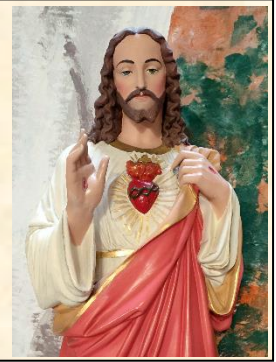




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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 3 May 2024

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:

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 1 April** in the presbytery after 9:10am Mass.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) Sunday 17 March 2024

“Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their Hearts. Then I will be their God and they will be my people”

The hour is near. The climax of Jesus’ work is fast approaching. The cost of His mission is growing greater by the day. The price to be paid is such that Jesus will pray ‘aloud and in silent tears to the one who had the power to save Him out of death.’ Note that in Jesus’ prayer of grief He does not ask to be saved from death but that His submission to death would give glory to God His Father and make God’s love for humanity known to the world.

As in the ongoing cycle of life in nature, out of apparent death new life emerges just as a seed must fall and be buried in mother earth if new life is to grow and bear fruit to nourish future generations. ‘Life’, as St Paul said ‘is changed not ended.’

Although the language is more explicit in the Gospel, the grain of wheat echoes some aspects of the first reading from the prophet. Speaking out of the devastating assaults upon their land by Power Giants of the times, destruction of the Sacred Shrine of their faith and exile of their leaders, Jeremiah presents the God of Israel to His suffering people as One who forgives and forgets their sins of the past’. God’s Law will not be confined to a Temple or Codes of Law. The people will be the garden nurtured by their ever faithful God: the seed planted within them will be God’s law. They will be, in their living -visible signs of God’s forgiveness and mercy as written on their hearts.

As we do at the deaths of those we love and remind ourselves of the influence of their lives on others and may live on in us, so the gospel writers looked back over the life and mission of Jesus, recognizing the promise of new life and hope arising out of grief. The Jesus of the Gospels clearly identified Himself with the ‘least rather than with the world’s ‘greatest’. To the truly poor of His time He took the Good News and also recognized God’s presence within them in a special way and hidden in their powerlessness, suffering and insignificance. In embracing them, He encouraged them to believe in that presence and to allow it to give new meaning, hope and strength to their lives.

Lent has been God’s gift to us. Deep within our hearts we have come to know God the ‘Jesus way’. In these last weeks as we look towards the Passion and the Death of Jesus let us respond to this ‘knowing’ which has lain partly dormant within our own hearts. What do we need to weed out if this ‘knowing’ is to grow in us and to identify with the sufferings of our planet, the poor, abused and ignored of our world to be bearers of God’s life, hope and love to others.

*“Create a clean heart for me
O God, and a steadfast spirit
within me”*

Ps 50



***A clean
heart
create for
me, O God,
a steadfast
spirit
renew in
me.***

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 Lectors(Readers)	Saturday 6:00pm Mass - Ministers of Communion
09-Mar-24	Marlene Vergou Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
16-Mar-24	Terry Murphy Celia Lemos	Charlotte Bainy
23-Mar-24	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30am Mass Lectors(Readers)	Sunday 10:30am Mass Ministers of Communion
10-Mar-24	Jessica Suppiah Albert D'Souza	Eileen Stevens
17-Mar-24	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino
24-Mar-24	Judeline Wadhvani Hannah Lopez	Tony Eley

	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Lectors(Readers)	Sunday 6:00pm Mass Ministers of Communion
10-Mar-24	Tim Rankin Natalie Baran	Damian Casamento
17-Mar-24	Michelle Totawatte Tim Rankin	
24-Mar-24	Michelle Totawatte Natalie Baran	Robert Dullard



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, Ampelio Cavallin

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:

Fen Ping Boen (Vincent) (Funeral Thur 21/3 at 11am)

We Commemorate:

Mary Fanny D'Souza (Sun 17/3 at 10:30am)

John Gino Denis Dupont

Giuseppe Passalacqua (Sun 17/3 at 9am)

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 10.3.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$ TBA

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$ TBA

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass



Please join us after the 10:30am Mass for a cup of tea or coffee at **Sacred Heart School**. All are welcome



LENT AND FLOWERS

Please, NO flowers in the church during Lent. Flowers that are left in the church will be removed.

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 18 March Solemnity of St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron Saint of Melbourne
Tuesday 19 March Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 23 March St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Dear young people, do not be afraid of the future! Dare to dream big! Keep joy alive, a sign of a young heart that has encountered the Lord.



✠ Baptism Congratulations ✠

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates **Sofia Bueno**

for her Baptism on 17 March.



Holy Week Program 2024

Sun 24 March **Palm Sunday** – normal weekend Masses
 Thurs 28 March **Mass of the Last Supper** at 7:30pm
 Fri 29 March **Good Friday**
 10:00am - Stations of the Cross
 3:00pm - Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Our Lord
 Sat 30 March **Easter Vigil Mass** at 7:30pm
 Sun 31 March **Easter Sunday** - normal Sunday Masses
Please Note: There will be **NO morning Masses** on Holy Thursday 28/3, Good Friday 29/3 and Holy Saturday 30/3



Volunteers Needed

Are you available to participate in our Holy Week Ceremonies?

Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar servers, leaders of music, projectionists, those who clean and prepare the church, collectors are **all needed** for:

Palm Sunday Masses

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Commemoration of the Lords Passion

Easter Vigil Mass

If you can assist, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au or phone 9480 3398. 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.



