

## Processional Hymn

To everyone that thirsts, come to the waters!  
Here is an end to hunger, come to the feast!  
And everyone that labours, come to the waters!  
All you who have no money, come to the feast!

For this is life, the waters of the Jordan.  
For this is life, the waters of your birth.  
For this is life, the waters that renew you.  
O come to the feast, O come to the feast!

To everyone who seeks, come to the waters!  
Hear me and share the riches, come to the feast!  
And everyone who mourns, come to the waters!  
Now is an end to sadness, come to the feast!

For this is life, the streams of joy and gladness,  
For this is life, the rains that bring you joy,  
For this is life, the waters that restore you,  
O come to the feast, O come to the feast!

Let all who seek their God, come to the waters!  
Heed now the One who calls you, come to the feast!  
The everlasting stream, come to the waters!  
Drink deep the cup that saves you, come to the feast!

For this is life, the floods that overwhelm you,  
For this is life, the streams of death and life,  
For this is life, the waters that sustain you,  
O come to the feast, O come to the feast!



## Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Matthew 21:33-43

## Psalm Response

The vineyard of the Lord  
is the house of Israel.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

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## Preparation of the Gifts

Siyahamb'e kukhanyen'kwenkhos', (3 times)  
Siya'hamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,  
Siyahamb'e kukhanyen'kwenkhos

We are marching in the light of God. (3 times)  
We are marching, marching, we are marching,  
We are marching in the light of God.

## Holy Communion

This is my body, take now and share,  
Deep in the memory of my own prayer.

This is my blood, come drink and live,  
In all completeness, this power I give.

You are my people, my chosen friends,  
Come share the Spirit my Father sends.

And hold within you, in constant hope,  
My peaceful presence, gift of my heart.

## Holy Communion

Chorus: Whatsoever you do  
to the least of my people,  
that you do unto me.

When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.  
When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink.  
Now enter into the home of my Father. *Chorus*

When I was homeless, you opened your door,  
When I was naked, you gave me your coat.  
Now enter into the home of my Father. *Chorus*

When I was weary, you helped me find rest,  
When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears.  
Now enter into the home of my Father. *Chorus*

## Recessional Hymn

We give thanks unto you, O God of might,  
For your love is never-ending.  
We give thanks unto you, the God of gods,  
For your love is never-ending.

In your wisdom and love, you shaped the skies,  
For your love is never-ending.  
You spread out the earth upon the sea,  
For your love is never-ending.

From old you have led your people in faith,  
For your love is never-ending.  
You have shown your compassion, strength and love,  
For your love is never-ending.

You remember your promise, age to age,  
For your love is never-ending.  
You show mercy on those of low degree,  
For your love is never-ending.

You give food and life to all living things,  
For your love is never-ending.  
We give thanks unto you, the God of all,  
For your love is never-ending.

## Partnered Parishes

**St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East**

**and St Raphael Preston West**

**Clergy:** Fr G Pritchard, Fr S Grainger

**St Gabriel's Church**

1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

**St Stephen's Church**

71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

**St Raphael's Church**

17 Hardy St Preston West 3072

**Parish Office:** 1 Viola Street Reservoir 3073

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

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www.stgabrielsreservoir.org

**27th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Yr A 08.10.2023**

**October is the month  
of the Holy Rosary**

## MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday *St Gabriel's*

9am Mass

11am Funeral Mass Paul McCarter RIP

Wednesday *St Stephen's*

9am Holy Rosary 9.30am Mass

Thursday & Friday

9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Saturday *St Stephen's*

5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday *St Gabriel's*

9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

**St Raphael's Preston West**

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9am *Italian* 11am Masses

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm

Thursday & Friday 8.30am

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

**Thanksgiving & Clergy  
support by direct debit**



St Gabriel's & St Stephen's Church  
BSB: 083-347 account: 639372585

***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.***

**Parish Partnership Concelebrated Masses** at St Raphael's Preston West and St Gabriel's Reservoir were well attended. Special thanks to organists Raffaele Rossi and Colin Jenkins. A new icon written by Josephine Knight was consecrated at 8.30am Mass St Raphael's.

We celebrated the **feast of St Gabriel** with joyful Sunday Mass, supported by music ministry Colin Jenkins and Maureen O'Dwyer, Brewer Sisters and Lillypad Florist.

**Fr Aurelio Fragapane** will commence his appointment as assistant Priest to Reservoir—Reservoir East and Preston West Parishes, this Wednesday 11 October. He will reside at St Raphael's Presbytery Preston West. His ministry will focus especially on the Italian community, but also include chaplaincy to Mercy Place, MACS schools, Parish RCIA and young adults. Fr Fragapane's appointment supports the partnership of both Parishes. He is a great blessing among us! Fr Fragapane - a warm welcome!

## Referendum Day **Saturday 14 October**

St Gabriel's Hall is a polling place.

