

### Processional Hymn CWB 586

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him  
for he is your health and salvation.  
All who hear, now to his altar draw near;  
join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at the Altar.  
Let not our sins and transgressions  
now cause us to falter.  
Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast,  
Victims with him on the altar.

Praise to the Lord,  
who will prosper our work and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend us;  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now in praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again,  
Now as we worship before him.

### Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

### Psalm Response

I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is  
the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

### Preparation of the Gifts CWB 528

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise;  
field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain,  
praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our brother,  
let your love upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.



### Holy Communion CWB 651

*Refrain:* You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat;  
come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,  
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

With joyful lips we sing to you  
our praise and gratitude,  
that you should count us worthy, Lord,  
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

Is not the cup we bless and share  
the blood of Christ out poured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
no mortal tongue can tell:  
whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name  
in truth and charity. *Refrain*

### Recessional Hymn CWB 560

Now let us from this table rise  
renewed in body, mind, and soul:  
with Christ we die and live again,  
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,  
to spread the Word in speech and deed,  
we follow in the steps of Christ,  
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,  
it is the sacrament of care;  
the work that Christ began to do  
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then give us courage, living God,  
to choose again the pilgrim way,  
and help us to accept with joy  
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

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### Partnered Parishes

**St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East  
and St Raphael Preston West**

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

### 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

**Phone:** 9460 6036

**Email:** reservoir@cam.org.au

[www.stgabrielsreservoir.org](http://www.stgabrielsreservoir.org)

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 15.10.2023

## October is the month of the Holy Rosary

## MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday *St Gabriel's*  
9am Mass

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.***

### World Mission Sunday 21-22 October

Pope Francis writes in his Message for World Mission Day:  
"....it should be that breaking our material bread with the  
hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian  
mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucha-  
ristic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission par  
excellence, since the Eucharist is the source and summit  
of the life and mission of the Church."

Catholic Mission invites Melbourne Catholics to support  
our brothers in sisters in Timor-Leste. [catholicmission.org.au](http://catholicmission.org.au)

### Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary

The Sisters are planning to visit Reservoir and Preston  
West during November. They will spend a weekend in  
each Parish, and visit Archbishop Comensoli and the Vicar  
General.

### Anniversary of Consecration

We honour the consecration of St Gabriel's Church (2000)  
on Sunday 29 October. Sausage sizzle after 10am Mass.

### Parish Young Adults

WYD Pilgrims and Parish young adults are invited to a get-  
together on Sunday 5 November, 11.30 - 1pm St Gabriel's  
Parish Centre. Anna Krohn will present St John Henry  
Newman. Lunch included: \$10 working \$5 student/non-  
working.

### Parish RCIA

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

### St Gabriel's Gardens and Grounds

Working Bee Saturday 21 October. 9am – 11am.  
Equipment provided. Contact Ange 0401 858 717

### Safeguarding Committee

This committee met during the week at St Raphael's Pres-  
ton West to oversee Safeguarding policies in the partnered  
Parishes. Members include: Loretta Piazza and Preethi  
Saldanha (Reservoir—Reservoir East), Clothilde O'Pos-  
som and Kinga Harding (Preston West).

### Proclaim 2023 November 16-18

Over 3 days join together with parishes from across the  
Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and  
equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into  
our local communities. Hear inspiring local and internation-  
al speakers. Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and  
fellowship. Participate in workshops to equip ourselves for  
mission! Register: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232)  
use the discount code: [parishmember](#) to access the spe-  
cial registration price for parishioners.  
Enquiries: 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)



## ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

### St Gabriel's Parish Hall Reservoir

Tuesday 21 November 7.30pm

Thursday 23 November 7.30pm

Friday 24 November 7.30pm

Saturday 25 November 4pm

*Tickets:* Adults \$20 Concession \$15

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

*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

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

## 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*

## 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 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](http://aidtochurch.org/notw)

*Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis expressed his "sorrow and concern" for the war that has broken out between Israel and Hamas, an Islamist militant organization operating in Palestine. The Pope mourned the many people who have been killed and injured. "I pray for those families who have seen a day of celebration turned into a day of mourning and ask for the immediate release of the hostages," he said. Militants from Hamas launched a surprise attack on the southern part of Israel on Saturday, as Jews marked the feast of Simchat Torah, or "joy of the Torah". Hamas took dozens of hostages during its incursion into Israel and has threatened to execute them if Israel attacks areas within the Gaza Strip. In his appeal, Pope Francis acknowledged that "it is the right of those who are attacked to defend themselves". However, he expressed concern for the "total siege facing the Palestinians in Gaza, where there have also been many innocent victims." Israel announced a "complete siege" on Gaza, promising to shut off access to electricity, food, water, and gas. The Pope invited both parties to restraint in hopes of reaching a solution to the war. "Terrorism and extremism do not help to reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, and revenge, causing suffering to both sides," he said. Pope Francis concluded his appeal for peace in the Middle East with a call for fraternity and dialogue. "The Middle East does not need war but peace, a peace built on justice, dialogue, and the courage of fraternity," he said.*

Vatican News 11 October 2023

## ALL SAINTS DAY Wednesday 1 November

9.30am Mass St Stephen's

## ALL SOULS DAY Thursday 2 November

9am Mass St Gabriel's

Includes Indulgence prayers for the faithful departed.

