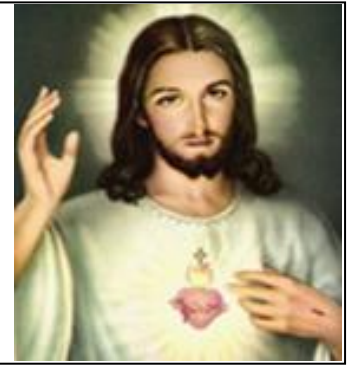




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Parish Mass Schedule

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 Thursday of the month at 1.30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 3 March 2022

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 27 February 2022

Honesty and Humility

Today we hear a continuation of the gospel passage of the last two Sundays. The brief parables of Jesus recalled today take the form of familiar proverbs: no disciple is superior to the teacher; 'can a blind person lead a blind person; why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye but can't perceive the log in your own?', a tree known by its fruits.

These parables are more than the expression of 'home truths'. The Good News of the kingdom expressed by Jesus is a promise of a new kind of existence, to be found by identifying with the ways of the living God after the example of the One who is the revelation of the Father. Luke continues with his examination of the new order ushered in by discipleship and turns to a very personal dimension of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The 'fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher'. Jesus offers himself as a model of non-judgement. This, after all, belongs only to God.

There are echoes here of last week: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves; grant pardon and you will be pardoned.' The disciples must recognise their own shortcomings and work tirelessly to rectify these so that what issues forth are the good fruits that only true goodness of heart can produce.

Jesus wants his followers not to place Him on a pedestal as an object of veneration but to live out in their lives the pattern of His life – One with Him in heart, mind and word. Whether leaders or laborers of God's vineyard they are to be 'meek and humble of heart' in order to be able to see with clarity their own moral failures and recognise the potential goodness and sufferings in other persons hearts; they are to be attentive to the pain of the world, and to live lives of practical compassion, justice and service.

To be a disciple is to be a "good person" and good persons are those who produce "good treasure" out of the abundance of their hearts, who do not look down upon others or seek to control, dominate or abuse. In the Jewish tradition the heart was the seat of wisdom, knowledge and life as well as the seat of emotions. Heart and mind are one and the source and motivation for actions.

This week as we might think about how easy or difficult we have found it to be self-reflective or self-critical over the past days and how we can encourage each other to recognise and nurture the goodness of God that dwells in us all.



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
26-Feb-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
05-Mar-22	Rohan Lemos Renato Tonini	Charlotte Bains
12-Mar-22	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
27-Feb-22	Jessy Thambiraj Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello
06-Mar-22	Jessica Suppiah Eileen Stevens	Giovanna D'Intino
13-Mar-22	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	George McBrien
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
27-Feb-22	Tim Rankin Ylenia Useli	Margaret Rankin
06-Mar-22	Anna Liggieri Margaret Bannan	Damian Casamento
13-Mar-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 5 March 2022

Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently

María Prioretti (RIP 6/2)

We Commemorate

María Stella (1 month)

Vincenzo Capobianco,

Mario, Raffaele and Gratiano Caruso

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 2 March: Ash Wednesday

Masses at 9:10am & 7:00pm

All Fridays during Lent:

Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm



Feasts /Memorials of the week:

Tuesday 1 March (St David)

Wednesday 2 March Ash Wednesday

Friday 4 March Autumn Ember Day

Commemoration of St Casimir



Welcome before Baptism

The Sacred Heart community welcomes

Matteo Velardi,

in preparation for his Baptism on 6 March 2022.



Baptism Congratulations

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates

Michele Aragona

for his Baptism on 27 February 2022.



Confirmation congratulations

We Congratulate

Niza Pereira

On being Confirmed at the
Saturday 6:00 pm Mass



May the Lord bless you with His guidance from this day forward.

And may you have faith in His plan.



Last Week's Collection: 20/2/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$815

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$406

Chaplaincy Appeal: \$423

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS

FEBRUARY 2022

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have **two** weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. The deadline for online submissions in the local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality is Sunday, 13 March. Find out more at:

<https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

A Prayer for Ukraine

Gracious God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.
May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.
Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.
Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.
We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



I invite everyone to make this coming 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace: let believers dedicate themselves intensively to prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.



