



Partnered Parishes of:

Sacred Heart Parish, Preston (SHP)

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St Raphael's Parish, West Preston (STR)

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Sacred Heart Parish (SHP)

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Sunday 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 6 November

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday Morning after the 9:10am Mass for 30 minutes.

Holy Rosary: Thurs after the 9:10am Mass

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Cuppa with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on

Monday 2 November in the church foyer after 9:10am Mass. All welcome



St Raphael's Parish (STR)

St Raphael Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5pm **Sunday:** 10:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Thursdays: 9:10am

Devotional Practices:

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 4:15pm

Living Gospel Prayer Group (LPGP):

Wednesdays at 1:30pm. All Welcome

Enquiries: Marijana 0422 340 675

Stay connected with parish news and upcoming events. To receive the weekly bulletin by email, subscribe at: www.melbcatholic.org/preston

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Our Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 25 October 2026

“Whoever Loves, Meets God.”

A well-loved Jewish Rabbi named Hillel, who lived shortly before the time of Jesus, was once asked by a young man to explain the whole Law while standing on one leg. Hillel replied: “What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole Law; the rest is commentary.”

Around the same time, the Jewish philosopher Philo taught that all the Law could be summed up in two simple truths: love God and love your neighbour.

Yet some religious teachers of Jesus’ day focused on countless rules and regulations that became heavy burdens for ordinary people. Jesus challenged this approach because God’s Law is not primarily about rules but about love.

In today’s Gospel, experts in the Law try once again to test Jesus by asking, “Which is the greatest commandment?” Jesus immediately goes to the heart of the matter. He reminds them of the prayer they recited every day: “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one.” Then he declares: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” To this He adds: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

For Jesus, these two commandments cannot be separated. To love God is to love our neighbour. And from God’s perspective there are no limits on who our neighbour is. Every person is a child of God and worthy of dignity, respect and care.

It is easy to speak about faith and religion. It is more challenging to live God’s love in daily life. Genuine love reaches beyond family, friends and those we find easy to like. God’s love is unconditional and calls us to be compassionate towards all.

Jesus showed us what this love looks like. He sought out the forgotten, welcomed those who were rejected, comforted the broken-hearted, and gave hope to those who felt lost. Through His actions, people experienced God’s mercy and discovered their own worth.

The law of love is built on compassion and hope. Compassion allows us to recognise the suffering of others and respond with kindness. Every day Christ comes to us in different disguises, often in those who are lonely, struggling or in need of encouragement.

May we have eyes to recognise Him and hearts ready to share God’s love. *For “when the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will truly know peace”.*

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God
with **ALL YOUR HEART** and
with **ALL YOUR SOUL** and
with **ALL YOUR MIND.**
This is the great and first commandment.
MATTHEW 22:37-38



Divine Word Missionaries serving the Parish of Sacred Heart Preston since 2007 and St Raphael's Parish since June 2026. www.divineword.com.au

Sacred Heart Parish Roster (SHP)

Sat 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Overhead Projectionists
17-Oct	Teresa Dang	Terry Murphy	Rayhan Domingo
24-Oct	Marlene Vergou	Teresa Dang	Alvin Rahadjo
31 Oct	Maureen Gough	Terry Murphy	Rayhan Domingo

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Overhead Projectionists
18-Oct	Ophelia Swai Mark Tierney	Mia Grant	Tanya Ferraro
25-Oct	Marilène Fortuna Mark Tierney	Giovanna D'Intino	Natalia Molini
01-Nov	Mark Tierney Marilène Fortuna	Marilene Fortuna	Natalia Molini

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Overhead Projectionists
18-Oct	Shanthi Antony Snehta Antony	Damian Casamento	Natalie Baran
25-Oct	John Gaffney Jenifer Cahapay	Judith Pimentel	Tanya Ferraro
01-Nov	Snehta Antony John Gaffney	Robert Dullard	Hoi Ying Lam

St Raphael's Parish Roster (STR)

Sat 5pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
17-Oct	Paul Smith	Carmel Whelan
24-Oct	Mel Puliueva	Nick Cachia
31-Oct	Paul Smith	Carmel Whelan

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
18-Oct	Sr Vilay Anna Sisinni — Italian	Nick Cachia Carmela Molinaro
25-Oct	Franca Surace Melinda Di Prospero - Italian	Rosetta Macri Bruna D'Alessandro
01-Nov	Maria Gaggiano Melinda Di Prospero - Italian	Rosetta Macri Carmela Molinaro

SACRED HEART PARISH

URGENTLY NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS for SLIDE PROJECTION (All Masses)

Please consider giving some of your time to Sacred Heart Parish. Basic computer skills preferred and training will be provided. Contact Rachel : preston@cam.org.au or 9480 3398. Thank you.

♥ Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Margaret Bannan, Paulina Nato, Nicholas M
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Robert Morabito, RIP 16/10. Funeral Thurs 29/10 at 11am (STR)

We Commemorate:

Katie Stavrinou, Lisa and Boulos Beayni, Rahil Baini – all
Sun 25/10 at 10:30am (SHP)

Pasquale, Rosaria, Caterina, Giovanni and Giovanina
Butera; Nicola and Bruno Nicolazzo; Dino and Nunziata
D'Intino; Tommaso, Giovanni and, Natalino Raso – all
Sunday 25/10 at 10:30am (SHP)

Joseph Camilleri, 1 month. Sat 24/10 at 5pm (STR)

Tommy Trantino, Sun 25/10 at 10:30am (STR)

Adriana Pighin, 8th Anniv. Sun 25/10 at 10:30am (STR)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let 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.



