

**16h Sunday in ordinary time
(Year B) 18 July 2021**

First reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand.* Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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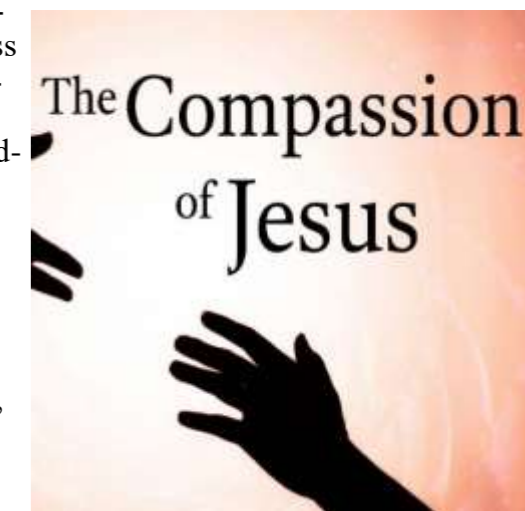


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Jesus has compassion for them (Mark 6:30-34)

Today’s readings compare the people of God to sheep and their teachers to shepherds. In the first reading, Jeremiah the Prophet expresses the Lord’s disappointment with the shepherds: “You have scattered my flock; you have driven them away and have not taken care of them. Israel’s leaders are considered as the careless shepherds who have no care, love, compassion and responsibility to their people. However, the Lord will never abandon them. Speaking through prophets, particularly the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord says “I myself shall gather them from all the countries where I have dispersed them and will bring them back to their pastures, they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. God the protector of the Israelites reveals His goodness and love to them mentioned in the Old Testament. The Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the prophets of God are sent to Israel. They are shepherds who guide the chosen people of God, also called to show God who is merciful and compassionate. The climax of God’s love, care, mercy and compassion is fulfilled by the incarnation of the Son of God, Jesus who truly manifests the loving God to all the faithful both in the Old Testament and New Testament. Christ Jesus is sent to restore peace through the cross, to unite all the faithful in a single body and reconcile the people with God. Jesus Christ who lays down his life to protect his people when they are in danger of violence, in darkness of fear and anxiety, in where there is no hope.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd appears in today’s Gospel as having compassion for the crowd because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length. The compassion that Jesus offers to the crowd is his message to all the baptised, to faith and government leaders in the world today. Compassion softens the heart and mind of a human being, enables him or her to realise the need of our brothers and sisters in daily life. The compassion of God in the Old Testament is proclaimed by the word of the prophets; then God who is fully manifested by Jesus in the New Testament, specifically in today’s Gospel. Each of us the faithful of God, is called to shepherd ourselves on our faith journey, also to shepherd others. Allowing Jesus Christ to be our shepherd who shows us a way to the green pastures of heaven, who always has compassion to those in need is a significant thing. A compassionate heart is needed to transform selfishness into generosity, hatred into love, carelessness into goodness, and hardened hearts into loving hearts. The pandemic of Covid-19 has affected the whole world and its people. A compassionate heart brings all people into union together, to spiritually, emotionally, physically and financially help each other in different ways. A compassionate heart deepens a deep relationship among government and faith leaders, inspires them to sit down and collaborate together in building a world better where peace and harmony and justice will meet.



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Parish Mass Schedule

**No public
Masses until
further notice**

10:30am Sunday Mass
is live streamed.

For the live stream link
please visit:

www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

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.

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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Ord Time 17). It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26. Occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always', the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church.

Joke Corner

A drunken man staggers into a Catholic Church and sits down in a confession box and says nothing. The bewildered priest coughs to attract his attention, but still the man says nothing. The priest then knocks on the wall three times in a final attempt to get the man to speak, and finally the drunk replies, "No use knockin' buddy – there's no paper in this one either!"

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: 11/7/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$933
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$605



Meditation on Jesus For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul

(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises) August 7th from 1pm – 4pm. (Cost: \$20, Concession \$15).

Registration is necessary by phone or email. Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD At: **Janssen Spirituality Centre**, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 03-97626625 or Email: enquiries@janssencentre.org Or gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



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.

What you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters you did to me". Over the past 12 months volunteers of our Preston Conference have attended to over 340 calls for assistance. Weekly visits have revealed the dire impact of the current housing crisis on families, children, overseas students, refugees on temporary visas and the isolation effects of COVID-19. As winter continues your commitment to helping our neighbours who are daily facing the storms of job and income loss, domestic violence, physical disability or homelessness will be very much needed and deeply appreciated. TO donate: Please choose from the following:
* Collect an envelope today, fill out and return next week,
* Donate online at www.vinnies.org.au or by phone at 13 18 12, quote Conference no 940. (Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible)
* Donations of warm winter clothing- (must be washed and of good quality) can be taken directly to a Vinnies shop, Preston or Thornbury. Volunteers very welcome to join. Speak to a volunteer today or contact Stephen Costello the President on 0432 405 417 A summary of the Conference expenditure and income for 2020/2021 is also available.



Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

LAUNCHING NATIONALLY ONLINE FROM SATURDAY 31 JULY 2021

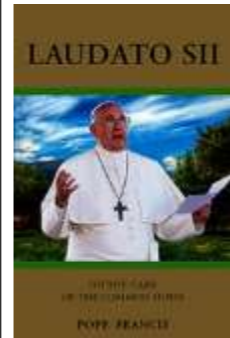
The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. In this Year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. St Gabriel's Parish Reservoir will offer a hub for local men to participate in presentations and discussion on Saturday 31 July, 9:30am to 12:30pm at St Gabriel's Parish Centre, rear of Church, Spring St Reservoir. Contact Tim Rebbeschi on 0491 152 345 The Catholic Church needs more men to actively participate in the work of evangelization "God is glorified when men are fully alive"



Catholic Theological College
Ethical Issues and Human Ageing
Online unit via zoom on 6 Saturdays from 31 July
Lecturer: Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM
Audit, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options available
Enquiries: 03 9412 333 or registrar@ctc.edu.au

LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis covered a wide array of issues related to climate change but amid the policy talk, scientific data, and historical information, he didn't fail to address our treatment and view of animals. Pope Francis on our relationship with animals. LS 33: It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their existence, not convey their message to us. We have no such right. *Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you! Laudato Si' no. 246)*



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
Mario David Santeco (RIP 8 July)
We Commemorate
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us pray for all the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care. We can all give it with a visit, a phone call, an outstretched hand.

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 24/25 July 2021		
	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Renato Tonini Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Ophelia Swai Marilene Fortuna	Ivana Lo Bello
Sun 6.00pm	Tim Rankin Marijana Jurjevic	Margaret Rankin

Cleaning Roster:
Saturday 24 July 2021
Volunteers
Thank you for your hard work

