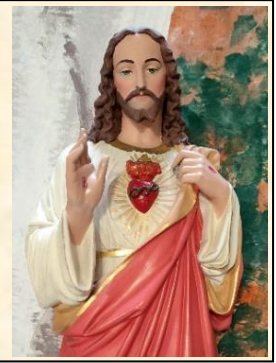




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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## Office Hours:

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**Safeguarding Committee:**

**Safeguarding Officer:** Robert Dullard

**Safeguarding Committee: Members:**

Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

**Parish Council Members:**

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Mark Tierney,  
Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline  
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**Liturgy Committee:**

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

**Coordinators:**

Lectors and Audio Visual – Jessy Thambiraj

Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica  
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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 7 October** 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.*

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 6 October 2024

**“May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.”**

‘Respect for life’ is one message that can be drawn from today’s readings. They lead us to consider the nature of family in the scheme of creation and the way its members relate to each other. Respecting life includes the necessity of preserving and maintaining caring, loving and respectful relationships from which new life is nurtured and will grow.

The creation myth - the second message – though earlier of the two, appearing in the book of Genesis is one of the most beautiful in the bible, especially in its portrayal of a compassionate, providential God who, fashioning human beings and other living creatures, entrusts the care and guardianship of the earth and its inhabitants to humanity. The responsibility of naming the creatures is reminiscent of the privilege of parents to name a child entrusted to them and with whom they will share a unique nurturing and loving relationship. Equally fascinating is the way in which the creation of the woman is described.

It is to this story that Jesus refers when some leaders put Him to the test concerning the cold and limited views of marriage interpreted through rigid rules about divorce. Jesus is not seduced into a debate. His assertion is that marriage is more than a contract entered into by two persons; it is a symbol of and a participation in the creative plan of God – a partnership of mutual self-giving and care that should be nurtured and infuse family life. Human life as about relationship and what closer description of “God” could there be than Divine Relationship – as Pope Frances describes it:

In our times, human limitation is just as much a reality as it was in the ancient world. We have ideals but fall far short of them in so many ways; but such is the nature of an ‘ideal’. When this happens in marriage, the consequences can be more far-reaching than in other aspects of our lives. The parties involved become the ‘little ones’ whose lives are shattered or disorientated. When parents part company, the best interests and needs of the children are the most vital but hardest to address. More so when domestic violence or abuse of a partner is an element of the breakdown. Too often in the past, those who have experienced the trauma have felt alienated from the worshipping community. The Gospel ends with a story about people bringing their children to Jesus. When the disciples attempt to send them away, Jesus reprimands them and reminds them that children are important persons never to be excluded from the inner circles of love and compassion. They are examples of the kind of complete trust and dependence on God that ought to energise all believers as they go forth to spread God’s Love in their living.

We might hear today’s gospel as an encouragement to continue to build a warm and welcoming community in which families - and children in particular - feel supported, encouraged and protected.

And may we who come together to celebrate as One Body in Christ Jesus go forth and bear God’s love to the lonely, the forgotten and fearful of our world.

May Jesus’ mission be Ours.

## 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
05-Oct	Teresa Dang Rohan Lemos	Charlotte Bainy	
12-Oct	Terry Murphy Celia Lemos	Mary Harb	
19-Oct	Marlene Vergou Mary Harb	Terry Murphy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
06-Oct	Ophelia Swai Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens		
13-Oct	Ophelia Swai Jessy Thambiraj	Giovanna D'Intino	Jessica	
20-Oct	Hannah Thambiraj Marilene Fortuna	Gerard Grant	Jessy	

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
06-Oct	Tim Rankin Shanthi Antony	Damian Casamento
13-Oct	John Gaffney Susan Bakani	Robert Dullard
20-Oct	Jenifer Cahapay Snehlita Antony	Robert Dullard

### Attention Ministers of Communion and Lectors:

#### Liturgical Ministers Roster

The current Liturgical Ministers roster will conclude on 27 October and the next roster (2/3 November to 22/23 February) will be prepared in the next few weeks. Kindly advise your availability as Lector or Minister Of Communion by contacting Rachel - [preston@cam.org.au](mailto:preston@cam.org.au) or 9480 3398 Thank you.

*♥ 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:

*Eduardo Rossi (RIP 29/9) – Funeral: Thurs 10 Oct. at 11am*  
*Armando Pacella*

##### We Commemorate:

*Caterina & Giovanni Tesioriero – Sun 6/10 at 9am*  
*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*



#### Last Week's Collection: 29.9.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$917

(Electronic contributions for September: \$2,012)

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$936

(Electronic contributions for September: \$320)

Thank you for your kind generosity!



#### Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

Please join Father for breakfast on,  
**Monday 7 October** in the presbytery

after the 9:10am Mass. All Welcome



## 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 ✠

*Monday 7 October*      *Our Lady of Rosary*  
*Wednesday 9 October*      *St Denise, Bishop and his Companions, Martyrs, St John Leonardi, Priest*  
*Friday 11 October*      *St John XXIII, Pope*



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

*On 7 October, I ask everyone to take part in a day of Prayer and fasting for Peace in the world. Let us PrayTogether!*



SCAN ME



### World Mission Sunday – 20 October

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

**You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.**



### Mass for Marriage Anniversaries

**Sunday 20 October 2024, 11.00am–12.00pm**

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Couples who register and are celebrating one of these anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 13 October  
For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au).



### Mission: Transform Lives *- theirs...and yours*

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our [Discovery Online](#) session Wednesday 9 October. Explore [unique opportunities](#) matching your skills to sustainable solutions.