Dates to Remember in Lent:

All Thursdays during Lent –
Lenten reflection and Adoration
7:30pm – in the Church

All Fridays during Lent –

Stations of the Cross – after 9:10am Mass in the Church



5th Sunday of Lent - 16 & 17 March



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2025 Enrolments



Enrolments for the 2025 school year Foundation classes, have opened. 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.



Alpha is Coming!!

The next Alpha Course will run in Term 2, 2024, starting on 11 April.

Explore questions of life and faith and make new friendships at Alpha! Alpha is an exciting refresher Course in the Christian faith.

The Alpha Course in 2024 will start on Thursday, 11th April, and run for ten Thursdays, to be held in St Francis Hall.

Alpha will start at 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm.

Enquiries: 9407 6700 [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CPYNW](https://www.trybooking.com/cpyNW)



Walk With Mary 2024

Sunday 17 March
St Patrick's Cathedral
2pm Prayers, Holy Mass,
City Street Procession



SAFE PARKING PRACTICE AT SACRED HEART PARISH

All visitors and parishioners are reminded **not to park** vehicles in the driveways around the church building, including

1. The straight driveway leading to the rear car park.
 2. The curved shaped driveway in front of the church entrance.
- Parking in these driveways is a safety risk and restricts access for emergency services such as ambulances in the event of a medical emergency which could have serious consequences. Parking in these areas is also a safety risk for people, including children.

Thank you for being considerate and looking after each other in true Sacred Heart community spirit.



Heading onto Campus?

The years spent studying at university are a unique time for building lifelong friendships with other students and with Jesus Christ. To find out what is happening for Catholics on and around campus, check out our website: udisciple.melbournecatholic.org



Save the date: 13 April 2024

"Dance!! Dance!!

Wherever you maybe

I am the Lord of the dance said He..."

Saturday 13 April 2024

Sacred Heart Hall, 85 David Street Preston

Doors open at 6.30pm

Dinner at 7.00pm

Adults \$50, Children under 12yr \$35

Dinner, deserts and soft drinks provided

BYO Alcohol

Starlight DJ providing the music

Games and Prizes to be won

Dress code: Smart Elegant

Ticket sales close 24 March 2024

Bookings: contact 0406 777 986



Laudato Si'

Caring for our common home



MAKE IT A SLAVERY-FREE EASTER

As Easter is fast approaching, we are called to consider the ethical dimensions of our purchases and ensure Easter chocolate is slavery-free. Australians will purchase over \$200 million in chocolate this Easter. But much of our chocolate is made using cocoa beans harvested by children, often in the West African region. Many of these children are forced into labour at the cost of a child's health, education and sometimes his or her freedom. We can help change this by being mindful of our consumer choices and buying certified slavery-free chocolate.

Where to buy chocolate that is certified slavery-free? You can check out how your favourite brand rates and which retailers are best by reading the Chocolate Scorecard at www.chocolatescorecard.com

"Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act". ~ Pope Francis



GLORY OF EUROPE PILGRIMAGE:

We invite you on a 14 day remarkable journey to explore the Glory of Europe. Immerse yourself in the rich history and profound spirituality of this journey as we embark on a tour from Lisbon to Rome. Fr Simon Grainger will be the Chaplain of the tour.

The package cost is \$5,300 AUD exclusive of Airfare.

The tour commences on 21 September 2024.

For enquiries or booking, please phone 0459 726 360 or nativitytoursau@gmail.com.

See poster in church foyer for more details.

😊 Joke Corner 😊

Because Sunday is Saint Patrick's Day ...

- What do you call a leprechaun prank? A saint pat-trick.
- You know you overdid it on St Patrick's Day when you think you're kissing the Blarney Stone and then it kisses back.
- What's small, lucky, and green all over?
A leprechaun who recycles.
- What does it mean if you find a horseshoe in Ireland?
Some horse lost its shoe!
- What's long and green and can only be seen once a year?
A St Patrick's Day parade.
- Why do people wear shamrocks to celebrate St Patrick's Day? Because real rocks are too heavy.
- Mum, I met an Irish boy on St Patrick's Day.
Oh, really? No, O'Reilly!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is
faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

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.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord
who speaks – when I will make a new
covenant with the House of Israel (and
the House of Judah), but not a covenant
like the one I made with their ancestors
on the day I took them by the hand to
bring them out of the land of Egypt. They
broke that covenant of mine, so I had to
show them who was master. It is the Lord
who speaks. No, this is the covenant I
will make with the House of Israel when
those days arrive – it is the Lord who
speaks. Deep within them I will plant my
Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I
will be their God and they shall be my
people. There will be no further need for
neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or
brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know
the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the
least no less than the greatest – it is the
Lord who speaks – since I will forgive
their iniquity and never call their sin to
mind.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

The Response Is:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your
kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up
prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent
tears, to the one who had the power to
save him out of death, and he submitted
so humbly that his prayer was heard.
Although he was Son, he learnt to obey
through suffering; but having been made
perfect, he became for all who obey him
the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ!**

If you serve me, follow me, says the
Lord;

and where I am, my servant will also be.

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ!**

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at
the festival were some Greeks. These
approached Philip, who came from
Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request
to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’
Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew
and Philip together went to tell Jesus.
Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of
Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat
grain falls on the ground and dies, it
remains only a single grain; but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there
too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will
honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have
come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have
glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’
People standing by, who heard this, said
it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It
was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus
answered, ‘It was not for my sake that
this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this
world;

now the prince of this world is to be
overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of
death he would die.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain
of wheat

falls to the ground and dies, it remains a
single grain.

But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

