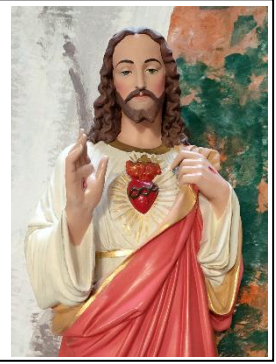




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 4 November

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:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

New Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on
Monday 6 November in the presbytery after
9:10am Mass.

Bulletin printed 13/10/2023

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 8 October 2023 (Year A)

You Are invited but Are You Dressed for It?

The image of a great banquet to which all are invited appears often in the pages of the Bible as a sign of Divine Hospitality - God's inclusiveness and all-embracing mercy towards all to any who would embrace and live by it even in times of suffering and oppression. In the first reading Isaiah reminds his people of God's merciful love for them at a time when the inhabitants of Jerusalem suffer under the ruthless invasion of the Assyrian Empire. Into this situation of sadness and want Isaiah brings a message of hope reminding his people of God's faithful love: "God will make a banquet for us. There will be plenty for all and God Himself will heal us - will wipe away the tears from every cheek."

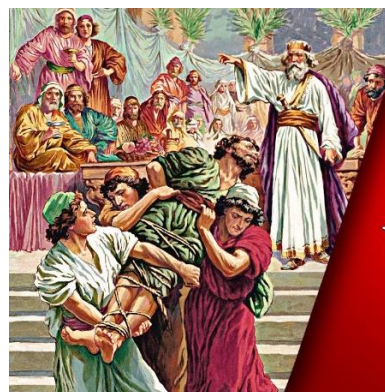
God is present where all people can sit down together, putting aside differences, sharing the same fellowship and ongoing peace. God's vision is that life should be lived in the same fellowship, not once a year but always. In this sense, God comes to us disguised as our shared life.

Matthew's story of the wedding banquet, like several of the Jesus parables has a sting in its tale. The king is planning a wedding feast for his son. He sends out a lot of personal invitations to people who usually get invited to such occasions. But the Invited knock the invitations back without, doing the king the courtesy of explanations. Some even kill the king's messengers. However, the banquet will go on. The king sends his surviving messengers out again to invite anyone they might run into - rich, poor, good, bad, despised 'nobodies' in the eyes of the Elite. Such is the generosity of the king and the love for his son.

During the feast, the king notices that one of the last invited guests has not made an effort to come reasonably dressed for the occasion. When asked why, he ignores the question. The king's response is swift. He has the unprepared guest turfed out into the darkness. The original hearers would not have been in any doubt about the subject of this story. God's kingdom is not for the complacent, those who feel they belong by birth or piety. To participate one must come 'dressed for it.' In the early Church, being Baptized was likened to 'putting on Christ, a new garment' and was about 'living the Gospel as Jesus did'

In our Christian tradition, the image of the feast evokes the Eucharist - what the Second Vatican Council called the Source and summit of Christian Life. When we gather to share the Eucharist we experience the presence and the hospitality of Jesus who unites us as one family and is in the midst of us as 'One who serves'.

It is not just a matter of rocking up to the feast, we are called to repentance and a new way of living - to be community builders. To put on Christ is to be clothed in compassion, concern and humble service, making the connection between receiving the generous hospitality of God and witnessing to it in our own interactions with others. We who are invited as friends are also the stewards and hosts united by the Hospitality (the Spirit) of God. So let's turn up suitably dressed. Let us put on Christ.



**THE
PARABLE
OF THE
WEDDING
FEAST**

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
14-Oct-23	Mary Harb Natalie Baran	Charlotte Bainy
21-Oct-23	Celia Lemos Natalie Baran	Mary Harb
28-Oct-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
15-Oct-23	Jessy Thambiraj Hannah Lopez	Giovanna D' Intino
22-Oct-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
29-Oct-23	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
15-Oct-23	Albert D'Souza Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard
22-Oct-23	Albert D'Souza Marijana Jurjevic	Damian Casamento
29-Oct-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento

Readers, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, kindly contact another reader to organise a swap or advise your co-reader that he/she may need to prepare **all** allocated readings.



Ministers of Communion, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day kindly contact another minister to organise a swap. Thank you



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Ylenia Useli, *Our parishioners, family members and friends,* that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Antonio Stigliano (RIP 8/10. Funeral Wed 18/10 at 11am)
Maria Carocci (Funeral Thurs 19/10 at 11am)
Esterina Lopez

We Commemorate:

Vincenzo, Mario, Eelisa Caruso, and Graziano Caruso.
Lupo Gugliotti, Rosaria, and Francesco Pannella.
Cosimo Oppedisano.

*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Last Week's Collection: 8/10/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,146
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$1,090
Thank you for your kind generosity!



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

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 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, St Hedwig, Religious, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin.

