

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 22nd - 23rd February 2020

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” “You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbor, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v.8

R/ The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you not realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living in you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: If any one of you thinks of himself wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise, so there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. You have learnt how it was said: You will love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your brother, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

The Gospel of the Lord

We are called to be holy and called to be perfect.

These are terms that can cause all kinds of scrupulosity and rigidity in some people, so we must make sure that we understand these words.

Holiness is simply living for God in every aspect of our lives.

Perfection is not in doing everything perfectly, but in loving others in God as we love

God Himself. We shall never be without our imperfections at the level of doing,

but in the level of loving, the more we let God's love go through us to others,

the more wonderful it is.



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Sacred Heart Family Celebrate the Start of the 2020 School Year

This Sunday at the 10.30 am Mass, the Parish and School Communities come together to celebrate the start of the 2020 school year. Whilst we look forward to a year of continued growth and development for all our students, it is important to reflect upon how lucky we are to live in a country such as Australia, where our schools such as Sacred Heart, provide an opportunity for all students to reach their potential. Our schools embrace all students no matter their race, sex or religion, and teachers strive to give every student the opportunity to succeed.

This is not the case for all young people, and an equitable access to an education can depend upon the country in which you are born. We are reminded of the incredible bravery of a fourteen year old girl named Malala Yousafzai, who fought for the simple right of receiving an education. A right that was denied young females, in the area of Pakistan where she grew up. We will remember that Malala was almost killed by the Taliban, for having the audacity to think that an education was a right for females.

Today, we pray for the students of Sacred Heart. We pray that they are able to take the opportunities they are given, to continue to grow into young people who are good citizens of our community. We ask that they embrace the learning dispositions of: **curiosity, self management, respect, resilience, creativity and responsibility.** We know that an awareness and development of these dispositions will allow our students to continue on their journey of learning with enthusiasm, commitment and the necessary skills to be lifelong learners.

We pray for the Sacred Heart staff and the parents and guardians of our students. May we continue to work together to support our students, your children, so that we can help in the development of students, who whilst not needing the courage of Malala Yousafzai, have an awareness of injustice, show a preparedness to do something about it, work for a fairer world and are able to show a commitment to the ideals they feel strongly about.

Mark Tierney



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

Priest in Residence:

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

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Vacant

Child Safety Officer:

Kay Dufty: 0431 376 212

Child Safety Committee:

Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Robert Dullard (Chair), Mary Harb, Sharron Kotz, Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szweda

Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson), Kay Dufty (secretary), Tony Eley, Gerard Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Solomon Konchakara, Natalie Baran

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Pauline O'Day (President)
Ph: 9484 2445

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)

Legion of Mary: Thursday 7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Sacred Heart Primary School - Mission Statement

- Sacred Heart Preston is a Catholic Parish Primary School, inspired by the gospel values of Jesus, that welcomes a multi-faith community.
- We value the traditions and principles of the Good Samaritan Sisters founded on compassion and service.
- Our contemporary learning environment is purposeful, engaging and connected to real life. It challenges all to be confident, resilient and active learners striving for excellence.
- In partnership with families, parish and the wider community, we embrace and celebrate diversity and build positive relationships.
- At Sacred Heart the students are at the heart of everything we do.

Registration for Sacramental Program for 2020



Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3), First Holy Communion (Year 4) or Confirmation (Year 5-6), will have to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish.

Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church throughout the month of February 2020.

Dates for the Sacraments:

- Reconciliation: Commitment Mass – 15th March
Celebration of the Sacrament – 26th May
- Holy Communion: Commitment Mass – 26th July
- First Holy Communion – 13th September
- Confirmation – 9th August



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Nolan de Man** into our Parish family

Dates to Remember

- Today, 23rd February:** No Children's Liturgy
- Wednesday, 26th February:** Ash Wednesday Masses at 9.10am & 7.30pm
- All Fridays during Lent:** Stations of the Cross - 7pm
- Sunday, 15th March:** 10.30am - Commitment Mass for children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Last Week's Collection: 16/02/20

1st Collection for our Parish: \$1204.65
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$289.20
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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.



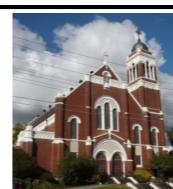
Sacred Heart Parish is now on Facebook!

'Sacred Heart Parish Facebook' page is now up and running...

'Like us' at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartChurchPreston/>

and tell us what you would like to see on our Parish Page!



