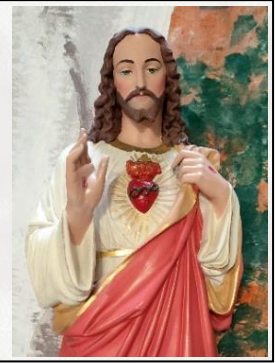




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Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

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Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

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Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

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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 7 Feb. 2025

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 December 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.

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE *Sunday 24 November 2024 (Year B)*

“Your Kingdom Come”

The Church Year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God as a King and the Kingdom of God are mentioned many times throughout the “Old” and the “New” Testaments and every time we pray the “Our Father”. In 1925 when the world was still reeling from the horrors of World War 1, Pope Pius XI decided it was time to counter rising hostile powers of the world by instituting the Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe to let the world know the true nature of ultimate authority and care of the world and its people.

In a western society where democratic rule is ‘professed’ - if not actually practiced, the notion of “kingship” may bring to mind images of wealth, elitism and remoteness from people and therefore could pose complexity when attributed to Jesus. However, the image of the king set before us in today’s Gospel is not of one arrayed in lavish royal robes, and holding an orb - symbol of world control in His hands. The one who stands before Pontius Pilate is a tattered, degraded tortured human being wearing a ‘crown’ of thorns and abandoned by His friends for whom He would endure even more suffering by laying down His life for them – in fact, for all humanity. Such is the way of Love and this is the source and nature of His authority – the unconditional Love of God which empowers Him to stand before Pilate with integrity and dignity on behalf of the suffering, abused and abandoned of the world.

The kingship of Jesus, then, is not like that of the ruling Roman emperor. Rather, it is quite the opposite. So, when Pilate asks Jesus (with a smirk) if He is a king and Jesus eventually tells him that His “kingdom is not of ‘this world’” He is referring to the world and values of the Roman Empire: destructive and dominant values of wealth, power and control at the expense of the weak, poor and vulnerable. Against this dominance, Jesus’ Kingship is about truth, honesty and integrity. It is about generosity, service, self- sacrifice and justice. It’s about mercy and care for all people but especially for those who are poor, broken-hearted, neglected or ignored. His is a Kingdom grounded and directed by the One fundamental universal Commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you”.

This is what the Kingdom of Christ our King will look like as today’s preface declares it: “a Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love and grace”.

“As disciples of Jesus we have a role in bringing about and spreading God’s Kingdom. That role is to contribute to justice, love, peace and truth in our homes, parishes, work places and local communities. Jesus even gave us a guide in the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes give us a blueprint for building the Kingdom here on earth.” (Greg Ryan Spirituality of Visitations ST V de P)

Today let us rededicate ourselves to acknowledging the reign of Christ Jesus in every aspect of our lives as we pray as One:

**“Our Father...
...Your Kingdom Come!”**

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



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
16-Nov-	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy	
23-Nov-	Marlene Vergou Mary Harb	Terry Murphy	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
30-Nov-	Terry Murphy Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
17-Nov-	Marilene Fortuna Ophelia Swai	Judeline Wadhvani	Jessy	Azariah Natalie
24-Nov-	Jessica Suppiah Darina Lobo	Mia Grant	Judeline	Ishe Glendon
01-Dec-	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino	Jessy	Aleisha Jasmine

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
17-Nov-	Susan Bakani Shanthy Antony	Damian Casamento
24-Nov-	Jenifer Cahapay Snehita Antony	Judith Pimentel
01-Dec-	Susan Bakani John Gaffney	Natalie Baran

Attention Ministers of Communion and Lectors

NEW ROSTERS and updated phone lists have been emailed. Please also check your junk mail folder if you haven't received yours in your inbox. For those who do not receive an email copy please check the Church foyer for your copy. Thank you all for your faithful service to our Eucharistic Celebrations.

♥️ **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:

Antonio Marasco RIP 15/11. Funeral Thurs. 28 Nov at 11am

We Commemorate:

Ylenia Useli – 1st Anniv.
*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Last Week's Collection: 17.11.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,150
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$851
CatholicCare: \$289

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Church Flowers

Volunteers are needed to prepare flowers for our church.
If you are interested, please contact Jessica on
0433 278 175. Thank you.



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 25 November St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

Saturday 30 November St Andrew, Apostle



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

In a letter I received from a young man from Ukraine, he writes: "Father, when you will speak of the thousand days of our suffering, please remember them also as a thousand days of love, because only love, faith, and hope give true meaning to our wounds."



Piety Shop

Columban calendars are now available in the Piety shop - \$10

The piety shop stocks small gifts and cards for all **Sacraments** as well as various religious items at reasonable prices. Please take the time to have a look after any of the weekend Masses. 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 the **last** breakfast for 2024 on, **Monday 2 December** in the presbytery after the 9:10am Mass. All Welcome



Volunteer End of Year Function

All parish volunteers and staff are invited to our **End of Year "Thank You" BBQ** Friday 13 December from 6:00 pm onwards in the Parish presbytery. Barbecue meats will be provided by the parish However, BYO drinks and plate to share Eg: starters, salad, side dishes, bread, desert, fruit etc. Kindly RSVP BY 1 Dec on the sign up sheet in the foyer or contact Rachel on 9480 3398 or preston@cam.org.au



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. Please commence using these envelopes next weekend – 30 November & 1 December 2024. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish



UNDERSTANDING JUBILEE 2025

Pilgrims of Hope.

What is a jubilee?

The roots of the celebration of jubilee year are found in the Old Testament when the Israelites were commanded to celebrate a jubilee every 50 years. The ram's horn or the yobel, shofah (in Hebrew) was sounded on the Day of Atonement and thus began the jubilee year. It was a time for newness: to 'reset' or 'refresh the relationship with God and with each other. People were required to forgive debts, return misappropriated land, grant slaves freedom and give rest to the land. The Israelites were expected to live as if everything as a grace and blessing from the God who delivered them out of Egypt.

