

**14th Sunday in ordinary time
(Year B) 4 July 2021**

First reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122(123)

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man’s disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



***He was amazed at their
lack of faith***



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

He was amazed at their lack of faith

Our hometown is where we were born, grew up and where it brings us our past memories. Coming back to our hometown, is joyful because we receive warm hugs from parents and siblings, greetings from friends from our childhood and schools. Each of us could have experienced great emotions and feelings when we go back home to meet our neighbours and friends. Our hometown has a beautiful meaning in our hearts and mind.

In today’s Gospel, the passage tells us about Jesus and his disciples going back to Nazareth, His hometown. This encounter between Jesus and the people of His hometown should have been exciting. However, Jesus is not welcomed and offered warm greetings and hospitality in his hometown. Jesus had done mighty deeds such as “healing the sick, teaching the Word of God”; He also wants to do the same things for His hometown. The people may have heard about miracles revealed by Jesus in other places. The people start to question themselves about Jesus: “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands?” All these questions highlight that they actually know of the great works done by Jesus. It is good if these questions are kept in their mind and heart. They should be proud of Jesus as their neighbour, welcome him home with their open arms. By contrast, they begin to talk about the family background of Jesus. They know that Jesus was as a carpenter like his father, and Mary who is his mother. Their hearts are hardened because they do not recognise that Jesus is the Son of God; the only Son of God who is able to heal the sick, give sight to the blind, make the lame walk, the lepers cleansed, the deaf hear, and raise the dead. The unbelief of the people prevents them to receive blessings and healing from Jesus. Jesus is rejected by people in his hometown because their eyes of faith are closed.

In the book of Ezekiel, it reminds us that the people of Israel who rebel against God. They forget that God who freed their ancestors from Egypt, and cares for them in the wilderness journey. Now the unwelcoming happens to Jesus in his hometown. Jesus’ neighbours, who have more opportunity to receive the gifts of his divine power, deny them by their lacking of faith. Christians, particularly Catholics considered as Jesus’ brothers and sisters and neighbours, are privileged to receive the salvation of Jesus Christ. Although we believe Jesus Christ who is our Saviour, who dies for our sins, and to reveal God’s love to all people, we are called to give our lives to God through actions. To become Jesus’ brothers, sisters, and neighbours, we are invited to do the same things that Jesus taught and did.



Office Hours:

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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

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.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2022 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2022 school year are closing on Monday 21 June 2021. 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.

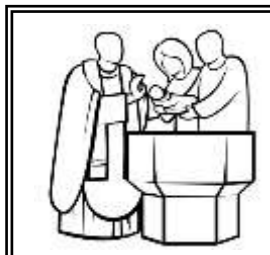
Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021



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.

Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit www.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime!



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Logan Ryan** into our Parish family

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. Please collect yours. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

Last Week's Collection: 27/6/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,041
Direct Debit for June: \$1,790
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$596
Direct Debit for June: \$130



catholic mission

This week Catholic Mission invites you to partner with the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most. Without this program, many vulnerable mothers will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436.

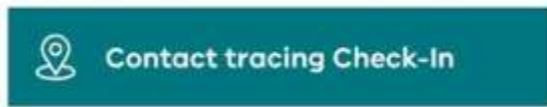
Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Please be generous.



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. 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 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.

ST Vincent de Paul Winter Warm-up Appeal.

"Aspiring to live the Gospel message by "serving Christ in the poor with love ,respect, justice, hope and joy"

In the past 12 months our Preston Conference has attended to over 340 calls, visiting people in their homes, or in a local setting to provide timely support on behalf of our generous donors.

In this year alone, our expenditure has amounted to \$42,923. While funding has been reduced to less than half due to the closing of Vinnies shops, Churches and general pressures of this COVID19 year, many have been helped by the generosity of Our parish and School and groups- giving in the true spirit of the Sacred Heart (\$9,652.)

We will continue to respond to our neighbours in dire need. The smallest act of kindness can be a life-changer.

You can donate on line at vinnies.org.au , by phone - 13 18 12, citing our Conference number 940, or make a monetary donation in the wall slots towards to back of the church and in the foyer. Thankyou.



Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

LAUNCHING NATIONALLY ONLINE FROM SATURDAY 31 JULY 2021

The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. In this Year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a **free event for registered participants.**

register at the following link: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

The Catholic Church needs more men to actively participate in the work of evangelization "God is glorified when men are fully alive"



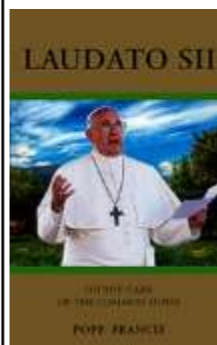
LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The whole of creation is the first revelation of God, and we are reminded that we are the custodians of God's Earth. We have been very destructive of nature because we have not thought about the harm we have done to the earth by our consumerist lifestyle

Pope Francis reminds us:

LS 233: "The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things."

LS 14: "All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."



O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten on this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, and may we protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Help us to come to a heightened awareness of the health of our common home. Amen

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, John Plum ,and Bronislawa Slobodzian



That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently
Catherine Hudson Edwin Psaila Visitacion L. Aguilar (RIP 1/7)



We Commemorate
Edna Eley (9th Anniv.) Pasquale Tropeano (1st Anniv.) Anna Tropeano (4th Anniv.) Carmela Montagnese, Montagnese & Quattrone deceased family members Antonio Ciavarella (31st Anniv.) Rocco Pennella

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Ministers' Roster

The next roster for Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be prepared over the coming weeks. Thanks to all for your faithful service to our Eucharistic Celebrations. However, if you are unable to continue with your ministry or wish to change your availability, please contact Pauline O'Day as soon as possible on 9484 2445 or the office directly. New volunteers currently holding a Certificate of Formation in their ministry are welcome. Please note also that it is a requirement that all regular volunteers involved in parishes of the Archdiocese must hold or apply for a current Working With Children Check card linked to the parish in which they serve.

Roster for weekend of 10/11 July 2021

| | Readers | Ministers |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sat 6.00pm | John Kmaid Terry Murphy | Mary Harb |
| Sun 9am (Italian) | Volunteers | Volunteers |
| Sun 10.30am | Sonya Bading Ivana Lo Bello | George McBrien |
| Sun 6.00pm | Carolina Constable Peter Constable | Margaret Bannan |

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 10 July 2021

Cory/Michael
Thank you for your help

