



Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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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

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 6 October

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Sunday 4 September 2022

Father's Day

Followers or Disciples?

From time to time, we need to stop and consider the depth of the decision we have made to be a follower of Jesus. So easily we can expect our Christian life to be undisturbed and unchallenged. Occasionally we are given a nudge to stop and consider the deeper impact of what it means to be a "disciple" – not just a "follower" - of Jesus. Our awareness may be suddenly jolted by a media vision of medical personnel from the international community who have left family, peace and security to their lives to bring relief to thousands of men, women and children who are displaced through famine and civil war and live in fear for their lives. The medical personnel are about embedding a culture of welcome and healing in the world in which they work.

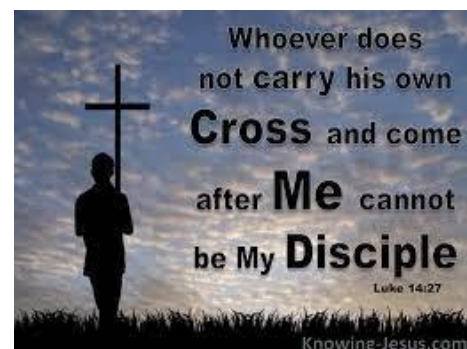
In Jesus' mission some would have been attracted by his gifts of healing but put off by his frank teaching about the challenges of Gospel living. Words about forsaking all, including possessions and family to follow him, would have brought their enthusiasm to a halt. But Jesus is not reminding those who are listening that we should have no love for those closest to us, but that faithfulness to the Gospel challenges complacency and will take us beyond our comfort zones for the greater good of embedding Gospel values into the lives of others.

Closer to home as we progressed in age and embraced the responsibilities of nurturing and sharing a family, a faith or supportive school community, we would become aware of the sacrifice, hard work and selflessness of those who had gone before to put the wellbeing and safety of all first even if it was not appreciated at the time. And in our childhood days how often might we have heard mum or dad say, 'Be respectful to grown-ups', but also, 'Never speak to or accept gifts from strangers'? Then again looking back as adults we came to realise that when mum or dad had said a definite "No" to us, that "No" replaced a "Yes" for the sake of a quiet life for them to ensure our greater safety, wellbeing and healthier social development. All this so we might become active members of a society that shared a culture of looking out for the safety and rights of others. In other words, "Loving our neighbours as ourselves."

Jesus revealed to us the image of God as 'Abba' -one of the first utterances a growing infant makes. "Abba" a dotting loving Father, teaching his child to walk, 'holding his hand and leading him through difficult paths, running out to tearfully welcome home a long lost son. This is Jesus' model of God and of Discipleship. May we be open to this mind and heart of Christ Jesus no matter what challenges we face.

And may we strive to build a safe and Supporting Community where Children, Young and Vulnerable people are respected and Supported

To all fathers and those who have this role to care for, protect and lovingly guide others, Thank You and have a happy day



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 - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
27-Aug-22	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb
03-Sep-22	John Kmaid Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
10-Sep-22	Mary Harb Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
28-Aug-22	Ivana Lo Bello Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens
04-Sep-22	Jessica Suppiah Hannah Lopez	Giovanna D' Intino
11-Sep-22	Alisha Verga Eileen Stevens	Tony Eley
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
28-Aug-22	Marijana Jurjevic Rachel Vorlander	Robert Dullard
04-Sep-22	Robert Dullard Ma Kathleen Adlaon	Margaret Bannan
11-Sep-22	Margaret Bannan Michelle Totawatte	Damian Casamento



Cleaning Roster:

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



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

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

Those who have died recently:

Giuseppe Scriba

Orazio Paterno

Leanie (Rose) Halse (RIP 3/8, Funeral prayers Wed 7/9 at 2pm)

We Commemorate:

Domenico Loffo, Francesco Paiano

& all deceased of the Paiano, Loffo & Loria families.

Antonio Mendolicchio

Nicola D'Orazio

Evelino Albanese

Shirley Taveira (1 year)

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

All are welcome to spend a holy hour with our Lord Jesus in adoration.

Stay with Me, remain here with Me... watch and pray... "



Last Week's Collection: 28/8/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$887

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$445

Thank you for your kind generosity!



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 5 September St Teresa of Calcutta

Thursday 8 September The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 9 September St Peter Claver



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.



This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

A non-residential parish based weekend: **22- 23 October 2022** in Niddrie.

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings:

Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



Inner Healing & Forgiveness through Meditation on Jesus

September 16-17, 2022

At: 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: Tel: 0424202191 or

Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



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PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Today, Sunday 4 September is Father's Day, the traditional day for the annual collection for the **Priests Retirement Foundation**. This appeal creates one of the four main income streams for the Foundation enabling us to support the retired priests of the Archdiocese.

