

Processional Hymn

Come ring out our joy to the Lord,
Come ring out our hope in his promises,
Let more of his people welcome his news.

Chorus: Come ring out loud,
Come ring out strong,
Come live a new life in him.

Come celebrate life with our Lord,
Come show him our thanks for his promises,
Let more of his people move to his song. *Chorus*

Come remember the people he loves,
Come remember the poor and his promises,
Let more of his people remember his plan. *Chorus*

Come free hearts and give him your best,
Come show him your joy in his promises,
Let more of his people follow him free. *Chorus*

Come young folk and old folk to him,
Come show people hope in his promises,
Let more of his people love life as one. *Chorus*

Liturgy of the Word

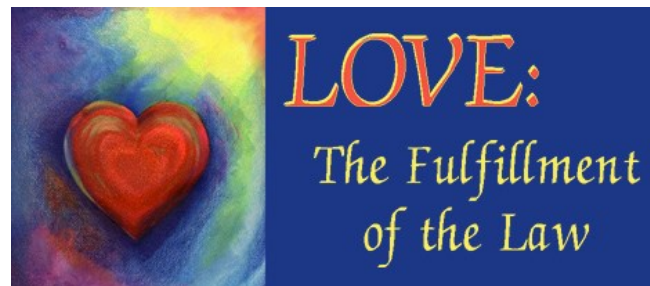
Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Psalm Response

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ,
to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!



Preparation of the Gifts

Chorus: Please accept our gifts of bread and wine,
Fruit of the fields, fruit of the vine.
The bread will be the body of Christ,
Given to us as our life.

The wine will be the blood of Christ,
Filling our being with his life. *Chorus*

We give our gifts to God above,
They are symbols of our love. *Chorus*

Holy Communion 1

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons. *Refrain*
Refrain: And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and you who eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever, You shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. *Refrain*

I am the resurrection I am the life.
You who believe in me, even if you die,
You shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, Who has come into the world. *Refrain*

Holy Communion 2

Chorus: I have carried you on eagle's wings,
I will care for you in all your years.

My heart is full of peace,
You have been within my life.
Your guiding hand has always covered me,
I am full of confidence in You. *Chorus*

My soul is like a child,
Cradled safe within your arms.
You have carried me across my years,
Leading me through sorrow and through joy. *Chorus*

Never need I be afraid,
No matter how uncertain things may be.
Sometimes thru' me, sometimes in spite of me,
You seem to find Your purpose in my life. *Chorus*

Recessional Hymn

Stand together for what you believe,
Work for what must be done,
Love each other in all that you do,
Till all my people are one.

Chorus: Spread the peace my brothers,
Spread it everywhere.
Make the world know right from wrong,
Help the world to care.

Open your hearts my brothers,
Lend a willing hand.
Show the lonely and the poor
That God is in our land. *Chorus*

Sing out the joy of living,
Sing your song on high.
The truth of mankind is that he was
Born to live not die. *Chorus*



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

Parish Priest: Fr Gregory Pritchard

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Friday 9am—3pm

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23rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Yr A 10.09.2023

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday

★9am Mass *St Stephen's*★

11am *St Gabriel's*

Funeral Mass: Carmela Sama RIP

Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Friday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Saturday *St Stephen's*
5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday *St Gabriel's*
9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

Thanksgiving & Clergy support 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***

***Parishioners and visitors to
St Gabriel's Church and parish office
may like to park their cars
in the church car park.***

On the Feast of the Holy Archangels, the parishes of St Gabriel—St Stephen of Hungary, and St Raphael's West Preston will move into formal partnership. A letter from Archbishop Comensoli is included in today's parish bulletin.

The partnership will be inaugurated on Friday 29 September with concelebrated Masses:

St Raphael's 8.30am and St Gabriel's 10am

At first there will be little change in the way that the 2 parishes operate. Fr Grainger remains Parish Priest of Preston West; Fr Pritchard remains Parish Priest of Reservoir—Reservoir East. They will cooperate with each other as *pastors in solidum*. Over the next 12 months we will move towards a shared parish bulletin and financial systems. Over the last 2 years both priests have made repeated requests of the Archbishop to appoint an Italian-speaking priest to maintain the Sunday Italian at St Raphael's, as well as funeral ministry, visitation and pastoral care of our many elderly parishioners.

Fr Grainger has received approval to retire from active ministry in October 2024 within the next 12 months we hope and pray that the Dominican Sisters will come to live among us.

St Gabriel's Feast Day

We will celebrate the Feast of St Gabriel Sunday 1 October Sunday 10am Mass. Fresh Roast Mobile Café after Mass in the Church grounds. Parishioners are invited to provide cupcakes, slices cannoli or crostoli.

