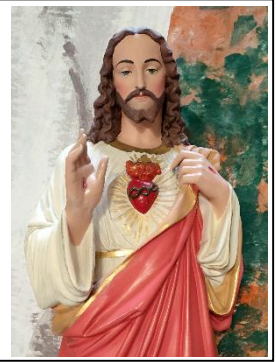




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Safeguarding Officers:

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Teresa Dang

Pauline O'Day

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Gerard Grant (chairperson), 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 November

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Thursday at 7:30pm for 1 hour.
(Excluding last Thursday of the month -
NO Adoration 14, 21 & 28 September)



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 2 October in the presbytery after
9:10am Mass.

Bulletin printed 22/9/2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 24 September 2023 (Year A)

**“My Ways Are Above Your Ways –
My Thoughts Are Above Your Thoughts.”**

The reading from the prophet Isaiah is part of a poem celebrating life as a gift from God. We are called to “seek the Lord” beyond the distractions and pressures of daily life and be active in our desire to know what God calls us to do. However, in doing so our presumptions about God might be challenged. We are prepared for this by God’s words through the prophet, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways my ways.” Isaiah 55.

While no one knows the mind of God, God’s wisdom conveyed through scripture in the challenging and comforting words of the prophets and through the mission of Jesus to bring the good news to the poor and the suffering of our world, has nurtured a faith in a God – as John put it who “IS LOVE, -universal in generosity, compassion and forgiveness towards all human beings, created in God’s image and likeness: Such is the source of human dignity and respect to be shown towards each other.

Hence there is no “Godliness” in acts of violence, elitism, discrimination, exclusion or suppression or exploitation of the vulnerable. God offer of mercy and justice to all in a variety of ways is expressed and practised through the actions and caring hearts of those opened to perceive the love of God shining through the goodness, pains and needs of others and our world.

With these thoughts in mind the parable of today’s Gospel reveals a different perspective to consider. Jesus tells a story which reverses some expectations we may have about worth in everyday life. Like most parables it is designed to stir us to “think again”. The last to be hired to work get paid the same as those who have laboured all day for the land owner- what’s more, the last is paid first. It certainly challenges our sense of justice and the concept of a “just wage” in the work place. But this is about the outrageous generosity of God which is not merited or bought but freely available to those most in need of it. One point to be drawn might be that God’s generosity does no injustice, neither can it be calculated or earned. It does not depend on talent or staying power etc. The story is about people – human beings- getting what they need: all have a right to eat beyond a day, to provide for their families: to be welcomed, listened to and respected: to have a place they can call home.

Jesus through his life, teaching and through the care and selflessness of his followers invites us to see others as God sees them: unique, precious and to treat them accordingly.

In Matthew’s view the standard of human behaviour towards each other is guided by nothing less than the perfect character of God – as in the mind of Christ Jesus. For us our challenge is and always will be to strive for the mind of Jesus who revealed the generosity of God. How can we continue to grow as a genuine welcoming community responding to the people in our society who are most in need – newly arrived or long standing? First step? - letting go of prejudgements of others and for a while, by respectful listening - “walking in their shoes.”



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
16-Sep-23	Rohan Lemos Natalie Baran	Terry Murphy
23-Sep-23	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Charlotte Bainy
30-Sep-23	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Mary Harb

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Ministers of Communion
17-Sep-23	Hannah Lopez Judeline Wadhvani	Giovanna D' Intino
24-Sep-23	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Eileen Stevens
01-Oct-23	Jessica Suppiah Marilene Fortuna	Giovanna D' Intino

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
17-Sep-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento
24-Sep-23	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Damian Casamento
01-Oct-23	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Damian Casamento

Readers, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, kindly contact another reader to organise a swap or advise your co-reader that he/she may need to prepare all allocated readings.



Ministers of Communion, if you are unable to attend on your rostered day kindly contact another minister to organise a swap. Thank you



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Ylenia Useli, Ray Hudson

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

Those who have died recently:

Maria Giacobbe (RIP 13/08)

Anna Maria Bicciano (RIP 15/08)



We Commemorate:

Maria Di Giambattista (1 month)

Maria Crocco (3rd Anni)

The deceased members of the Crocco, Rizzo, Gelain, Bradshaw, Borowicki, Valier-D'Abate and Kalinowski families.

Juan H. Pimentel (2nd Anni)

Jack Rowlands (8th Anni)

Jamil Kairouz

O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



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 †

Tuesday 26 September Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Wednesday 27 September St Vincent de Paul, Priest

Thursday 28 September St. Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Friday 29 September Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday 30 September St Jerome, Priest, Doctor



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Prayer is "water for the soul". It is humble, unseen, yet gives life. Those who pray grow inwardly. They know how to raise their gaze on high, remembering they are made for Heaven.



Temporary Changes to weekday Masses

Fr Aloysius will be taking some leave from Tuesday 12 September to Wednesday 27 September.

During his absence, weekday Mass will continue however, the Church will be open for morning Mass from 8:45am from Tuesdays to Fridays.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

While Fr Aloysius is away, there will be NO adoration on Thursday 14/9, 21/9 and 28/9.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



† Baptism Congratulations †

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Elsie Kuhnell

for her Baptism on 23 September.



