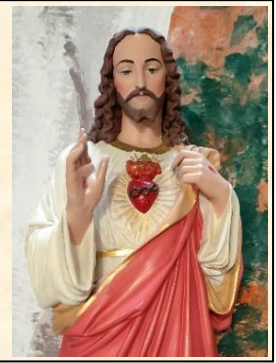




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Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

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Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

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Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Secretary – (To Be Announced)

Co-ordinators:

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Music – Carolina Constable

Ministers of Communion – Tony Eley

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – Jessica

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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 1 Nov. 2024

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 7 October in the presbytery after

9:10am Mass. All welcome

Bulletin printed: 20/9/2024

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Sunday 22 September 2024

“Whoever welcomes this little child welcomes me”

Children have an ability to see, hear and understand in a way that we have lost. Who but a tiny toddler would become so fascinated by nature and curious as to take her first independent steps by chasing a grasshopper through the front garden oblivious to obstructions in her path, running skills or her own safety? Her heart open, all is a wonder to her.

The gospel today begins with a second prediction of the passion which again, the disciples can't absorb and are afraid to ask for clarification. Jesus, their leader and their hope is talking about His imminent death at the hands of those in Power. They have a very different model of leadership from Jesus who, with some of His disciples have been travelling along the road to Capernaum. They arrive at a house and are welcomed in. He gathers them and asked what they were talking about on the journey. They couldn't answer because they had been arguing about their various positions of leadership in the group - who was the most authoritative, the most worthy of respect and the first amongst them.

Taking a child in His arms, Jesus shows them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege or power, heredity, election or social status. Gospel leadership resides in the welcome followers of Jesus offer with open hearts to those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs and suffering are ignored. Jesus' lesson is at once radical and simple: “Anyone who wants to be first must become last of all and servant of all.” How else, after all, could we even come close to understanding human need and suffering? All of us as disciples of Jesus are called to exercise this same disposition of ‘Service’ whenever we find ourselves in leadership or companionship whether that be as member of a family, a group, a parish, a city, a nation; assisting persons in need or with disability or loss of support. indeed as disciples of Jesus, all of us are ‘Church’ and called to serve.

Reflecting on this principle in our daily lives, urges us to consider the importance of empathy, kindness and community over personal gain and competition to be able to cultivate a deeper sense of purpose and interconnectedness with those afar and around us.

Our ultimate leader - Jesus, modelled this for us and showed us that it would not be easy. But Jesus prevailed over all this to rise in glory through suffering. May we learn from Him to pursue justice passionately, peacefully and with open hearts, look out for the safety and needs of the abused, listen and be a voice for the silenced and align ourselves with a more equitable world view that values every individual, in particular the ones who are most vulnerable like a little child. May our Love for God be active and real and expressed in our humble service to others.

We end with the words from St James:

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness and justice -not just in ourselves but in others.



SITTING DOWN, JESUS CALLED THE TWELVE AND SAID, “ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE FIRST MUST BE THE VERY LAST, AND THE SERVANT OF ALL.”

MARK 9:35 NIV

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
21-Sep	Marlene Vergou Celia Lemos	Mary Harb	
28-Sep	Mary Harb Rohan Lemos	Terry Murphy	
05-Oct	Teresa Dang Rohan Lemos	Charlotte Bainy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
22-Sep	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D'Intino	Jessica	
29-Sep	Marilene Fortuna Hannah Thambiraj	Gerard Grant		
06-Oct	Ophelia Swai Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens		

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
22-Sep	Snehita Antony Shanthi Antony	Robert Dullard
29-Sep	Jenifer Cahapay Snehita Antony	Damian Casamento
06-Oct	Tim Rankin Shanthi Antony	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:

Joseph Sawaya RIP 14/9 in Lebanon
Giuseppina Mercuri RIP 16/9 – Funeral Thurs 26/9 at 10:30am
Marisa Marsicovetere RIP 6/9
Angela Suleman RIP 15/9

We Commemorate:

Francisca Munoz Rosario & Romualdo P Rosario – both Sat 21/9 at 6pm
Maria Crocco (4th Anniv.), Crocco, Rizzo, Gelain, Bradshaw, Borowicki, Valier-D'Abate and Kalinowski families – all Sun 22/9 at 9am
Carlo & Rosina Torchia, Giovanni & Francesca Chiodo, Giuseppe Marasco and Candida Cardamone - all Sun 22/9 at 9am
Mario Trentin - Sun 22/9 at 9am
Francesca Sirianni (1 month) – Sun 22/9 at 10:30am
O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Last Week's Collection: 15.9.2024

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,453
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$771
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 23 September St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)
Thursday 26 September Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
Friday 27 September St Vincent de Paul, Priest
Saturday 28 September St. Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Everyone—every man and every woman—is invited by God to partake in His grace, which transforms and saves. We simply need to say “yes” to His free divine gift, welcoming it and allowing ourselves to be transformed by it.



