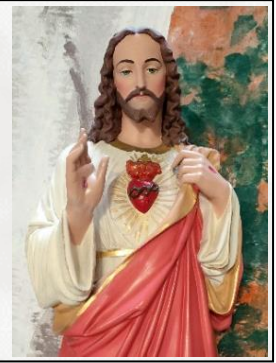




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



322 Bell St, Preston 3072
Phone (03) 9480 3398 or (03) 9484 2124
Email: preston@cam.org.au
Website: www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

Office Hours:

Mon, Thurs & Fri: 10am -3pm

Parish Priest: Fr Aloysius Nato, SVD

Italian Community Chaplain:

Fr Albano Da Costa, SVD 0478 963 248

Parish Office: Rachel Costa

School Principal: Mark Tierney

School Phone: 9487 1001

Sacrament Coordinator: TBA

Safeguarding Committee:

Safeguarding Officer: Robert Dullard

Safeguarding Committee: Members:

Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

Parish Council Members:

Gerard Grant (chairperson), Mark Tierney,

Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Coordinators:

Lectors and Audio Visual – Jessy Thambiraj

Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica

Stanley and Teresa Bernardini

Safeguarding – Pauline O'Day

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 7 Feb. 2025

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.

(Excluding last Thursday of the month)



Holy Rosary: Thurs 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 6 February in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass. All welcome

Bulletin printed: 6/12/2024

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



Second Sunday of Advent (year C) Sunday 8 December 2024

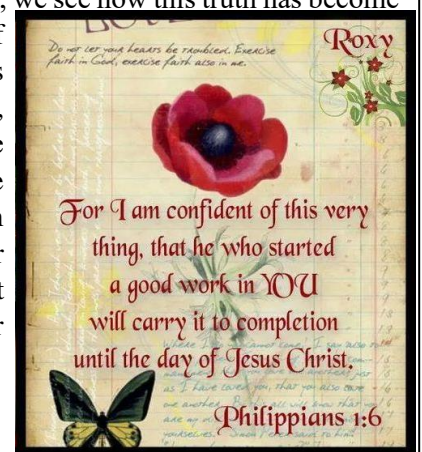
All humanity will see the salvation of God

Last Sunday, the liturgy invited us to see Advent as a time of preparation for the Saviour's birth, the dawn of salvation. Today we take up this theme again, in the gospel reading from Luke. John the Baptist is a prominent figure in the liturgies of Advent. After a long period in which the voice of the prophets was not heard, the Lord's Precursor – praised by Jesus as 'more than a prophet' (Mt 11:9) – made his appearance. Luke's introducing of John is dramatic and skilful. Situating John's heralding in the midst of the real world's history, he names contemporaries who foreshadow the tragic conflict that is soon to be enacted – Pilate who will authorize Christ's death, the petty rulers of the nation under occupation, the high priests whose hostility seals the fate of Jesus. But the gloom of this introduction gives way immediately to the vision of hope and promise that inspired John's mission. The Baptist – remembered as a man of the desert – is presented as inaugurating a new Exodus for God's people, as foretold by the prophet Isaiah.

Because the first Exodus from Egypt was the defining moment in the destiny of the Chosen People, it is not surprising that old Israel sometimes looked forward to the final fulfilment of God's promises as a kind of new Exodus. Our first reading, from the prophet Baruch, takes up this theme – making part of today's liturgy, not only because it echoes the words of Isaiah, describing the making of a way through mountains and valleys 'so that Israel may walk in safety', but also because its message of hope is admirably suited to the mood of our Advent liturgies. Looking back on the return from the Babylonian captivity as a second Exodus, the prophet looks forward to God's final intervention on behalf of his people as a last great Exodus. It is an outstanding example of the boundless hopes of those among the Chosen People who were faithful to their Jewish faith, looking forward to the coming of the messiah, in the last years of Old Testament times. When God remembers his promises, and Jerusalem's children are reassembled, they will discard their mourning garments and 'put on the beauty of the glory of God forever'; God will make them a sign for 'every nation under heaven'; God will give them a new name, 'Peace through integrity'. We are challenged in this time of renewal, to match this remarkable faith and hope.