*November is a special time pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. Place your envelope in the weekend collection. Masses for the faithful departed are offered during November.*

## Our dear departed called to the eternal city

### Recently Deceased

Antonio Stigliano

### Anniversary of Death

Benny McGoan

### Remembrance of Death

Nenad Pericic

Maria Peic

## Next weekend 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

## SWEET CHAIN II



The Rosary developed over many centuries, and it took a number of different forms. Many of us learned the three sets of five mysteries when we were in school. This traditional praying of the 150 Hail Marys was a mirror of the 150 Psalms that monks prayed, and the Rosary became a sort of poor person's Psalter. These Mysteries have served the Church well, and countless millions of Catholics have found solace and closeness to Christ by praying them in union with the Blessed Mother.

However, Catholic spirituality cannot remain stagnant. It constantly evolves. In other times we can find variations on the rosary, such as the seven-decade Franciscan Crown. This variation on the traditional rosary dates back to the 15th century and is still prayed by many today. About 100 years ago St Faustina Kowalska promoted the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This prayer uses the traditional rosary beads, but prays different prayers on them to form a beautiful new devotion. So, in this sense, we must allow any valid and Catholic development in devotion. At his vantage point, as the Successor of Peter and the man who was Pope at the dawn of the Third Millennium, Pope John Paul II saw how beneficial it could be to modify the Rosary for our times by adding five new Mysteries of Light, or Luminous Mysteries, to the traditional 15 Mysteries.

In the letter John Paul II explains how, "I believe... that to bring out fully the Christological depth of the Rosary it would be suitable to make an addition to the traditional pattern which, while left to the freedom of individuals and communities, could broaden it to include the mysteries of Christ's public ministry between his Baptism and his Passion. In the course of those mysteries, we contemplate important aspects of the person of Christ as the definitive revelation of God. Declared the beloved Son of the Father at the Baptism in the Jordan, Christ is the one who announces the coming of the Kingdom, bears witness to it in his works and proclaims its demands. It is during the years of his public ministry that the mystery of Christ is most evidently a mystery of light; 'While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'"

Speaking of these new Mysteries, the Pope explains that "each of these mysteries is a revelation of the Kingdom now present in the very person of Jesus." The list adds these decades to the Rosary: Christ's Baptism in the Jordan; his self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana; his proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with his call to conversion; his Transfiguration; and his institution of the Eucharist. These are an important "sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery."

Now that the new Millennium has definitively started the world today is in just as much need of the redemption of Christ as ever before. Yet in the midst of all our problems, we have this venerable prayer that is a "sweet chain linking us to God."

*Messenger of St Anthony September 2021*

## PARISH FINANCE REPORT JULY / AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2023

Month	Thanksgiving Envelope	Thanksgiving Direct Debit	Total
JULY	3,371	1,450	4,821
AUG	2,582	1,305	3,887
SEPT	2,870	1,275	4,145

Catholic Church Insurance	\$5,715
Parish Quota	\$5,068
Yarra Valley Water	\$808
Electricity	\$543
Energy Australia—Gas	\$3,332
City of Darebin—Rates	\$342
Photocopy / Paper	\$1,312
Telephone / Internet	\$747
Security / Fire Equipment Services	\$676
Cleaning / Gardening	\$5,954
Repairs / Maintenance	\$11,916
Church Requisites	\$5,850
Accounting Fees	\$2,178

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2023

Catholic Missions	\$ 730
Catholic Care	\$ 515
Priests Retirement Foundation	\$1,354

- Reservoir—Reservoir East and Preston West Partnered Parishes have each sent the Dominican Sisters \$1500 towards their airfares and planned visit in November.

- Lodge Brothers Stonemasons have regilded the Foundation Stone and repaired the marble step at Our Lady's Altar St Gabriel's.

- Members of the Parish Finance Committee have conducted an audit of Parish buildings, reporting on their condition and necessary maintenance and repairs.

- Members of the Parish Finance Committee have inspected St Gabriel's Parish Hall. This is done each quarter to monitor health and safety, hall kitchen, storage of chairs and trestles. St Gabriel's Parish Hall is a shared facility with St Gabriel's MACS.

- The Parish Finance Committee met 10 September. It was reported that Parish Thanksgiving is down 30% on pre COVID-19 giving. It was also reported that the Presbytery collection is down 50%. Parishioners are asked to consider doubling their Presbytery support, keeping in mind that we support our own Parish Priest, as well as the Bishops and retired Priests with this collection. We now begin to support our new assistant Priest Fr Fragapane.