Effective Safeguarding Committees: Training Sessions

These sessions, facilitated by staff of the Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese, are designed to assist anyone who is involved in the implementation of child safety policies and procedures within a Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne parish, agency or entity. The sessions will be most useful for: Parish Priests, Agency or entity leaders, Safeguarding Committee members, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries, and Youth Ministers or Leaders.

Safeguarding Risk Management Fundamentals: Training Sessions

Focusing on promoting the safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults within parishes and entities, this introductory workshop will provide an overview of the fundamentals of risk management.

Safeguarding Children and Young People@CAM: Induction Sessions

These interactive induction sessions are designed to introduce newly appointed clergy, staff and interested volunteers to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM). We strongly encourage newly appointed persons to attend to develop their understanding of child abuse, responding and reporting child abuse and child-safety related misconduct, child safety legislation in Victoria, safeguarding requirements within CAM parishes, agencies

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Children's Religious Formation Sessions

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a weekly religious formation program for 3-6 year old children. "The Atrium" is a unique hands-on environment filled with sensorially rich materials for the children's faith formation. The materials are focused on scripture and liturgy and based on the Montessori Method of Education. Sessions run on Thursday mornings at St Pius X in Heidelberg West. Contact Julie 0404 658701

Lenten Bible Sharing



This year we celebrate the Year of the Bible. Therefore, instead of having traditional Reflection Groups, we will have Bible Sharing Groups. Participants of a Bible Sharing Group reflect on the Word of God and then share their own personal experiences and encounters with the Lord, in the light of the Scripture text. It is easy to follow, no preparation needed. Please come and join us at the Presbytery either on Wednesday night from 7.30pm to 8.15 pm or Saturdays from 3pm to 3.45 pm. Please indicate your attendance by signing a list in the church foyer. Bible Sharing will commence in the First Week of Lent (first week of March).

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset... Your Marriage!



Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Dates: 17th-19th April 2020 in Melbourne
Other dates: 17th-19th July and 13th-15th November 2020
Starts 7pm on Friday, ends 5pm Sunday.
Accommodation and all meals provided.
Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website: wwme.org.au

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 29th February 2020

Anna O'Neill/Lucy

Thank you for your help!



Roster for weekend of 29th Feb - 1st March 2020

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Renato Tonini Teresa Dang	Mary Harb Charlotte Bainy
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Ilardi L.	Gugliotti A. Recchia I.
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Sonia Bading	Pauline Veamatahau Teresa Bernardini
Sun 6.00pm	Robert Dullard Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin Margaret Bannon

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Lopisoni Amato, Alan Castles & Fr Jan Szweda

We Commemorate

Michael Bradshaw & Settimo Crocco and all deceased members of the Bradshaw & Crocco families.



O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Ash Wednesday

The death and resurrection of Jesus is our fundamental believe. This event is commemorated each year during a season of preparation called Lent and a season of celebration called Easter. Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season.

What is the origin of using ashes? It comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. In the earliest Christian centuries – from A.D. 200 to 500 – those guilty of serious sins such as murder, adultery or apostasy, a public renunciation of one's faith, were excluded for a time from the Eucharist. During that time they did acts of penance, like extra praying and fasting, and lying "in sackcloth and ashes," as an outward action expressing interior sorrow and repentance.

The customary time to welcome them back to the Eucharist was at the end of Lent, during Holy Week. As Christians we believe that all people are sinners, each in his or her own way. So as centuries went on, the Church called the whole community, not just the most serious sinners, to repentance.

Around the 10th century, arose the practice of marking the foreheads with ashes. The practice caught on and spread, and in 1091 Pope Urban II decreed that "on Ash Wednesday everyone, clergy and laity, men and women, will receive ashes." It's been going on ever since.

Stations of the Cross

The devotional exercise of visiting and praying in front of each of the 14 stations and meditating on the Passion of Christ stems from the practice of early Christian pilgrims who visited the scenes of the events in Jerusalem and walked the traditional route from the supposed location of Pilate's house to Calvary. The number of stations originally observed in Jerusalem was considerably smaller than 14. In the early 16th century, Ways of the Cross were established in Europe, and the tradition of 14 stations probably derived from the best known of them, that at Leuven (1505). The Franciscans long popularized the practice, and in the 18th century they bowed to Western Christian devotional feeling and provided 14 stations in Jerusalem. During Lent you are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross in our parish church **every Friday night at 7 pm.** Make a point to attend at least one time this year!

