However, after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N. Peter said,

O. Even if all lose faith, I will not.

N. And Jesus said to him,

✕ I tell you solemnly, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.

N. But he repeated still more earnestly,

O. If I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N. And they all said the same.

They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples,

✕ Stay here while I pray.

N. Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them,

✕ My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and keep awake.

N. And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said:

✕ Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N. He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

✕ Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

N. Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them,

✕ You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to go! My betrayal is in the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already.

N. Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said,

O. The one I kiss he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.

N. So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,

O. Rabbi!

N. and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.

Then Jesus spoke:

✠ Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.

N. And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked.

They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

C. We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'

N. But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,

O. Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

N. But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him,

O. Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?

N. Jesus said,

✠ I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

N. The high priest tore his robes, and said:

O. What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?

N. And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die.

Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting,

C. Play the prophet!

N. And the attendants rained blows on him.

While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said,

O. You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

N. But he denied it, saying,

O. I do not know, I do not understand, what you are talking about.

N. And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,

O. This fellow is one of them.

N. But again he denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

C. You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.

N. But he started calling down curses on himself and swearing,

O. I do not know the man you speak of.

N. At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears.

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

✠ It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again:

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again:

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him: they enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✠ Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying:

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. All kneel and pause for a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.

N. There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is, the vigil of the sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who bought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

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.

