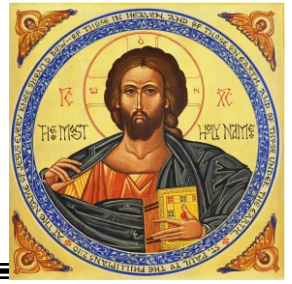




HOLY NAME, EAST PRESTON

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

13TH SEPTEMBER, 2026



MASS TIMES

Rosary 30min before Mass

Monday

Our Lady of the Way 10.00am

Tuesday

Holy Name 9.00am

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Our Lady of the Way 10.00am

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Holy Name 9.00am

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Our Lady of the Way 10.00am

Saturday

Holy Name 9.00am

Vigil

Our Lady of the Way 6.00 pm

Sunday

Our Lady of the Way 9.00 am

Holy Name 10.30am

Holy Name (Viet.) 4.00pm

Confession Times.

Saturday: Holy Name:

After 9.00am Mass

Saturday: Our Lady of the Way:

5.15-5.45pm

ENTRANCE

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

PSALM

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;

slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Monday The Exaltation of the Cross - Feast

Tuesday Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Thursday Thursday of Week 24 (Sts Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor & Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor)

Friday Friday of week 24

Saturday Saturday of week 24 (St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr)



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Office: (Francesca) Tues. & Wed.: 9.00am to 1.00pm

<u>MASS</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>LANGUAGE</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>
<i>Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time</i>		<i>Year A</i>		<i>Sunday 13th September, 2026</i>
10.30am	Holy Name, E. Preston	English/Italian	Maria Moderana/Rosa Zannoni	Regina Biada
<i>Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time</i>		<i>Year A</i>		<i>Sunday 20th September, 2026</i>
10.30am	Holy Name, E. Preston	English/Italian	Regina Biada/Tony Tohill	Stephen La Rosa

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for all who died recently especially Anna Bermarija, Teresa Petruccelli

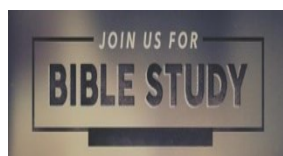
ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all anniversaries about this time especially Edelweis Cecchinelli, Kenneth Grant



<https://www.youtube.com/@LectiowithSeanHiller>



<https://www.youtube.com/keithnester>



GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH- EVENING TEA AND BIBLE STUDY Whether you're completely new or simply curious – Come for an evening of tea and Bible, conversation and reflection. No prior knowledge needed. Join us for a relaxed, welcoming monthly gathering where we'll unpack Scripture together, and deepen our understanding.

Next session will be Tuesday, 29th September at 7pm in the Gathering Room at Holy Name.



keys were found on Sunday along the pathway between the school and the church. If anyone has lost a set of keys. They can be collected from the Presbytery office.



Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.



MARCH FOR THE BABIES: Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 10th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne. Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com. This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.



Please join us on the 18 year anniversary, as we march for the babies. Attendance is completely free, we just ask that you please book in advance for yourself, your family or group through the link shown.

marchforthebabies.com

Our march is a family-friendly event with a peaceful police presence.

**BOOK
YOUR
FREE
TICKETS**



Visitation and Communion

If you or someone you know wishes to receive Communion at home or a visitation, please let Fr John know.

LEO XIV: **GENERAL AUDIENCE; Saint Peter's Square, Wednesday, 9 September 2026**

Catechesis: The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes (GS12-22). 2. Human dignity: gift and responsibility.

Brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

The Conciliar Constitution [Gaudium et Spes](#) (GS), by dedicating the first chapter to the dignity of the human person, emphasizes that it is the foundation and condition for “those values which are most highly prized today”, but these must not lose sight of their “divine source”, in order to avoid possible distortions arising from the “taint in man’s human heart” (GS, 11). The journey that made it possible to highlight the fundamental characteristics and rights of human dignity certainly represents one of the most significant chapters in human history. However, the path ahead is not yet complete and must address the contradictions, both old and new, which prevent its full realization. The Church clearly offers her contribution, reminding us that human dignity arises from the very being of the person. I had the opportunity to reiterate this also in my recent Encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*: “Every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with Him, with others and with creation. Human dignity does not depend on a person’s abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of His unfailing love” (no. 50). The infinite dignity of the human being, then, is rooted in his identity as a creature made “‘to God’s image’ ... capable of knowing and loving his Creator”, a plan and gift of love that transcends other created realities, which are entrusted to his care to “subdue them and use them to God’s glory” (GS, 12). In faith we can understand the ultimate foundation for the dignity of the person, inasmuch as the Son, “by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear” (no. 22). The person always implies relationship, communion and participation in relation to God and to others; hence, a filial relationship with God the Father and a fraternal relationship with Christ and with all humankind. It excludes self-centred isolation. To be a person means to perceive oneself as a gift to be shared, growing and maturing through acceptance, reciprocity and service. This dignity is entrusted to the responsibility of each person: at the same time, it also demands solidarity and mutual care, overcoming the many falsifications and manipulations that still disfigure our perception of it and hinder its realization. Indeed, as a result of the choices made throughout history that have run counter to this dignity, even today “man is split within himself”, and “all of human life, whether individual or collective, shows itself to be a dramatic struggle between good and evil between light and darkness”. This fragile and limited condition, however, can be regarded with hope, because “the Lord Himself came to free and strengthen man, renewing him inwardly and casting out that ‘prince of this world’ (John 12:31) who held him in the bondage of sin” (GS, 13). Furthermore, the Constitution [Gaudium et Spes](#) affirms that human dignity concerns the whole person and,

HOW **MY** HEAVENLY
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WITH **YOU**
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EACH **FORGIVE**
YOUR **BROTHER**
FROM **YOUR**
HEART

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence. **The Word of the Lord**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **The Word of the Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!. I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Dal libro del Siràcide

Rancore e ira sono cose orribili, e il peccatore le porta dentro. Chi si vendica subirà la vendetta del Signore, il quale tiene sempre presenti i suoi peccati. Perdona l'offesa al tuo prossimo e per la tua preghiera ti saranno rimessi i peccati. Un uomo che resta in collera verso un altro uomo, come può chiedere la guarigione al Signore? Lui che non ha misericordia per l'uomo suo simile, come può supplicare per i propri peccati? Se lui, che è soltanto carne, conserva rancore, come può ottenere il perdono di Dio? Chi espierà per i suoi peccati? Ricordati della fine e smetti di odiare, della dissoluzione e della morte e resta fedele ai comandamenti. Ricorda i precetti e non odiare il prossimo, l'alleanza dell'Altissimo e dimentica gli errori altrui. **Parola di Dio : All: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, nessuno di noi vive per se stesso e nessuno muore per se stesso, perché se noi viviamo, viviamo per il Signore, se noi moriamo, moriamo per il Signore. Sia che viviamo, sia che moriamo, siamo del Signore. Per questo infatti Cristo è morto ed è ritornato alla vita: per essere il Signore dei morti e dei vivi.

Parola di Dio

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Pietro si avvicinò a Gesù e gli disse: «Signore, se il mio fratello commette colpe contro di me, quante volte dovrò perdonargli? Fino a sette volte?». E Gesù gli rispose: «Non ti dico fino a sette volte, ma fino a settanta volte sette. Per questo, il regno dei cieli è simile a un re che volle regolare i conti con i suoi servi. Aveva cominciato a regolare i conti, quando gli fu presentato un tale che gli doveva diecimila talenti. Poiché costui non era in grado di restituire, il padrone ordinò che fosse venduto lui con la moglie, i figli e quanto possedeva, e così saldasse il debito. Allora il servo, prostrato a terra, lo supplicava dicendo: "Abbi pazienza con me e ti restituirò ogni cosa". Il padrone ebbe compassione di quel servo, lo lasciò andare e gli condonò il debito. Appena uscito, quel servo trovò uno dei suoi compagni, che gli doveva cento denari. Lo prese per il collo e lo soffocava, dicendo: "Restituisci quello che devi!". Il suo compagno, prostrato a terra, lo pregava dicendo: "Abbi pazienza con me e ti restituirò". Ma egli non volle, andò e lo fece gettare in prigione, fino a che non avesse pagato il debito. Visto quello che accadeva, i suoi compagni furono molto dispiaciuti e andarono a riferire al loro padrone tutto l'accaduto. Allora il padrone fece chiamare quell'uomo e gli disse: "Servo malvagio, io ti ho condonato tutto quel debito perché tu mi hai pregato. Non dovevi anche tu aver pietà del tuo compagno, così come io ho avuto pietà di te?". Sdegnato, il padrone lo diede in mano agli aguzzini, finché non avesse restituito tutto il dovuto. Così anche il Padre mio celeste farà con voi se non perdonerete di cuore, ciascuno al proprio fratello». **Parola del Signore**