Last Week's Collection: 17/9/23

1st Collection for our Church: \$993

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$745

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support our parish and priest, 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.

Kindly consider donating to both the Church and Presbytery accounts.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support to Sacred Heart parish.



SAVE THE DATE

Mission Sunday Family Fun Day Picnic
Sunday 22 October 2023
after 10.30 am Sunday Mass
BYO Picnic Food and drinks.
Sausage Sizzle, Family Outdoor Games, Music and
Dancing will be provided.
Venue: Sacred Heart School grounds.



Migrants and Refugees Sunday Mass

Sunday 24 September 2023,
2pm Rosary, 3pm Mass
St Patrick's Cathedral,
East Melbourne



All are welcome to celebrate with Archbishop Peter
Comensoli and migrant communities from across
Melbourne.



Blessed Statue of Mother Mary 1 October to 31 October 2023

During the Month of October two Statues
of Mother Mary will be passed on to
members of the parish to take home to
pray as a family and/or with friends.
Please register your interest if you wish to
have a statue present in your home by
placing your name and mobile on the
sheet provided in the foyer.



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



Sacred Heart Primary School 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2024 school year
Foundation classes are still available.
For a school tour, please contact the
school principal on 9487 1001 or via
the school website



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



Blessing of our Pets Liturgy

6.00pm, Friday 13th October
Sacred Heart Primary School



All pets from goldfish to guinea pigs, dogs to reptiles and
every pet in between are invited, and will receive a blessing
from Father Aloysius.

"Everyone is welcome even if you do not have a pet."



Children's activity pages

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



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Transforming Public Policies

Pope Francis' message for the Season of Creation notes that
for the mighty river of peace and justice to continue flowing,
we must *transform the public policies* that govern our
societies and shape the lives of young people today and
tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous
wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for
many others, spell the end of peace and justice. It is clear
that the richer nations have contracted an "ecological debt"
that must be paid (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 51)."

Pope Francis invites all people of good will to raise their
voices to "halt this injustice towards the poor and towards
our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate
change". He implores world leaders who will gather for the
UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai later this
year to listen to science and institute a rapid and equitable
end to the era of fossil fuels. Let us pray:

*Dear God, who loves the Earth, help humanity achieve
climate justice. Put an end to excuses and exceptions, and
bring repentance and acceptance of responsibility for
damage to Earth's life, both past and urgently present. Amen*

~ Adapted from the Net Zero Prayer Eco-congregation, Scotland

♥Natalie

Laudato Si' Animator, Sacred Heart Parish



SVD Annual Mission Day 2023

YOUR LIGHT MUST *Shine* BEFORE OTHERS

Saturday 7 October 2023

AT: 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill

3pm: Mission Day seminar

6pm: Mission day Eucharist

7pm: Multi-Cultural meal

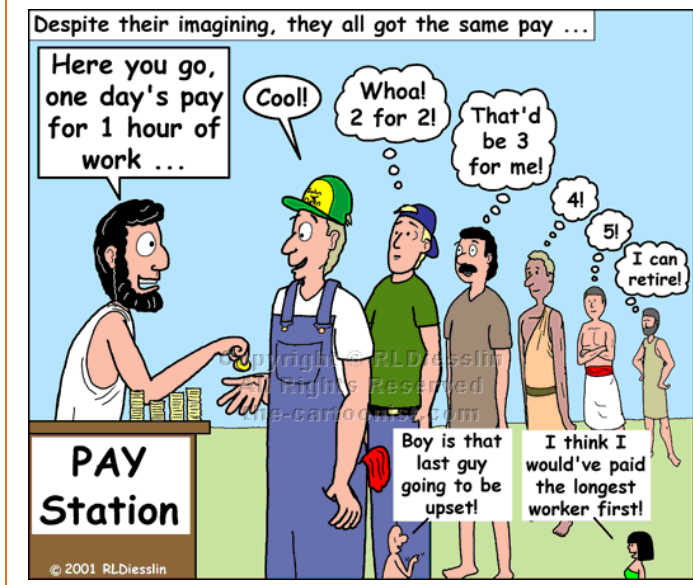
Register at: tinyurl.com/svd2023

For more information - See flyer in Church foyer

All Welcome



Joke Corner



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

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,

call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

The Response Is:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

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.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

The Lord is just in all his ways

and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,

who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body,
whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his

bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

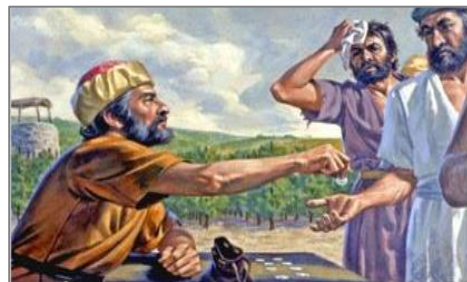
PROFESSION OF FAITH

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



**Laborers Hired Unto The
Vineyard**

Matthew 20:1-16