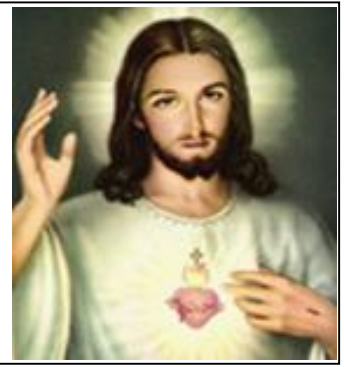




# Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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## Safeguarding Committee:

### Safeguarding Officers:

Robert Dullard: 0433 401 958

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## Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Kay Dufty (secretary), Ophelia Swai, Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna and Natalie Baran

## Parish Finance Committee:

Peter Constable (Chair)

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Stephen Costello (President)

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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 the month  
at 1:30pm

Please note new day.

### Next Healing Mass:

**Friday 3 March**

### Devotional Practices:

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour



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

### Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:** By appointment only

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## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### Sunday 12 February 2023

## “With all your Heart, Soul and Mind”

Hillel, a famous rabbi who lived a few years before Jesus was once asked by a young gentile to teach him the whole Torah in the time he could stand on one leg. Hillel replied: “What you would not want done to you, don’t do to another! This is the whole law: the rest is commentary.”

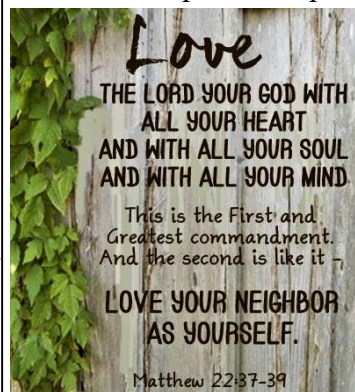
Another rabbi who lived in Alexandria at the time of Jesus held that the whole of the Torah was summed up in the ten commandments given by God to Moses and that this in turn could be summed up in love of God and neighbour.

But there were others insisted on so many rules, regulations and practices for correct observance that not only was a heavy yoke placed on the faithful people of God but the Spirit of the Covenant could be overlooked or misunderstood. The Gospel of Matthew makes clear from the beginning that Jesus' mission is to live and draw all into the active love and righteousness of God. This is brought to realization not only through His words and ministry but His living and love for all people.

In the text today Jesus is speaking to people who are well aware of the commandments, observances and expectations as keepers of God’s Covenant. However, He insists that in their attitudes and behavior they must go beyond a mere legal observance. Doing only what the Law states as a minimum is not enough. He is talking about acting according to the will of God who is all-loving, all-merciful, forgiving and longs to draw all- particularly the vulnerable, lowly and socially excluded into His embrace.

Jesus reassures His hearers that ‘not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law.’ Instead, He urges His listeners to interpret it in a new way. His emphasis is on the spirit of the Law, not the letter. Disciples are called to discern what is at the ground of Faith which is to participate in the Righteousness of a God whose Spirit is Love and share this with all.

In all examples Jesus gives relating to anger, adultery, divorce and oaths, He is not writing a new law but stressing the radical demands of the kingdom. His challenge is to go beyond meeting the requirements of outward observances, look into our hearts and to admit our need of help in living as God wants us to. This gospel makes clear that this humanly impossible task can be realized only with the help of the Spirit of God: and the task Jesus has set for us and was, Himself it’s perfect expression is:



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment’. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matt 22: 36.-40

We cannot love God if we do not love one another.

## 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.*

	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion</b>
04-Feb-23	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy
11-Feb-23	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
18-Feb-23	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bairy
	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
05-Feb-23	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
12-Feb-23	Eileen Stevens Judeline Wadhvani	Tony Eley
19-Feb-23	Alisha Verga Hannah Lopez	Giovanna D' Intino
	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>
05-Feb-23	Albert D'Souza Michelle Totawatte	Damian Casamento
12-Feb-23	Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
19-Feb-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento

### Cleaning Roster:

*To all our Volunteers  
Thank you for your hard work*



### **WE PRAY FOR:**

#### The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop

*Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.*

#### Those who have died recently:

*Giuseppina Santini (second month's mind Mass)*

#### We Commemorate:

*Rita Vaina (3rd Anniv.)*

*John Borowicki (8th Anniv.)*

*The deceased members of the Bradshaw, Crocco, Valier-D'Abate, Gelain, Rizzo and Borowicki families.*

*O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*



#### Last Week's Collection: 5/2/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$866

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$846

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### **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.



## 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.



### † **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



#### **Caleb Monea,**

in preparation for his Baptism on  
26 February.



### † **Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week** †

*Tuesday 14 February      Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop, (St Valentine)*

*Friday 17 February      The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

*Saturday 18 February      (Blessed Fra Angelico)*



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



*Let's Pray Together for the peoples of Türkiye and Syria hard hit by the earthquakes that have caused thousands of deaths and injuries. I thank those who are working to provide relief, and I encourage everyone to offer their solidarity.*



### **Prayer for the people of Türkiye and Syria**

Gracious God,

*we pray for the victims of this disaster in Türkiye and Syria.*

*Lord, bring comfort to those whose lives were spared and care for those who perished.*

*Be with the rescue workers and keep them safe as they make heroic efforts in dangerous situations to rescue those in trouble.*

*Help family members to be reunited.*

*God of healing and mercy, we come before you with our hearts filled with grief as we see the devastation. We pray that your presence would be felt by those who are grieving, who are injured, who have lost their homes and livelihoods.*

*We pray through your loving son, Jesus.*

*Amen.*



### **Dates to Remember**

Wednesday 22 February - Ash Wednesday

Masses: 9:10am & 7:30pm



### Columban Calendars

2023 Columban calendars are available in the Piety Shop for \$10 each





## Liturgical Ministers Roster

The current Liturgical Ministers roster will conclude in two weeks time and the next roster is now being prepared. Ministers now serving, please advise if you are able to continue as reader according to the current schedule

Please contact Rachel - [preston@cam.org.au](mailto:preston@cam.org.au) or 9480 3398

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## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist required for Saturday 6pm Mass and Sunday 6pm Mass

We are seeking Ministers of the Eucharist for our Saturday 6pm Mass and our Sunday 6pm Mass.