Parish RCIA

Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre. We are glad that 7 men and women seek the Easter Sacraments. In addition to YOUCAT in English, we also have YOUCAT in Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

The Benedict Conference Truth, Goodness, Beauty

ACU Cathedral Hall Brunswick St Fitzroy
Saturday 28 October 10am – 5pm
Speakers include Bishop Robert Barron and Prof Tracey Rowland. www.benedictconference.com

St Vincent De Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society National Council has named September 2023 as the Month of Revitalisation. The theme of the month is *Who is on our Street - The Hands Behind the Help*. National publicity generated in the media and social media highlights our local Catholic community, good works, commitment, service and faith in action that our local Vinnies members live out in Reservoir – Reservoir East.

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Fiddler on the Roof

Rehearsals: Sundays 6-8.30pm

St Gabriel's Hall

Enquiries: Judy O'Meara 0488 580 145

judeome@hotmail.com

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

Order your 2024 Calendar & Christmas cards at St Gabriel's Piety Stall

Columban Art Calendar \$10

Voce de Padre Pio Calendario Almanacco \$10

Magellan Christmas cards (pack of 10) \$7.50

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Parish

17 Hardy St, Preston West

Wednesdays 1.30pm

Contact: Marijana Jurjevic 0422 340 675

RELIC STATUE OF ST JOHN BOSCO

Veneration and Mass celebrated by

Archbishop Comensoli

Saturday 30 September 11am

St Margaret Mary's Church

51 Mitchell St Brunswick North.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

Australian pilgrimage 17-28 October 2023

national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Saturday 7 October 12.30pm

Join your pro-life friends in Treasury Gardens for a peaceful march through the streets of Melbourne and rally on the steps of Parliament House.
marchforthebabies.com

***Jesus Christ loves you;
he gave his life to save you;
and now he is living
at your side every day
to enlighten, strengthen and free you.***

Pope Francis

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Jesus' words sound familiar, don't they? That's because two Sundays ago, we heard him say the same thing to Peter. Then, Jesus was giving Peter the keys to the kingdom and establishing him as leader of the Church. Along with that position, he was giving Peter a specific ministry that came with a special authority and grace: the power to bind and loose. That ministry continues today in Peter's successors.

In today's Gospel, however, Jesus seems to be doing something different. He's speaking to all his disciples, and he extends this call to bind and loose to all of them - and in a way, even to us.

While most of us aren't priests who hear confessions, we are all called to forgive. Jesus wants us to understand that both our forgiveness and our failure to forgive have an effect on people. By our words and the thoughts in our hearts, we can keep someone bound in condemnation or judgment. But we can also "loose" them by forgiving them. And forgiveness always releases people from the chains of guilt or shame. This means that we can help them experience the freedom that Jesus wants for them. We can continue his "ministry of reconciliation" in our corner of the world.

How amazing that Jesus trusts us to share in this sacred calling! He doesn't want anyone to remain trapped in sin or in unforgiveness. He knows the danger that sin poses to our souls. That's why he urges us to "cut off" and "throw away" anything in our lives that leads us astray. That's why he never stops seeking after his lost sheep. And that's why he calls us to forgive "seventy-seven times... from [our] heart". Because as we forgive people who sin against us, we won't just be freeing them. We'll be "loosing" ourselves from those chains, too. wau.com



**Next weekend
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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9-10 September 2023

Dear Parishioners of St Gabriel and St Stephen of Hungary, Reservoir/Reservoir East and St Raphael Preston West,

My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

As you may be aware, the Parish Priest of St Raphael's Preston West, Fr Simon Grainger PP, is approaching retirement over the next 12 months.

Over recent months Fr Grainger and Fr Pritchard have worked closely together, and in consultation with you, to develop a plan as to how your respective parishes may operate together into the future. Their work together has been very much in the spirit of "Take the Way of the Gospel", the movement to revitalise parish life across the broader Archdiocese.

They have approached the Archdiocese with a proposal that the two parishes, St Gabriel and St Stephen of Hungary, Reservoir/Reservoir East, and St Raphael Preston West, work even more closely as twinned parishes. Under this arrangement, Fr Pritchard and Fr Grainger will jointly be the Parish Priests of both Parishes (what is called Pastors in solidum), with Fr Pritchard appointed the Moderator of the twinned parishes, until Fr Grainger's eventual retirement.

I am very pleased to endorse this new arrangement which will be launched with a concelebrated Mass in both parishes on 29 September.

The aim of this new arrangement is for the two parishes to work collaboratively with each other to reimagine your present way of doing things in the face of the changing circumstances in which we now live in order that:

- The mission of the Gospel is at the heart of our life, worship and outreach;
- Your local faith communities are arranged to allow them to flourish;
- Your faith communities are effectively resourced spiritually, ministerially and materially.

Please be assured of my prayers. I wish you every blessing in the works of your Parishes and entrust your ongoing efforts towards parish renewal into the hands of the Lord, as we together walk our journey of faith.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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