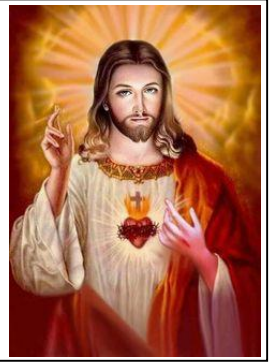




Sacred Heart Parish Preston

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Mary Harb

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

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 4 August

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

NO adoration on Thursday 21 July and Thursday 28 July.



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

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

New Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on **Monday 1 August** in the presbytery after 9:10am Mass.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16 July 2023 (Year A)

Preparing for the Harvest

If we have ever had the experience of planting seeds, we do it with the greatest expectations of a good harvest or flourishing bloom. We take time to turn the soil, give it water and nourishment, sow the seeds and watch and wait for the plants to grow. If they don't we might ask what went wrong?

In the first reading the prophet, using an analogy of a common experience in life, preaches about the continuing presence of God's kingdom to a people coming out of long exile. The word of God falls like spring rain to soften the soil so that seeds will grow. The word will not return empty. In essence, God means what God says and this was the basis of Israel's hope through exile and captivity that with effort it was possible for them to re-form and live in peace as God's chosen and faithful people.

The message from Paul who, in his life was no stranger to struggle and suffering as a proclaimer of "Christ Crucified", (Cor 1) is one of hope for his faithful followers under threat of hardship, and suffering for their faith. Through Jesus' parting gift of the Spirit all will be welcomed into union with God in a way they could not in their present circumstances imagine. Even more than that, the entire creation is drawn into the saving plan of God. Like seedlings that continue to flourish to produce a fine Harvest, so those who live their lives nourished and guided by the word of God will ultimately share in the glory destined for all who play their part as faithful children of God. Such is the hope to which they are called.

The story of the Sower featured in the Gospel is one of many parables that characterized Jesus teaching. Parables were short stories with open endings or a double meaning that used images that were part of people's everyday lives to draw them into thinking more deeply about the ways God is present in their lives. Jesus' parable today relates a simple scene of someone flamboyantly sowing seed in all directions such that some fall on pathways, or rocky ground, some amid plants that choke growth, and some fall on good soil where it flourishes to produce an abundant harvest. As Jesus told it nothing extraordinary happens and yet through this imagery he invited his hearers then as he does us to reflect on their experiences in life and consider what this might be saying about where and how God is at work in our lives and how or if we are open to respond to Him through our daily challenges, presumptions and habits.

Every day God gives us signs, trying to get our attention. It might be in the form of a flourishing garden, a piece of music, a newspaper story, a chance meeting with a friend. God may speak to us in the readings at Mass a homily about them, or through our community gathered in prayer. God may call to us through a child who is lost, a stranger who lends us a helping hand, or a neighbour struggling to make ends meet. If only we have eyes that see, ears that hear and hearts open to respond to Him!

Creating God, unceasingly at work in the field of humanity; sowing the good seed and awaiting its yield. Let your spirit move in power over us to transform our hearts into the good soil you seek. Then may your word bear fruit a hundredfold as our love becomes active and real through deeds of justice compassion and peace.



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
08-Jul-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy
15-Jul-23	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
22-Jul-23	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
09-Jul-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino
16-Jul-23	Jessy Thambiraj Ivana Lo Bello	Eileen Stevens
23-Jul-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Tony Eley

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
09-Jul-23	Albert D'Souza Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
16-Jul-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
23-Jul-23	Marijana Jurjevic Rachel Vorlander	Robert Dullard

Liturgical Ministers Roster

The current Liturgical Ministers roster will conclude on 30 July and the next roster (5/6 August to 28/29 October) will be prepared in the next few weeks. Kindly advise your availability as Reader or Eucharistic Minister by contacting Rachel - preston@cam.org.au or 9480 3398 Thank you.

A Heartfelt 
Thanks
To our volunteers!



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Ylenia Useli, Catherine Zanatta

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

Those who have died recently:

Marlene Barkley

We Commemorate:

Han Mook Kim (Luciano)

Domenico Caputo and Maria Rosa Bertucci.