ACTIVITIES

Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne is offering 2 opportunities for pilgrimage to Italy: the Jubilee of Families and the Jubilee of Youth. See posters and brochures in the foyer. Please consider sending in your expression of interest. There are a number of subsidies available.

Sacred Heart Parish will be offering activities throughout Jubilee Year and invites all parishioners to attend. Please invite a friend(s) to join you. Watch this space.



Sacred Heart Giving Tree



This year has again been a difficult one for many families, couples and individuals with little or no income or insecure housing.

Once again, we will be asking for donations of Gift cards: * Gift Cards of \$10 or more from Coles or Woolworths or Aldi. * Donations of a Kmart or other Gift Card are a second option. The giving tree will be set up towards the beginning of Advent. Again, this year we ask you to kindly take a token from the Giving Tree, purchase a gift card or place cash of your decided value in the envelope token and return it to the church by the third Sunday of Advent (15 December). If you require a receipt, place the donation with your contact details in an envelope provided labelled "Christmas gift appeal" and place it in a collection basket. OR if you require us to collect your donation, phone Pauline O'Day 9484 2445. Thank you for your remarkable ongoing care for our neighbours and helping to bring some shared joy at this time.

Sacred Heart St

Vincent de Paul Team.



ENDING VIOLENCE, EMBRACING HOPE

"No woman should live in fear of violence, and no society should accept it."

~ Ban Ki-moon ~

Violence against women remains a harsh reality, yet hope can guide us toward change. Every woman has the right to live without fear and to be treated with dignity and care. Change begins when we choose to truly listen and act with courage to challenge harmful behaviours and beliefs. Around the world, people are creating safer spaces, sharing their stories and teaching respect. Progress may seem slow, but every effort matters. From speaking out against injustice to showing kindness and support to someone in need, each step brings us closer to a future where women can thrive without fear. Together, we can rewrite the narrative, one of hope and strength, where respect becomes the norm and safety is assured. Believing in a better tomorrow inspires action today. By standing united, we can create a world where women are free to live with confidence and joy, knowing they are valued and protected.

Dear God, help us choose love and respect in all we do. May we work together to build a world where everyone feels safe and valued. Amen.

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Pastoral Care Appeal 2024

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. Thank you for enabling CatholicCare Victoria and their Catholic Prison Chaplains to continue being messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to learn more about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.



From the Community of Sant'Egidio, Melbourne:

The Community of Sant'Egidio was founded by young people in Rome following the Second Vatican Council. Present now in over seventy countries, it is committed to friendship with the poor, to peace and to prayer - the "first work" of the Community. Speaking to the Community, Pope Francis said, "Today, more than ever, continue audaciously along this path. The poor are your treasure!" The Community gathers for prayer in Melbourne on the last Monday of each month at 7.30 pm at All Saints Church, Fitzroy. The final prayer meeting of the year will be on **Monday 25 November 2024**. All are welcome.

For more information, contact seinaustralia@gmail.com and visit www.santegidio.org



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ADVENT 2024 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Jesus is Coming – Time to Get Ready

Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes.

- Inspiring and transforming talks
- Opportunities to pray and reflect
- Practical strategies for impactful living
- Life-changing encounter with Christ

To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the **Advent Mission Event Retreat online** from 7-9 December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent> Register now on the website or for more information, email: info@brucedownes.org



😊 Joke Corner 😊

Nigel is driving home one evening, when he suddenly realises that it's his daughter's birthday and he hasn't bought her a present. He drives to the local shopping centre, runs to the toy store, and says to the shop assistant, "How much is that Barbie in the window?" In a condescending manner, she replies, "Which Barbie? We have Barbie Goes to the Gym for \$19.95, Barbie Goes to the Ball for \$19.95, Barbie Goes Shopping for \$19.95, Barbie Goes to the Beach for \$19.95, Barbie Goes Nightclubbing for \$19.95, and Divorced Barbie for \$265." Perplexed, Nigel asks, "Why is Divorced Barbie \$265 when all the others are only \$19.95?" "That's obvious," the shop assistant says. "Divorced Barbie comes with Ken's house, Ken's car, Ken's boat, Ken's furniture ..."



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for
ever and ever.

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

Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of
heaven, one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal
sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

The Response Is:

***The Lord is king; he is robed in
majesty.***

The Lord is king, with majesty
enrobed;

the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

***The Lord is king; he is robed in
majesty.***

The world you made firm, not to be
moved;

your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

***The Lord is king; he is robed in
majesty.***

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.

Holiness is fitting to your house,

O Lord, until the end of time.

***The Lord is king; he is robed in
majesty.***

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus
Christ, the faithful witness, the First-
Born from the dead, the Ruler of the
kings of the earth. He loves us and has
washed away our sins with his blood,
and made us a line of kings, priests to
serve his God and Father; to him, then,
be glory and power for ever and ever.
Amen. It is he who is coming on the
clouds; everyone will see him, even
those who pierced him, and all the races
of the earth will mourn over him. This
is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and
the Omega' says the Lord God, who is,
who was, and who is to come, the
Almighty.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom
of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate
asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this
of your own accord, or have others
spoken to you about me?' Pilate
answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own
people and the chief priests who have
handed you over to me: what have you
done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a
kingdom of this world; if my kingdom
were of this world, my men would have
fought to prevent my being surrendered
to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of
this kind.' 'So you are a king then?'
said Pilate. 'It is you who say it'
answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I
was born for this, I came into the world
for this: to bear witness to the truth; and
all who are on the side of truth listen to
my voice.'

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.