Please give generously



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

God wants children, not slaves: free children. And love can only be lived in freedom. To learn to live one must learn to love, and for this it is necessary to discern.



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
4 - 10 September 2022



Every Child in Every Community Needs a Fair Go

This week is National Child Protection Week and this year we will be shining a light on children growing up safe and supported. Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture. They have the right to grow up in environments that support them according to their needs, now and into the future. We can stop child abuse and neglect – and reduce its impact – by working together to make sure every child in every community has a fair go.

Refer to the NAPCAN Website for further information:

<https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-theme/>

The week will culminate Next Sunday with the observance of Safeguarding Sunday.



Serving at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, youth and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church.

Our common commitment is drawn from the teaching and mission of Jesus with love and Justice and the dignity and sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 must maintain current Working with Children Check (WWCC) throughout their involvement in parishes as in other agencies: **all** are to attend a safeguarding essentials module and updates organised by the Parish or Professional Standards online: and **all** are asked to sign a Declaration to abide by the parish Code of Conduct. These requirements of volunteers are just one -but an essential part of our united commitment to creating and maintaining a culturally safe environment for the young and the vulnerable in which they feel safe, heard and respected.



Fr Rob Galea and two female co-hosts (Alyssa Agius & Justine Cumbo) study the weekly readings and break them down into layman's terms, showing you how they are relevant to our life today. They make theology accessible for the everyday person - think of it as a conversation with friends complete with all the tears, laughter and joy, but with the opportunity to learn something new each week. Whether you have been Catholic all your life, you are new to the faith, or outside of the faith, there is something for everyone!



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



September 1 begins the Season of Creation

POINT NUMBER 4: Four key principles for biodiversity

Francis also uses his message to call on nations to halt the further collapse of the "web of life" – biodiversity – pointing to four principles:

1. Building a clear ethical basis for the transformation we need to save biodiversity.
2. Fight biodiversity loss, support its conservation and recovery, and meet people's needs in a sustainable way.
3. Promote global solidarity, considering that biodiversity is a global common good that requires a shared commitment.
4. Put people in vulnerable situations at the centre, including those most affected by biodiversity loss, such as indigenous peoples, older people, and youth.

52 ways to help the environment (cont'd)

43. Have fun without flying

Think about how to travel on vacation with friends and family in a more sustainable way. You might travel together by train instead of by plane or cruise ship. Travel slowly, discovering the closeness and wisdom of each other and others.

44. Innovate while practicing sustainable fashion

Create our own handmade clothes, asking others to teach you or watching YouTube videos about how to knit. Start or join a group with your friends to exchange used clothes. Encourage parish flea markets of clothes, furniture, and household items. In cold weather, do not turn the heating up too high if you can wear warm clothes.

Pope Francis tweets "Let us pray together for the people of Pakistan, hit by floods of disastrous proportions. Let us pray for the numerous victims, for the wounded and those forced from their homes, and that international solidarity might be prompt and generous."



Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are still open as we have some positions for Year Prep. 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.



Joke Corner



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;

treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions
of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the
soul,

and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is
on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our
reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?

As for your intention, who could have
learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened

and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

The Response Is:

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.*

You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.*

You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the
morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.*

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.*

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.*

SECOND READING

Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and,
what is more, still a prisoner of Christ
Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of
mine, whose father I became while wearing
these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am
sending him back to you, and with him – I
could say – a part of my own self. I should
have liked to keep him with me; he could
have been a substitute for you, to help me
while I am in the chains that the Good
News has brought me. However, I did not
want to do anything without your consent;
it would have been forcing your act of
kindness, which should be spontaneous. I
know you have been deprived of Onesimus
for a time, but it was only so that you could
have him back for ever, not as a slave any
more, but something much better than a
slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me,
but how much more to you, as a blood-
brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So
if all that we have in common means
anything to you, welcome him as you
would me.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his
way and he turned and spoke to them.
'If any man comes to me without hating
his father, mother, wife, children,
brothers, sisters, yes and his own life

too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone
who does not carry his cross and come
after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here,
intending to build a tower, would not
first sit down and work out the cost to
see if he had enough to complete it?
Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and
then found himself unable to finish the
work, the onlookers would all start
making fun of him and saying, "Here is
a man who started to build and was
unable to finish." Or again, what king
marching to war against another king
would not first sit down and consider
whether with ten thousand men he
could stand up to the other who
advanced against him with twenty
thousand? If not, then while the other
king was still a long way off, he would
send envoys to sue for peace. So in the
same way, none of you can be my
disciple unless he gives up all his
possessions.'

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.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE

FAITHFUL: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running
streams, so my soul is yearning for you,
my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the
living God.