Last week, we saw how – as 'the Son of Man' foretold in the prophecy of Daniel – Jesus presented himself as the fulfilment of Israel's boundless hopes. In today's second reading, from Paul's letter to the Philippians, we see how this truth has become part of the faith of the first Christian Church. One of the principal themes of the prophets of old Israel, as they warned a wayward people to amend their ways, was the 'Day of the Lord', when all must face the judgment of God. Paul now takes up this old theme – but for him it is 'the Day of Christ Jesus', when the Saviour will return as Son of Man to be our Judge. Though it is a season of hope and joy, Advent is also a time in which we are called to a deeper conversion.

John Thornhill sm



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.

Sat 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
30-Nov-	Terry Murphy Teresa Dang	Charlotte Bainy	
07-Dec-	Mary Harb Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy	Onella, Jemimah, Brenton
14-Dec-	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
01-Dec-	Eileen Stevens Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D'Intino	Judeline	Aleisha Jasmine
08-Dec-	Judeline Wadhvani Darina Lobo	Eileen Stevens	Judeline	Shamus Maxi
15-Dec-	Jessy Thambiraj Jessica Suppiah	Tony Eley	Jessy	Azariah Natalie

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
01-Dec-	Susan Bakani John Gaffney	Natalie Baran
08-Dec-	Shanthi Antony Jenifer Cahapay	Robert Dullard
15-Dec-	Snehita Antony Susan Bakani	Damian Casamento

♥ Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers
✠ ✠ ✠

We Pray For:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick, 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:

We Commemorate:

Angela Mazzarella, 1 mth. & Carmello Mazzarella 11th Anniv.
-both Sat 7/12 at 6pm

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



Advent Reconciliation
Saturday 14 December
At 4:00pm
All welcome

Last Week's Collection: 1.12.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,080
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$724
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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.



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 9 December *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Tuesday 10 December *Our Lady of Loreto*
Wednesday 11 December *St Damasus I, Pope*
Thursday 12 December *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
Friday 13 December *St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*
Saturday 14 December *St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor*

✠ ✠ ✠



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Word of God spreads when we are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit, preaching would have neither soul nor life, and we would spread only ideas or precepts to be fulfilled.

✠ ✠ ✠

✠ Baptism Congratulations ✠

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Emerie Estepho,

for her Baptism on Saturday 7 December.

and

Daisy Galvin-King & Cooper Galvin-King,

for their Baptisms on

Sunday 8 December.



✠ ✠ ✠

Advent Candles:

hope, peace, joy, love

For the **second week in Advent**, we focus on **peace**. In John 14:27, Jesus said, "**Peace** I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Two purple candles are lit.

Prince of Peace, reveal yourself to us today. We need **peace** in our lives, our homes, our families, our church, and our whole world. Help us to slow down and seek out the **peace** you provide, so we may become peacemakers for ourselves and others. In your name, **Prince of Peace**, we pray. Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠

Bambinelli Sunday - 15 December

You may bring the Baby Jesus statues from your Nativity sets for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 15 December. This tradition was started by Pope St John Paul II and is celebrated on Gaudete Sunday, third Sunday of Advent.

2024 Christmas Mass times at Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

6:00pm Family Mass
9:30pm Carols before 10pm Mass
10:00pm (in lieu of midnight) Mass

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day

9:00am Italian Mass - Nativity
10:30am Parish Mass - Nativity

Volunteer End of Year Function

All parish volunteers and staff are invited to our **End of Year "Thank You" BBQ** Friday 13 December from 6:00 pm onwards in the Parish presbytery. Barbecue meats will be provided by the parish However, BYO drinks and plate to share E.g.: starters, salad, side dishes, bread, desert, fruit etc. Kindly RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the foyer or contact Rachel on 9480 3398 or preston@cam.org.au



UNDERSTANDING JUBILEE 2025

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



Sacred Heart

Christmas Gift Appeal 2024

Advent begins this week and the Giving Tree will once again appear in the Church foyer.