Wedding Congratulations



We congratulate

Jessica & Adam

for their Wedding

celebrated here at Sacred Heart Church
on Saturday 21 September

May God grant a happy and prosperous life to you both as you
embark on your journey together as husband and wife.



Ordination to the Priesthood

On Saturday 21 September, **Rev Jean-Sébastien Géry** will be ordained to the priesthood. Please pray for him as he embarks on his priestly ministry in the service of God's people in the Archdiocese. Saturday 21 September 2024 at 10.00am. Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne



Online information session on the permanent diaconate

An information session will be held in September for the permanent diaconate. It is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. If you attended any previous sessions, you are also welcome to attend this session.

This session will be on a weekday evening via Zoom.

Express your interest in attending this event by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison at Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au. Attendance will be by invitation. Event Date: Tuesday 24 September 2024, 7.30pm–9.00pm



'Mass for All Nations': Migrant and Refugee Mass

'God walks with His people.'

Celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with migrant communities from all over Melbourne at the annual Mass for All Nations on Sunday 29 September at St Patrick's Cathedral.

2pm: Procession and Rosary in various languages

3pm: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese - All most welcome!



Come for a Cuppa after 10:30am Mass



Please join us after the 10:30am Mass for a cup of tea or coffee at **Sacred Heart School**. All are welcome



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

2024 Season of Creation Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all, We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the firstfruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



PEACE BEGINS WITH US - INSPIRING A BETTER TOMORROW

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

~ Desmond Tutu ~

The International Day of Peace on September 21st reminds us that peace starts with each of us. It's a day to think about the importance of being kind, understanding and united. Even though global issues can seem overwhelming, this day encourages us to take small, meaningful actions to bring harmony to our communities. By showing compassion, listening to others and choosing to connect rather than divide, we help create a more peaceful world. Peace isn't just about large-scale conflicts, it's about how we treat those around us each day, through acts of kindness and understanding. This year, let's commit to being peacemakers in our daily lives. Our collective efforts can create positive change and lead to a more compassionate and united world. Peace begins with each of us and today is a great time to start by reflecting on our actions and choices.



Dear Lord,

On this International Day of Peace, fill us with the spirit of love and empathy. Help us show kindness, listen with open hearts and bring unity in all we do. May our actions inspire positive change and create a more compassionate and harmonious world. Amen.

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Sacred Heart Church Social Planning Committee – NEWS

Save the Date

Mission Sunday

We will be celebrating **Mission Sunday** on the 20th of October. As part of the celebration, the Social Committee of Sacred Heart Church with Father Aloysius' blessings will be hosting a Talent Show. The theme for this year is "Go and invite everyone to the Banquet". So get ready to be Sacred Heart Parish's superstar...

Registration is now open. The 3 categories are:

- 1) Prep to Year 6
- 2) Year 7 to Year 12
- 3) Adults

The Talent Show will take place in the Sacred Heart Primary School Hall at 12pm. The registration fee of \$5 has been waived. Since it is Mission Sunday, please come and share your faith with us through song, dance, poetry or through any other talent you are blessed with.

If you have further questions please contact the social committee members or the parish office on 9480 3398.



Bible Study

Come and join us on this great adventure and learn the riches of the "greatest story ever told."

9 Wednesdays: 16 October to 11 December

7:30pm – 9:00 pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery

Contact: email: csiena.biblestudy@gmail.com

mobile: 0408 520 739

If you are interested but prefer a different day and time, please let us know and we will see if this can be accommodated.

Please register by Sunday 29 September



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 ☺

In response to some recent comments that immigrants and refugees in an American town were eating peoples' pets, we thought we would dedicate the jokes this week to our beloved dogs and cats.

Why didn't the dog want to play football? It was a Boxer.

Why did the Dachshund want to sit in the shade? Because it was a hot dog.

When you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle, and a rooster, what do you get? A cockerpoodledoo!

When a dog has a fever, what should you feed him? Mustard—it's the best thing for hot dogs.

What did the hungry dalmatian say after his meal? "That hit the spots!"

What do you do if your dog chews a dictionary? Take the words out of his mouth.

How can you tell if you have a lazy dog? He only chases parked cars.

Did you hear about the cat who swallowed a ball of wool? She had mittens.

Why are cats good at video games? Because they have nine lives!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death

since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

The Response Is:

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

The Lord upholds my life.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God.

The Lord upholds my life.

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling

them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

