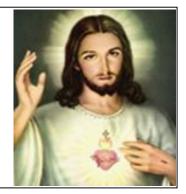


# Sacred Heart Parish

# Preston

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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 the month at 1:30pm

Please note new day. Next Healing Mass: Friday 4 November Devotional Practices:

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour **I** Holy Rosary: Thursday (English) after the 9:10am Mass

Reconciliation: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) Sunday 30 October 2022

# "And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully"

Today's Gospel tells us the story of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus, a tax collector. The encounter has changed the tax collector's life for ever. As we may know, the tax collectors of Jesus' time had a very bad image. They were considered traitors for serving the Romans. They also were rejected for abusing their power to extort money from their fellow Jews. Such an image doesn't seem to discourage Jesus from showing compassion and loving care to Zacchaeus. He even invited himself to Zacchaeus' house. But not everyone was happy with Jesus. Many were surprised and horrified by His decision to pay a special attention to the sinner, Zacchaeus. Despite their grumble, Jesus wasn't bothered at all. He has a shepherd's heart who goes after a lost sheep. Moreover, Jesus considers Zacchaeus as a man who is ready to make a change in his life. He appreciates Zacchaeus' effort of climbing a tree to see Him. Zacchaeus was looking for something important in his life. His bad image has made him an outcast in his own community. That's why Zacchaeus is overjoyed when Jesus greets him, "Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today." Responding to Jesus' mercy, Zacchaeus promises the Lord to pay back the money he extorted four times more. In Luke's Gospel the story of Zacchaeus encountering Jesus comes after the story of the rich young man who is not willing to give up his wealth. Although he has great respect of God's Law, he finds it difficult to leave behind the security of wealth in order to experience fully the love of God. For him, Jesus' call to renounce everything and attach himself to nothing but Jesus, is too difficult. Zacchaeus, in contrast, shows willingness to detach himself from wealth because he knows that what Jesus is offering worth so much more than wealth. From experience he learns that wealth doesn't guarantee him a true happiness, fulfilment and peace. He chooses to depend on God, instead of wealth.

Zacchaeus' story is very inspiring. It challenges us to ask ourselves: What is it in our lives that we need to change when Jesus comes to our house? Like to Zacchaeus, Jesus continues to invite himself to come to our house too. Zacchaeus' openness and humility to receive Jesus into his house has opened God's mercy and compassion to flow into his life and transform him. The same thing will happen to us too once we open our house for God to enter.

Moreover, transformation requires our effort and collaboration. The Gospel tells us that Zacchaeus climbed the Sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. The climbing of the sycamore tree and warm welcome at his house are Zacchaeus' efforts to pave the way for God's mercy to flow into his life. Zacchaeus' experience encourages us to make efforts to encounter God in our daily life and routines, such as: attending Sunday Mass, making time for Scripture reading, adoration of Blessed Sacrament, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and serving the parish community. These are simple efforts of climbing the sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who is ready to change our lives.

Last but not least is to loosen our attachment to material things. Zacchaeus was willing to give up worldly wealth which allowed him to make God the centre of his life and takes charge of his life. Many of us live in constant pursuit of material possessions. But the reality tells us that

we came into this world carrying nothing and we will not carry anything when we leave it. While we are here let us use material things wisely for the glory of God and helping one another, especially those in need. Let us pray for the guidance of Holy Spirit that we may have the wisdom of Zacchaeus to choose to depend on God, instead of wealth.

May God bless you.



### 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
15-Oct-22	Rohan Lemos	Terry Murphy
	Marlene Vergou	
22-Oct-22	Mary Harb	Charlotte Bainy
	Terry Murphy	
29-Oct-22	Celia Lemos	Mary Harb
	John Kmaid	
	Sunday 10:30AM	Sunday 10:30AM Mass
	Mass - Readers	Ministers of Communion
16-Oct-22	Judeline Wadhwani	Tony Eley
	Ophelia Swai	
23-Oct-22	Hannah Lopez	George McBrien
	Marilene Fortuna	_
30-Oct-22	Jessy Thambiraj	Eileen Stevens
	Ivana Lo Bello	
	Sunday 6:00PM	Sunday 6:00PM Mass
	Mass - Readers	Ministers of Communion
16-Oct-22	Carolina Constable	Damian Casamento
	Peter Constable	
23-Oct-22	Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard
	Rachel Vorlander	
30-Oct-22	Carolina Constable	Damian Casamento
	Peter Constable	



Cleaning Roster: To all our Volunteers Thank you for your hard work

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#### WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Shu-Fen Wu, Peter Bourke, Kay Dufty Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect. **Those who have died recently:** 

#### We Commemorate:

Rosa & Giovanni Bellino, Rocco Russo, members of the Bellino, Zerella, De Toma & DiBattista families O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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#### Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week

Tuesday 1 NovemberSolemnity of All SaintsWednesday 2 NovemberCommemoration of All the Faithful<br/>Departed (All Souls)Thursday 3 NovemberSt Martin de Porres<br/>(St Malachy)Friday 4 NovemberSaint Charles Borromeo, Bishop<br/>(Saints Zechariah and Elizabeth)tt

#### Last Week's Collection: 23/10/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$926 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$660 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.



# 125th Anniversary of Consecration – St Patrick's Cathedral

As we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year as a diocese – we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's – **Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm**. This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord – built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese, and home for all.

Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App**, *an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum.* 

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### **Remembering our Deceased Loved Ones**

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Please find in the foyer the "All Souls Day" booklet. You are welcome to neatly write the names of deceased loved ones in this booklet. All names entered will be prayed for at the All Souls Day Mass.



"All children have the right to be respected, to feel safe and supported, and to a standard of living that supports their healthy development and well being." UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Article 27

Children's Week is a time to celebrate and to nurture and love our children. Whether as a parent, grandparent or as a relative or friend, our children continue to surprise, amaze and bring immense joy to our lives.

#### A Prayer for Our Children

God, loving Father of all,

provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.

Strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.

May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded through the failure to be heard.

We stand in constant need of your healing and help. Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask you God, through Jesus your Son and Advocate for all children, to provide each of us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer. Amen

#### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



We must not fear moments of sadness and desolation, but be confident and sure that the Lord never abandons us, and with Him close by, we can overcome every temptation.

\* \* \* **DATES TO REMEMBER** 

Tuesday 1 November: All Saints - extra Mass at 7:00pm Wednesday 2 November: All Souls - extra Mass at 7:00pm Friday 4 November: Healing Mass - 1.30pm



#### Toiletry and cleaning product drive.

To help our local neighbours cover basic day to day essentials, donations of toiletries and household cleaning products would be greatly appreciated.

Beginning today, a collection trolley will be available in the Church foyer for items to be placed.

On behalf of our neighbours struggling at this time far and near, thank you Sacred Heart! No gift is too small.

For information about becoming a member our Preston Conference please contact Stephen Costello President on 0432 405 417.

If you or a neighbour requires vital assistance, please phone our welfare Assistance line on Free Call 1800 305 330. This service is free and confidential.

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#### The Call of Guadalupe Musical

The Call of Guadalupe musical is an entertaining, uplifting, Christian musical that celebrates life, love and hope. Based on a story by Anne Lim, the musical was created by playwright and artist, John Lee, with music composed by Peter Foster.

St Joseph's Parish is thrilled to have the participation of many of its children and talented artists on stage!

The Call of Guadalupe Musical will be staged from Thursday 24 November to Sunday 27 November 2022 at Chelsea Town Hall, 4

Thames Promenade, Chelsea 7:00pm - 8:30pm Rates: Preview: \$15 Adults: \$20 Children, under 18 and concession: \$15 Groups of 10: \$150 Family of 5: \$85 For all enquiries, visit: cogtheatre.org or email: chelsea@cam.org.au.



#### + + + **Catholic Mission**

On behalf of Fr Habte, the community and church members in Emdibir, Ethiopia, thank you so much for your generous support through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your gift is helping to ensure that many families have the opportunity to access skills training and employment.



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Your generosity is also supporting many other mission programs for children and communities around the world.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visitcatholicmission.org.au/ourwork, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter

#### LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Here is a prayer to invite you to contemplate creation. It can be done inside or outside.

Linger: Walk or look around you slowly. Notice if some member of creation attracts your attention, a cloud, a tree, a plant indoors. Allow yourself to linger, to pause at whatever attracts your attention and be present to what is there. Use your senses to take in the wonder of this creature: the colours, shapes, smells, textures.

Listen: What might this be trying to tell you? What might God be saying to you through this element of creation? Consider entering dialogue with this member of creation, calling to mind St. Francis talking to the birds and calling Brother Sun and Sister Moon. You might ask a question. Then listen. Just be open to what might arise. Love: When you are ready to leave, find a way to offer love, by saying thanks, offering a prayer to God for this encounter, wishing your new friend well. Find a way to acknowledge the gift you have received and your desire to give something in return. (LSM Prayer Book)

THANK YOU kindly for your gifts to the BOUNTY BOX. It is wonderful to be able to share with our parish community. Please feel free to give or receive in loving friendship.

### \* \* \* Sacred Heart Young Adult Group Youth Choir

All young adults who are musicians and those who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Youth Choir at the Sunday 10:30am Masses on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month For more information contact Priscilla on 0415 061 781



#### **Surviving the Floods**

To bring relief to those who have been effected by the recent and ongoing devastating floods, particularly in the north of the State, the Archbishop has asked that our parish communities support the Society of St Vincent de Paul's flood Appeal.

Contributions can be made by:

- 1. Calling 13 18 12
- 2. visit https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinniesvic-flood-appeal-2022.
- making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops 3. at point of purchase; or
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token 4. supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

#### Joke Corner

A racehorse in a stable starts to boast about his track record amongst other horses. "In the past 15 races, I've won eight of them!"

Another horse breaks in: "Well in the last 27 races, I've won 19!"

"Oh that's good, but in the last 36 races, I've won 28!" says another.

At this point, the horses notice a greyhound, who has been sitting nearby listening.

"I don't mean to boast," adds the greyhound, "but in my last 90 races, I've won 88 of them!"

The horses are clearly amazed. "Wow!" says one, after a hushed silence. "A talking dog!"

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#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

#### 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 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,

like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things

and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,

for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,

how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,

you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14 The Response Is: I will praise your name for ever, my king

# and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my king, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

# I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

I will praise your name for ever, my king

### and my God.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

#### SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived. The Word of the Lord

#### All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, alleluia!*

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

#### Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

#### Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not

see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH** *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 will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