Pope Leo XIV@Pontifex

The witness of the saints, deeply rooted in the concrete realities of their times, reminds us of the renewing and transforming power of Easter. They show us that history is shaped by faith.



Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the week:

Tuesday 27 October Anniversary of Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, 1897

Wednesday 28 October Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)



Welcome before Baptism

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the parishioners of our partnered parishes rejoice with you. We give thanks that you have chosen to baptise your child, and we pray that in the years ahead your family may continue to grow in the everlasting love of God.

Today, our parish community warmly introduces

Oliver Donato,

who will be receiving the
Sacrament of Baptism on
Sunday, 15 Novemberber.



May God bless **Oliver** and his family as they journey toward this joyful celebration.



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support **Sacred Heart Parish**, you can make a donation by scanning the QR code unique to **Sacred Heart Church**, Preston. It links directly to our parish donation page. ⇨



⇨ To support **St Raphael's Parish**, you can make a donation by scanning the QR code unique to **St Raphael's Parish**, Preston West. It links directly to our parish donation page.

When you arrive at either of the donation pages, please select whether you would like your gift to support the **Church**, **Presbytery**, or **Piety Shop**. You can choose to make a one-off payment or set up weekly or monthly contributions.

Both QR codes are also available in the respective church foyers.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Last week's Collection (Sacred Heart): 18.10.2026

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,676

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$580

Last week's Collection (St Raphael's): 18.10.2026

Stewardship/Church \$820 Presbytery \$533

Thank you ALL for your kind generosity!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 1 November: All Saints – Normal Sunday Masses

Monday 2 November: Cuppa after 9:10am Mass at Sacred Heart

Monday 2 November: All Souls - Mass at 7:00pm at both Sacred Heart and St Raphael's churches

Friday 6 November: Healing Mass - 1.30pm at Sacred Heart.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made **World Mission Sunday** celebration such a wonderful success:



- **The Parish Social Committee:** Thank you for your hard work in planning the event.
- **Volunteers:** Thank you to everyone who helped set up, served on the day, provided entertainment and stayed to clean up.
- **Food Contributors:** Thank you to all who generously brought food to share.
- **Sacred Heart School & Principal Antoniette Stasi:** Thank you for kindly allowing us to use the school hall for the function.
- **Father Aloysius:** A special thank you for celebrating such a beautiful Mass for our community.



Monthly Partnered Parishes Lunch

Next Lunch on Thursday 5 November at 12.00pm Midday at Darebin RSL, 402 Bell Street, Preston.



If you would like to attend, please write your name on the sign-up form in either church foyer by **Monday 2 November** or email preston@cam.org.au. Thank you.

Any questions, please contact **Nadia** on 0409 409 467.



Presence: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026

This Advent and Christmas season, take time to discover the God who is closer than we think. We are placing a bulk parish order for *Presence*, the 2026 daily reflection booklet. Each copy is \$7.00



- Preview the booklet: dow.org.au/shop
- How to order: Contact the parish office by phone at 9480 3398 or email preston@cam.org.au
- Order deadline: End of day, Sunday, October 25

Note: Pre-payment before we place the order is greatly appreciated.



Melbourne Synod 2026



44. Synodality is about relationship

At its heart, synodality is relational—walking with God and with one another.



OUR GREATEST BLESSING

"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them." ~ Desmond Tutu ~

Family life is built on a blend of ordinary moments and special traditions, creating shared memories that shape who we are and give us a sense of belonging. Through both the joys and the inevitable challenges, growing up in a family teaches us essential life lessons—like patience, empathy, compromise, and forgiveness. Ultimately, the true value of family isn't in material things, but in the gift of time, support, and enduring love.

Dear Lord, watch over those we hold dear. Keep them safe in your loving care, bless them with good health and fill their hearts with peace, joy and hope. Amen.

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St Raphael's and Sacred Heart News

All Souls' Day Masses

You are all warmly invited to both Sacred Heart and St. Raphael's All Souls' Day Mass

Monday 2 November at 7pm at both Churches

You are invited to bring along a photo of your deceased loved ones



You are all invited to the

Living Gospel Prayer Group Mass

Friday 6th November at St Raphael's Church

5:30-6 pm Praise and Worship

6 pm Mass and Adoration

Finishing at 7:15 pm

Cuppa afterwards in fellowship, all welcome



Sunday 15 November - Come for a Cuppa after the 10:30am Mass at St Raphael's Church



Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the **St Raphael's Church Foyer** after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, 15 November.

All are welcome!



Looking for flexible work and a chance to support persecuted Christians?



Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is seeking a Diocesan Outreach Assistant to give short presentations at weekend Masses across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities.

If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you.

For details: www.aidtochurch.org/work



😊 Joke Corner 😊

Dad insisted we leave at 5am to beat the traffic. We did. Unfortunately, our luggage didn't leave until Mum went back for it. Our family has two holiday budgets: the one we agree on before we leave, and the one we agree never to discuss when we get home.

We rented a holiday house advertised as "a stone's throw from the beach". Having walked there, I'd like to meet whoever threw that stone.

Our holiday house sleeps eight comfortably. There are only six of us, but three have been assigned the sofa because apparently snoring counts as extra guests.

Dad spent twenty minutes reversing the caravan while Mum gave directions. They're now communicating through the children.

We told the kids our holiday accommodation had no Wi-Fi. They stared at us. For a moment, we thought we'd finally made eye contact. Then we realised they were checking whether we were serious.

The brochure promised a holiday we'd never forget. The credit card statement arrives monthly to make sure.



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

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:

“‘You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“‘If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“‘If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

The Response Is:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving
help and exult in the name of our God.