Wednesday 18 October

St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

Thursday 19 October

*Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests, and their Companions, Martyrs
St Paul of the Cross, Priest (1694 - 1775)*



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Participation, mission, and communion are the characteristics of a humble Church, one that is attentive to the voice of the Spirit and one that is not self-centred.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)

All are welcome spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.



"Stay with Me, remain here with Me... Watch and pray..."



✠ **Welcome before Baptism** ✠

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Sacred Heart rejoice that you have chosen to baptize your child and we pray that in the coming years you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God, that is everlasting.

The Parish introduces to the Sacred Heart community

Brooklyn Micallef

in preparation for his Baptism on 28 October.



✠ **Baptism Congratulations** ✠

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Jevon & Jayvion Suriyaaratchchi

for their Baptisms on 14 October.



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support our parish and priest, 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. Kindly consider donating to both the Church and Presbytery accounts.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support to Sacred Heart parish.





2023
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
 OCTOBER 22nd

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is a day where we recommit ourselves as Catholics to our mission to spread the Good News of Christ. Pope Francis has set the theme for this year's World Mission Day: *'Hearts on Fire,*

FEET ON THE MOVE,' inspired by the disciples' encounter with Jesus at Emmaus. Please save the date for our Mission Sunday event: **Mission Sunday Family Fun Day Picnic**

Sunday 22 October 2023
 after 10.30 am Sunday Mass
 Sausage Sizzle, Family Outdoor Games, Music and Dancing.
 BYO Picnic Food and drinks.
 Venue: Sacred Heart School grounds.



CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

In the smallest villages around the world ... even there, you will find local missionaries who live to serve their communities. Missionaries who, led by the Holy Spirit, walk with those in most need. Missionaries like Sr Carolina.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address the health and well-being of this community.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes are still available. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

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



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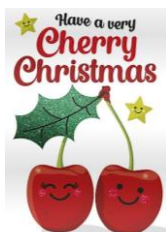
"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are sceptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are sceptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.



Let's have a CHERRY CHRISTMAS

Come join us for a day of Cherry Picking 11.30am, Saturday 25 November 2023
 30 Chapman Road Silvan
 Adults \$18.00
 Children 5 - 14 years \$9.00
 Concession available
 Please register your interest by placing your name and mobile on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.



Mass for Marriage Anniversaries

Sunday 22 October 2023, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Couples and their families are invited to join the celebration of the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 15 October:
trybooking.com/CLKRB

For any Queries please contact:
 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au



Proclaim 2023

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission!

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232> use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au



Men's Weekend (facilitated by menALIVE)

menALIVE seeks to renew faith in God and encourage men to become an active force of renewal in the Church. During the weekend, the team will share about their lives, the challenges they face, and the hope they have discovered in walking with God. The most powerful part of the weekend? The space for men to reflect and share with each other.

An opportunity to explore what makes you fully alive. For men of all ages and stages of the faith journey.

Saturday 28 October

8am - Registration
 8.30pm - End of Day #1

Sunday 29 October

8.30am - Start
 12.30pm - Sunday Mass
 1.30pm - Finish

Cost: \$40 per person

RSVP by 21 October. Lunch and dinner are provided.

For all enquiries, please call Ruki Fernando on 0413 477 125 or Peter Golding 0425 782 408.



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

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mum was talking about her side of the family."



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

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

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all
peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained
wines.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,

for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our
God

in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22(23)

The Response Is:

***I shall live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.***

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

***I shall live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.***

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your
staff; with these you give me comfort.

***I shall live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.***

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

***I shall live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.***

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

***I shall live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.***

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how
to be rich too. I have been through my
initiation and now I am ready for
anything anywhere: full stomach or
empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There
is nothing I cannot master with the help
of the One who gives me strength. All the
same, it was good of you to share with me
in my hardships. In return my God will
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,
our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests
and elders of the people in parables: 'The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a king who gave a feast for his son's
wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they
would not come. Next he sent some more

servants. "Tell those who have been
invited" he said "that I have my banquet
all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle
have been slaughtered, everything is
ready. Come to the wedding." But they
were not interested: one went off to his
farm, another to his business, and the rest
seized his servants, maltreated them and
killed them. The king was furious. He
despatched his troops, destroyed those
murderers and burnt their town. Then he
said to his servants, "The wedding is
ready; but as those who were invited
proved to be unworthy, go to the
crossroads in the town and invite
everyone you can find to the wedding."
So these servants went out on to the roads
and collected together everyone they
could find, bad and good alike; and the
wedding hall was filled with guests.
When the king came in to look at the
guests he noticed one man who was not
wearing a wedding garment, and said to
him, "How did you get in here, my friend,
without a wedding garment?" And the
man was silent. Then the king said to the
attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and
throw him out into the dark, where there
will be weeping and grinding of teeth."
For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.