LAUDATO SI'

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray, protect, and advocate for God's creation. The 2022 Season of Creation was launched this week under the theme of 'LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CREATION'. Hundreds of thousands of Christians will be uniting around the theme so everyone is invited to participate."

LS 64: "If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith."

LS 233: "The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things."

You are invited to go to <https://seasonofcreation.org> to join in the celebration Season of Creation



Project Compassion Sunday - 26 & 27 February 2022

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413



Online Lenten Retreat

The Little Sisters of the Poor offer young women who desire to deepen their Spiritual Life and draw closer to God six online Lenten Conferences titled: "Merciful Father"

5 March to 9 April 6:30 – 7:15pm

To register or for more information contact Sr Mary Lourdes 9487 8444 or voc.mel@lsp.org.au This is a free event.

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer:** e.g., Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self Denial:** e.g., not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others:** e.g., special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.
 - * All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain. (Canon 1252)
 - * The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During Lent the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
 - * Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022 and Trinity Sunday 12 June 2022 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
 - * The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: : <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>
Call 1300 734 880 for more information.

Joke Corner

A bishop, a priest and a deacon were about to be executed for preaching the Gospel in a foreign land.
The soldiers bring out the bishop first and tie a blindfold around his head to cover his eyes. The head guard shouts, "Ready, aim ..."
Suddenly the bishop yells, "EARTHQUAKE." When everyone looks away the bishop quickly removes the blindfold and runs off.
Next they bring out the priest who refuses to be blindfolded. The guard then shouts, "Ready ... aim ..."
The priest yells, "TORNADO." When everyone ducks, the priest runs off.
By then the deacon had it all figured out. They bring him out and when the head guard shouts, "Ready ... aim ..."
Without hesitating the deacon yells "FIRE."
Oops!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

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

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left
behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in
his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where a tree grows is
judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what
he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has
spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

The Response Is:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most
High,

to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the
night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm
tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our
God,

still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal
nature has put on immortality, then the
words of scripture will come true:
Death is swallowed up in victory.
Death, where is your victory? Death,
where is your sting? Now the sting of
death is sin, and sin gets its power
from the Law. So let us thank God for
giving us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers,
never admit defeat; keep on working
at the Lord's work always, knowing
that, in the Lord, you cannot be
labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples:
'Can one blind man guide another?
Surely both will fall into a pit? The
disciple is not superior to his teacher;
the fully trained disciple will always
be like his teacher. Why do you
observe the splinter in your brother's
eye and never notice the plank in your
own? How can you say to your
brother, "Brother, let me take out the
splinter that is in your eye," when you
cannot see the plank in your own?
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your
own eye first, and then you will see
clearly enough to take out the splinter
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces
rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that
produces sound fruit. For every tree
can be told by its own fruit: people do
not pick figs from thorns, nor gather
grapes from brambles. A good man
draws what is good from the store of
goodness in his heart; a bad man
draws what is bad from the store of
badness. For a man's words flow out
of what fills his heart.'

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.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

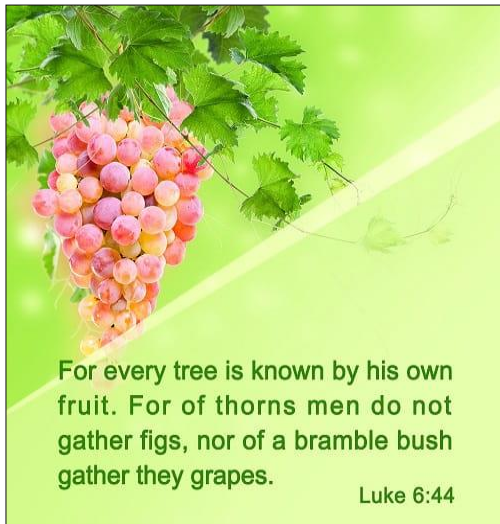
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord
Most High.



For every tree is known by his own
fruit. For of thorns men do not
gather figs, nor of a bramble bush
gather they grapes.

Luke 6:44