## **Processional Hymn CWB 349**

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

O sons and daughters let us sing! The King of heav'n, the glorious King, O 'er death today rose triumphing Alleluia! Antiphon

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My wounded side. O Thomas, see: behold my hands, my feet," said he; not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise, in laud, and jubilee and praise. Alleluia! Antiphon

# Liturgy of the Word

Acts 2: 42-47 1 Peter 1: 3-9, John 20: 19-31

#### **Psalm Response**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love is everlasting.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; Happy those who have not seen me, but believe! Alleluia!

The risen Jesus recognises each of us personally by name. The risen Jesus invites each of us to share in his healing gift of peace. The risen Jesus sends each of us out in his name, with the gift of life.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

## Next weekend 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A

Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35



## May our dead enter the sure hope and promise of their heavenly inheritance

Anniversary of death Concepcion Rueff Domenico Ferrentino

## Preparation of the Gifts CWB 99

Baptised in water. sealed by the Spirit. cleansed by the blood of Christ our king; heirs of salvation. trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king; born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.



# **Holy Communion CWB 350**

Chorus: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth:

he is the King of creation. Chorus

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. Chorus

We have been crucified with Christ;

now we shall live forever.

God has proclaimed his gracious gift:

life eternal for all who believe.

Come, let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Saviour.

# Recessional Hymn CWB 352

Refrain: By Your Kingly Power, O risen Lord, all that Adam lost is now restored. In your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry, sound it to the souls in prison; shout our triumph to the sky.

Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

Sing the joyful Easter cry, let all times and peoples listen: death has no more victory.

Refrain

Chorus

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Death has lost and life has won; ev'rv newborn child we christen now the Father's child becomes. Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Refrain

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### Parish of St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir-Reservoir East

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2nd Sunday of Easter **Divine Mercy Sunday** 16.04.2023



# **WEEKDAY MASS AT** ST RAPHAEL'S PRESTON WEST

Tuesday 4pm Wednesday 4pm Thursday 8.30am Friday 8.30am

# **WEEKEND MASS** & RECONCILIATION

Saturday St Stephen's 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass Sunday St Gabriel's 9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

Thanksgiving, Clergy support & Easter offering by direct debit

St Gabriel's & St Stephen's Church BSB: 083-347

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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

## Sincere thanks to all who assisted with our Parish celebration of Holy Week and Easter We were glad to welcome Fr Hoctor & Xavier Ryan

- Palm / olive branches: Gianna Spina, Calogero Pitinga, Anglican Parish, Numurkah—Nathalia
- Altar servers, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Music Ministry, Colin Jenkins
- Sacristy: Ange & Ofelia Braysha, Gianna Spina, Jonathan Abuthan
- Parish Office: Gracie Forde, Hung Chau, Bonnie Wilson
- Easter Candles: Moira Mullan
- Flowers: lillypadweddings.com.au
- Altar Cloths: St Gabriel's linen roster:
- St Stephen's: Helen Nowak, John & Lucy Lilburne, Marcia Bettin, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion
- RCIA: Jessica Dawson, Awais Khan, Ruben Wild, Lina Maiornna, Jonathan Abuthan, Tim Rebbechi, John & Lucy Lilburne, Peter & Jess Rebbechi
- Baptism garments & candles: nancycreations.com.au
- Mission: Love Real Estate reservoir@lovere.com.au

We welcome Fr Hoctor who celebrates weekend Masses. Daily Mass is available at St Raphael's, Hardy St Preston West. Fr Pritchard visits the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary in the Philippines.

The Parish office is open Thursdays 9am to 12noon and Fridays 9am to 3pm. The Parish office is happy to manage enquiries about Baptism and Funerals, Parish administration, etc. A message can be left on voicemail or sent by email outside office hours.

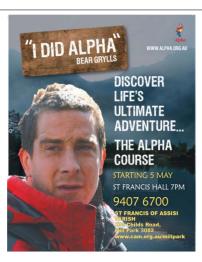
The **Easter offering** provides extra support for our Bishops and Priests. Thank vou!