Sausage sizzle provided by St Gabriel's Theatre Group.

## Parish RCIA

Weekly meetings for our RCIA candidates  
Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre

## Night of the Witnesses

**St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne  
Wednesday 22 November 7pm**

Presided over by Archbishop Comensoli with three International speakers: Melkite Catholic Patriarch, His Beatitude Joseph Absi; Sr Majella Dogonyaro OP (Nigeria); Xavier Bisits ACN head of projects Middle East. Each will share their own story of encountering persecution.  
aidtochurch.org/notw

## St Gabriel's Theatre Group

***Fiddler on the Roof***

***St Gabriel's Parish Hall Reservoir***

Tuesday 21 November 6pm

Thursday 23 November 6pm

Friday 24 November 6pm

Saturday 25 November 2pm

## Tickets

Adults \$20 Concession \$15

Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$60 Under 5 free

Enquiries Judy O'Meara 0488 580 145  
judeome@hotmail.com





## ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Costumes / Rehearsal: Sunday 3.30pm—9pm  
St Gabriel's Parish 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](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved)  
[volunteer@sudp-vic.org.au](mailto:volunteer@sudp-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

Columban Calendars are now available for collection  
2024 Daily Mass Book \$25  
Majellan Christmas cards \$7.50 10 pack

## LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

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

## MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 22 October 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne

All couples and their families are invited to the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by 15 October [trybooking.com/CLKRB](http://trybooking.com/CLKRB)

## 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](http://www.benedictconference.com)

*In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to some Jewish leaders about vinedressers who killed the servants sent by a landowner to collect the fruit of the harvest. What is Jesus trying to say?*

*It would be easy to conclude that Jesus is rebuking these chief priests and elders for rejecting John the Baptist and himself. But he's doing more than foreshadowing his death by identifying himself with the murdered son of the vineyard owner. He's not addressing only the Jewish leaders; he is speaking to us as well.*

*Jesus is telling us that the kingdom of God will be given to people who bear fruit. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, we hear the same message. John the Baptist exhorted Israel's religious leaders to "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance". Jesus warned his disciples that "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down". And what's the good fruit he is looking for? Faith in him and love for his people.*

*Jesus told this parable the day after entering Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna". He cured all the sick who flocked to him there, and everyone was amazed - except these leaders. Instead of accepting him and rejoicing that God's people were healed, they questioned his authority. And in doing so, they bore no fruit.*

*But that doesn't have to be our story. We can be a fruitful vineyard for the Lord! He has already planted the seed of faith within us. Each day he pours out grace to make us "rich soil" that produces fruit, even a hundredfold. So let's nurture our seed with faith-filled prayer and prune our vines with repentance and works of mercy. Let's bear the fruit of faith, hope, and love. Let's receive the kingdom!*

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## The faithful departed called to the Kingdom of Heaven

### Recently Deceased

Keith Forbes  
Henry Forde  
Paul McCarter

### Anniversary of Death

Stanislaus Merchel  
Bogumila Piorkowski  
Tom Pandolfo

## Next weekend 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 25: 6-10

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22: 1-14



## SWEET CHAIN I

In 2002, the Church celebrated a Year of the Rosary. This was called by Pope St John Paul II in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*. It is good for us to revisit this letter and reflect on it as we celebrate the month of the Rosary. In his encyclical letter on the Eucharist, Pope St John Paul II explained that he wanted his letter on the Rosary to be a Marian crowning for the Church. The purpose was to help Christians "to contemplate the face of Christ, and to contemplate it with Mary." This was "the programme which I have set before the Church at the dawn of the third millennium, summoning her to put out into the deep on the sea of history with the enthusiasm of the new evangelization."

Pope John Paul explains at the beginning of the letter that "the Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple, yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings, and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to 'set out into the deep' in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, 'the way, and the truth and the life,' 'the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn.'

The Holy Father reflects on how Our Lady is the gate to our meeting Christ. During its history, 'the Rosary is both meditation and supplication. Insistent prayer to the Mother of God is based on confidence that her maternal intercession can obtain all things from the heart of her Son'. Indeed, 'the Rosary is one of the traditional paths of Christian prayer directed to the contemplation of Christ's face'. Pope St Paul VI described it in these words: 'As a Gospel prayer, centred on the mystery of the redemptive Incarnation, the Rosary is a prayer that is clearly focused on Christ. Its most characteristic element, in fact, the litany-like succession of *Hail Marys*, becomes in itself an unceasing praise of Christ, who is the ultimate object both of the Angel's announcement and of the greeting of the Mother of John the Baptist: 'Blessed is the fruit of your womb'. We would go further and say that the succession of *Hail Marys* constitutes the warp on which is woven the contemplation of the mysteries. The Jesus that each *Hail Mary* recalls is the same Jesus whom the succession of mysteries proposes to us now as the Son of God, now as the Son of the Virgin'.

Messenger of St Anthony September 2021



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