This year once again parishioners are invited to:

- * **Take a labelled gift token** from the giving tree to:
- * **Donate a food gift card** of \$10 or more (Coles Woolworths or Aldi) for a family to purchase Christmas food items or
- * **A Kmart, Toys R Us or other Card** as a gift for a family member to purchase for another or
- * **Give a cash donation** for us purchase a gift card on your behalf. If so, please place your donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas Gift Appeal" with your contact details if you require a receipt. You may either:
- * Return the envelope to the Church and place in a secure labelled box by the third Sunday of Advent (15th December) or
- * Deliver your gift to the Presbytery or
- * Contact Moira McMahon 0439 619 623 or Pauline O'Day 0497 935 593 to arrange collection of your donation.

* We are not specifying gifts of toys or items. But if you or members of the family would like to donate a small gift for a child or young person, please feel free to leave it in the large box by the giving tree and we will deliver it. Thank you.



Volunteers Needed

Ministers of Eucharist, Lectors, Overhead Projectionists, Ushers/Welcomers, Collectors, Candle Lighter, Singers are needed for all Christmas Masses.

A sign up sheet is available in the foyer today for our parish volunteers who would like to participate at one of the Christmas Masses. Please write your name, role and contact details clearly or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au by 2pm Friday 13/12
Thank you



You are warmly invited to
**Sacred Heart Primary School's
Christmas Carols Evening**

Monday 16th December, 6.00pm start
At Sacred Heart Church
Afterwards refreshments in the Multipurpose Room

Thanksgiving Envelopes

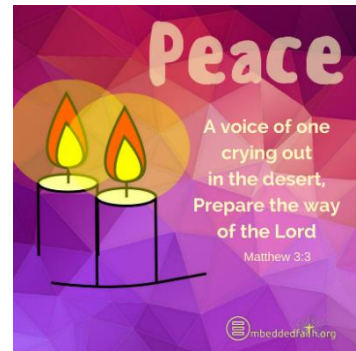
The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish



Piety Shop

Columban calendars are now available in the Piety shop - \$10

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 😊

Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

Nope — just an apple.

What kind of man was Barry before he married Ruth?

Absolutely Ruth-less.

What was Moses' wife, Zippora, known as when she'd throw dinner parties?

"The hostess with the Moses."

I asked my girlfriend to meet me at the gym but she never showed up. I guess the two of us aren't going to work out.

I texted my wife today saying "I love u".

She replied, "Oh, really? :)"

I said, "Yes, it's my favourite vowel."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Zion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard

in the joy of your heart.

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

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of
sorrow and distress,

put on the beauty of the glory of God
for ever,

wrap the cloak of the integrity of God
around you,

put the diadem of the glory of the
Eternal on your head:

since God means to show your
splendour to every nation under
heaven,

since the name God gives you for ever
will be,

‘Peace through integrity, and honour
through devotedness.’

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west
and east

at the command of the Holy One,
jubilant that God has remembered
them.

Though they left you on foot,

with enemies for an escort,

now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the
everlasting hills,

the filling of the valleys to make the
ground level

so that Israel can walk in safety under
the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree
will provide shade

for Israel at the command of God;

for God will guide Israel in joy by the
light of his glory

with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125(126)

The Response Is:

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,

it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,

on our lips there were songs.

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

The heathens themselves said: ‘What
marvels

the Lord worked for them!’

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears

will sing when they reap.

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full
of song,

carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with
joy, remembering how you have helped to
spread the Good News from the day you
first heard it right up to the present. I am
quite certain that the One who began this
good work in you will see that it is finished
when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and
God knows how much I miss you all,
loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My
prayer is that your love for each other may
increase more and more and never stop
improving your knowledge and deepening
your perception so that you can always
recognise what is best. This will help you
to become pure and blameless, and prepare
you for the Day of Christ, when you will
reach the perfect goodness which Jesus
Christ produces in us for the glory and
praise of God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths: all people shall see
the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius
Caesar’s reign, when Pontius Pilate
was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch
of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of
the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during
the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas
the word of God came to John son of
Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went
through the whole Jordan district
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins, as it is
written in the book of the sayings of the
prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation
of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