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be placed in baskets at St Gabriel's and at St Stephen's.

#### St Gabriel's Theatre Group

announces this year's production the musical Fiddler on the Roof St Gabriel's Hall. Enquiries: Judy O'Meara 0488 580 145 judeome@hotmail.com

- ANZAC Day Tuesday 25 April 9am Mass
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 30 April 3pm
- Legion of Mary membership: weekend 29-30 April
- Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer Sunday 30 April 7pm



#### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre. New members are always welcome. Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330
- Donation boxes are below statue of St Joseph in St Gabriel's Church, and near baptismal font in St Stephen's Church.
- Vinnies Reservoir 10 Edwardes St Reservoir 1300 736 933 vinnies.org.au/getinvolved volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au

#### **LEGION OF MARY**

- Our Parish praesidium (group), dedicated to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, meets every Monday 1.30pm Bethany Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.
- Our Parish Legion of Mary invites families to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week of family prayer.
- Enquiries Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520

#### ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35 St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90 I'm Going to Mass For ages 2 to 5 \$15 Statue of St Gabriel's \$17 St Gabriel's Charm \$6

## **DIVINE MERCY Sunday 16 April**

Holy Cross Church
707 Glenhuntly Rd Caulfield South
1.30pm Reconciliation-Eucharistic Adoration
Hour of Mercy-Holy Mass
Enquiries: Joy Hunt 9509 2207

# CARDINAL PELL LUNCHEON & LECTURE

Presented by Aid to the Church in Need Sunday 21 May Park Hyatt Hotel Melbourne \$250 trybooking.com/CFYTF

## LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Parish 17 Hardy St, Preston West Wednesdays 1.30pm Contact: Marijana Jurjevic 0422 340 675

#### **MYSTAGOGIA**

Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre

The third step of Christian initiation is followed by the final period, the period of postbaptismal catechesis or *mystagogy*. The neophytes are introduced into a fuller and more effective understanding of mysteries through the Gospel message they have learned and above all through their experience of the sacraments they have received.

20 April Theology of the Body I presenter: Matthew McDonald 27 April Aid to The Church In Need presenter: Julie Zaar 4 May Theology of the Body II presenter: Matthew McDonald 11 May Abraham & Moses presenter: Anna Krohn 18 May Isaiah & Jeremiah presenter: Anna Krohn 25 May The Divine Office presenter: Anna Krohn

The first believers' experience of the Spirit was so lifechanging that they felt compelled to come together to worship the Lord and love one another as family.

But this ideal situation didn't last long. Only a short time later, prejudice and tribalism crept in, leading some to neglect the needs of the poorer widows among them. Later, some members of this mostly Jewish Christian community began telling Gentiles – falsely - that they had to be circumcised if they wanted to "be saved". This attempt to treat Gentiles as second-class citizens caused "no little dissension" among the believers.

Stories like these might make us wonder, If the first Christians couldn't live together, what hope does our Church have?

But today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Today we celebrate the good news that God is *always* ready to forgive and to heal divisions. Take the early Church, for example. By all counts, it should not have lasted more than a decade or two. But in fact, it not only survived but continued to grow and spread. That's because God's mercy, poured out at every Eucharist and every time his people gathered, softened believers' hearts and moved them to resolve their conflicts peacefully and lovingly. What a powerful testament to a God whose merciful love triumphs over every imaginable obstacle!

Even today, God's mercy continues to flow. Every division and conflict can be overcome as we come together to worship him, confess our need for him, and strive to make love our aim. Every sin can be washed away and every relationship restored! Jesus, our merciful Saviour, is always ready to help us love one another.

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Tradition preserves the memory of an ever-timely exhortation:

Come to Church early, approach the Lord, and confess your sins, repent in prayer.... Be present at the sacred and divine liturgy, conclude its prayer and do not leave before the dismissal.

We have often said: "This day is given to you for prayer and rest. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it".

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