Those wishing to partake in this ministry are required to apply for and maintain current Working With Children Check linked to Sacred Heart Parish. Please contact Rachel - [preston@cam.org.au](mailto:preston@cam.org.au) or 9480 3398

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## Annual Lourdes Day Mass

You are invited to attend the annual Lourdes Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, on **Saturday, 18 February 2023 at 10.30am.**

This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer resources.

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## Pastoral Care Appeal 2023 –

### Chaplaincy Sunday: 12 February 2023



**This weekend** is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death.

### Please give generously – Collection after Mass

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

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## LENT MCKINNEY LECTURE

### 'Standing in Solidarity with the suffering and Injustice of the Palestinian People'

Featuring Brother Peter Bray FSC,  
Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University

**Thursday 23 February 7.30pm  
at the Cunningham Centre**

(opposite St. Bernadette's School)  
53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe 3079

All Welcome

Further information:

[bill.edebohls@cam.org.au](mailto:bill.edebohls@cam.org.au)

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## World Youth Day information session

As many people continue to express interest in joining our World Youth Day pilgrimage to Lisbon, we are delighted to host an extra information session. Perfect for parish leaders, priests, parents and, of course, young people. The evening will cover:

- what to expect at World Youth Day
- travel itineraries with indicative pricing
- fundraising tools
- leadership opportunities
- other ways to serve, and how parishes can support.



**Thursday 23 February 2023, 7.30pm–9pm**

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
Enquiries on 9926 5761 or at [wyd@cam.org.au](mailto:wyd@cam.org.au)



**This month's prayer intention from the Laudato Si Movement is for families. We pray for families to be fertile ground for integral ecology and care for creation**



## A family prayer to Saint Valentine, Feast Day 14 February

*Creator God, source of life and love, we ask you to bless our family. Help us to see that the love we experience from others and in creation is a small reflection of your great love for us. Saint Valentine, patron of lovers and protector of homes and conjugal love, intercede for our ability to recognize God's love in all creation so that we know how to love each other more and more. This we ask of you, Creator God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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## Enrich your Marriage with The Marriage Kit by SmartLoving



An enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: [smartloving.org/marriage-kit](http://smartloving.org/marriage-kit)

**Marriage Week Sale - Ends 15 February.**

For 50% off use coupon code: **MarriageWeek2023**

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## Children's activity pages

Please find in the foyer of the Church activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



## Southern Stars Social Club!

Over 28's part Night for Single Catholics aged 28 – 60  
Saturday 25 February at 8pm

St Scholastica School Hall

Cnr Burwood Hwy & Stirling St, Burwood

Cost: \$13 includes lucky door prize and supper

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167

**PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME**

### Joke Corner

Saint Joseph's organised a fundraising drive to help construct a new parish hall as the old building was beginning to crumble. The woman in charge of fundraising was good at persuading parishioners to contribute, and generously. However, one old parishioner, Jason, who'd been in the parish for more than 50 years refused to cough up even one cent.

One day after Mass the woman cornered Jason and queried why he wouldn't donate for the new church hall.

"Well, it's true to say that we senior citizens are much more valuable than younger generations," Jason said, "But it's not in dollars and cents."

Baffled, the woman asked, "What is it then?"

"We have silver in our hair, gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys and lead in our feet. And to top it off we're just loaded with natural gas."

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your  
name.

## 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

*Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21*

If you wish, you can keep the  
commandments, to behave faithfully is  
within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you  
prefer.

Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be  
given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be  
godless, he has given no one  
permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34**

**The Response Is:**

***Happy are they who follow the law of  
the Lord!***

They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!

They are happy who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts.

***Happy are they who follow the law of  
the Lord!***

You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes.

***Happy are they who follow the law of  
the Lord!***

Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may see  
the wonders of your law.

***Happy are they who follow the law of  
the Lord!***

Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart.

***Happy are they who follow the law of  
the Lord!***

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who  
have reached maturity: not a  
philosophy of our age, it is true, still  
less of the masters of our age, which are  
coming to their end. The hidden  
wisdom of God which we teach in our  
mysteries is the wisdom that God  
predestined to be for our glory before  
the ages began. It is a wisdom that none  
of the masters of this age have ever  
known, or they would not have  
crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach  
what scripture calls: the things that no  
eye has seen and no ear has heard,  
things beyond the mind of man, all that  
God has prepared for those who love  
him.

These are the very things that God has  
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the  
Spirit reaches the depths of everything,  
even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God. Please stand  
for the Gospel Acclamation.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of  
heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.

***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if  
your virtue goes no deeper than that of  
the scribes and Pharisees, you will  
never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our  
ancestors: You must not kill; and if  
anyone does kill he must answer for it  
before the court. But I say this to you:  
anyone who is angry with his brother  
will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You  
must not commit adultery. But I say  
this to you: if a man looks at a woman  
lustfully, he has already committed  
adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said  
to our ancestors: You must not break  
your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to  
the Lord. But I say this to you: do not  
swear at all. All you need say is "Yes"  
if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no;  
anything more than this comes from the  
evil one.'

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

They ate and had their fill, and what  
they craved the Lord gave them; they  
were not disappointed in what they  
craved.



**All you need to say is simply  
'YES' or 'NO'  
...anything beyond this  
comes from the evil one.**

Matthew 5:37