**Venue:** Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Wednesday 9 October 2024

**Time:** 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**02 9560 5333**      [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



### 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.



## World Mission Month

As we begin the month of October, we enter a special period of reflection and action. **World Mission Sunday**, which will be celebrated on 20 October, is a vital time for All of us to support the spread of the Gospel in mission territories.

The year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis is, **"Go and invite everyone to the banquet"**, emphasizing our call to bring God's love and message through action to all corners of the world.

But where does Mission start?

A four year old child told his grandmother the answer.

"Gran, God is in my heart. Can we share him?"



## **TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*

(Rom 8:19-25)

The theme for this year's Season of Creation was **"To hope and act with creation"** and yet it can sometimes be difficult to see or feel this hope in our world today.

The Season of Creation ecumenical committee offered this reflection on hope:

"There's a phrase commonly attributed to Saint Augustine that says: 'Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.' As we witness the cries and sufferings of Earth and all creatures, let holy anger move us toward the courage to be hopeful and active for justice. We believe that the incarnation of God's Son offers guidance enabling us to face the troubling world. God is with us in efforts to respond to the challenges of the world we are living in (cf. Romans 8:23)."

What might God reveal to you about hope and action for our common home?

*"May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope."* - Pope Francis

Source Adapted from [Earthbeat/NCR](http://Earthbeat/NCR)



## **World Teachers' Day - Inspiring Minds and Shaping Futures**

**"A good teacher can inspire hope,  
ignite the imagination and instil a love of learning."**

*~ Brad Henry ~*

**World Teachers' Day on 5 October** is a time to celebrate the incredible impact teachers have on our lives. They do much more than just share knowledge; they inspire us to think, dream and believe in ourselves. Teachers help us understand the world and guide us toward becoming the best we can be. They encourage our curiosity and support us when we face challenges, always believing in our potential. On this special day, we honour their hard work, patience and dedication. Let's take a moment to appreciate the important role teachers play in shaping our future and commit to supporting them in their vital work.



*Dear God, thank You for the gift of teachers who guide, nurture and inspire. Bless them with wisdom, patience and strength. May they continue to uplift and empower their students, sharing knowledge with love and compassion. Grant them joy and fulfillment in all they do. Amen.*

Sourced from [www.majellan.media](http://www.majellan.media)

## Sacred Heart Church Social Planning Committee – NEWS

### Save the Date

### **Mission Sunday**

We will be celebrating **Mission Sunday** on the 20th of October. As part of the celebration, the Social Committee of Sacred Heart Church with Father Aloysius' blessings will be hosting a Talent Show. The theme for this year is "Go and invite everyone to the Banquet". So, get ready to be Sacred Heart Parish's superstar...

Registration is now open. The 3 categories are:

- 1) Prep to Year 6
- 2) Year 7 to Year 12
- 3) Adults

The Talent Show will take place in the Sacred Heart Primary School Hall at 12pm. The registration fee of \$5 has been waived. Since it is Mission Sunday, please come and share your faith with us through song, dance, poetry or through any other talent you are blessed with.

If you have further questions, please contact the social committee members or the parish office on 9480 3398.



### Bible Study

Come and join us on this great adventure and learn the riches of the "greatest story ever told."

9 Wednesdays: 16 October to 11 December

7:30pm – 9:00 pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery

Contact: email: [csiena.biblestudy@gmail.com](mailto:csiena.biblestudy@gmail.com)

mobile: 0408 520 739

*If you are interested but prefer a different day and time, please let us know and we will see if this can be accommodated.*

Please register by Sunday 29 September



### 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 ☺

To commemorate World Teachers' Day here are some teacher jokes...

Teacher: What did you do at the weekend?

Student: I did some cooking.

Teacher: Lovely, what did you bake?

Student: Synonym rolls just like grammar used to make!

Maths teachers...

Why was the geometry book so adorable?

Because it had acute angles.

How do you comfort a grammar teacher?

Say... "They're, there, their."

Why was the teacher wearing sunglasses in the classroom?

Because the class was so bright.

For the Kindergarten teachers...

Which school teachers have the greenest thumbs?

The kinder-garden teachers.

Teacher: If I had 8 oranges in one hand and 10 apples in the other hand, what would I have?

Student: Big hands!

Teacher: What is the most common phrase used in school?

Student: I don't know!

Teacher: Correct!

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

## 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

*Genesis 2:18-24*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 127(128)**

*The Response Is:*

**May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

**May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

**May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace!

**May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 2:9-11*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*Mark 10:2-16*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him

again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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.

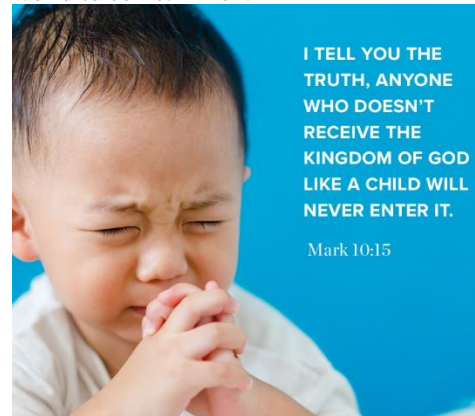
He ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.

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.



I TELL YOU THE  
TRUTH, ANYONE  
WHO DOESN'T  
RECEIVE THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD  
LIKE A CHILD WILL  
NEVER ENTER IT.

Mark 10:15