Santino Libro.

Giselda, Teresa and Berardino Paoli

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last Week's Collection: 9/7/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,0189

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$699

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 †

Sunday 16th July

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Thursday 20th July

St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr

Friday 21st July

St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest,

Doctor

Saturday 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Education does not consist in filling heads with ideas, but in accompanying and encouraging students on a journey of human and spiritual growth, showing them how friendship with the Risen Jesus enlarges the heart and makes life more human.



† 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

Joseph Aloia

in preparation for his Baptism on 30 July.



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Cooper Tran

for his Baptism on Sunday 16 July.



1st Eucharist Mass, 10:30am, Sunday 23 July

Please pray for the Sacred Heart School children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time next Sunday 23 July.

Dear Lord,

we thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask You to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time. You have provided for us richly through the gift of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Amen.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please Note:

There will be NO adoration on

Thursday 21 July and Thursday 28 July.



Please take the bulletin home



GRANDPARENTS

“If you are lucky enough to still have grandparents, visit them, cherish them and celebrate them while you can.”

Grandparents, with their gentle presence and heartfelt advice, hold a special place in our hearts. They are a family’s greatest treasure and the family’s strong foundation. They can pass on important family traditions and life stories that a grandchild will not only relish when young but will grow to appreciate even more over time.

Grandparents have a magical ability to create a safe and nurturing space where their grandchildren feel cherished and accepted. In their embrace, grandchildren find comfort and understanding as they offer a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on and a wealth of wisdom from a lifetime of experiences. Loving grandparents celebrate the smallest achievements and shower their grandchildren with endless pride and encouragement. They instil a sense of belonging and self-worth, which builds confidence and resilience.

Grandparents provide an unwavering support system, empowering their grandchildren to dream big and reach for the stars.

The love of a grandparent is immeasurable.

“Dear God, bless our cherished grandparents with love, health and happiness. Thank you for the wisdom, care and unconditional love they bring into our lives. May our time together be filled with joy and precious memories. Amen.”

Sourced from www.majellan.media



A Vocation View:

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God’s voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.”-Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.



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.



Italian speaking volunteers needed

Hello, my name is Marianna, and I am the Regional Coordinator for the **COASIT** Visitation Program in the North-West. Our wonderful program has been running since 1985, and during this time we have managed to help so many of our vulnerable elderly in the community. I am currently looking for an Italian-speaking male and two female volunteers who are willing to visit an elderly gentleman and two lovely elderly ladies in the Preston/Coburg area for one hour per week for a friendly chat. These people are socially isolated and in need of a friend.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference in their life, and your own.

If you are interested or would like further information, please get in touch with me on

0481 603 758

Thank you
Marianna Cibin



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year Foundation classes, open on Monday 6th March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

Our school was ranked in the top 7% of primary schools across Victoria for NAPLAN in 2022.

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.



Piety Shop

The piety shop stocks small gifts and cards for **all Sacraments** as well as various religious items at reasonable prices. Please take the time to have a look after any of the weekend Masses.

Thank you



Children's activity pages

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



Joke Corner

One evening a grandmother was babysitting her two young granddaughters. They were playing around together when all of a sudden it was 8pm, which was the girls’ usual bedtime.

“Okay, time for bed,” she informed the two children.

“Why?” the youngest asked. “It’s so early!”

“Your father insisted your bedtime is 8pm,” the grandmother said.

“You don’t have to listen to him,” the other replied.

“Why not?” the grandmother asked.

The grandchild answered: “Because you’re **his** mother!”

My old aunts would come and tease me at weddings, “Well Sarah? Do you think you’ll be next?”

We settled this quickly once I started doing the same to them at funerals.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 64(65):10-14

The Response Is:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

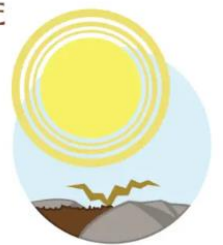
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

THE PARABLE



OF THE SOWER

