

Professional Hymn CWB 449

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."  
  
Alleluia! bread of angels,  
and on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.  
  
Alleluia! King eternal!  
you the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
You within the veil have entered  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
you on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

Liturgy of the Word

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Matthew 25:31-46

Psalm Response

Lord, make us turn to you,  
let us see your face  
and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 462

*Refrain:* By your priestly power, O risen Lord,  
all we lost and needed is restored.  
God in our communion be adored.

At your hands, Lord, we are fed,  
hands that guide and do not falter,  
wounded hands that broke the bread  
on this altar. *Refrain*

At your hands we seek release  
from the evils that assail us  
for we know the Bread of Peace  
will not fail us. *Refrain*

In the world that we have known  
selfish, loud, vain passions riot;  
Lord, with you, with you alone  
is deep quiet. *Refrain*

To that world we must return  
sharing in its hope and labour,  
bringing to it Christ's concern  
for our neighbour. *Refrain*

Holy Communion CWB 461

Brother, sister let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.



Recessional Hymn CWB 399

Christ, our Lord, the Prince of ages,  
Christ, the nations' glorious King,  
whom we praise with exultation,  
saints and angels answering,  
to your throne with true devotion,  
hearts and minds and senses bring.

Come, O Lord, and claim your kingdom,  
rebel hearts your grace can gain;  
bend the stubborn will of rulers  
who from homage still refrain:  
in the home, as in the city,  
be supreme, O Christ, and reign.

On our own dear land, Australia,  
let the light of mercy shine,  
that, in holy Church, united,  
all may know the saving sign:  
Christ, up on the Cross uplifted,  
drawing all with love divine!

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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
Yr A 26.11.2023

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*  
Wednesday 9.30am Mass *St Stephen's*  
Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*  
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* 10.30am 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 providing a safe environment for every-  
one. Please make sure children  
are supervised at all times  
within church buildings  
and on church grounds.***

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

St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

Parishioners are invited to our Parish meeting at St Stephen's Church 7.30pm Wednesday 29 November. Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) have presented a plan to relocate the unauthorised fence. The meeting will be addressed by Col Mackin MACS Planning & Infrastructure. The recent youtube video will be shown. MACS wishes to take 70% of Parish property and provide a gate for car parking access during school hours. Their concern is child safety: their proposal only compromises child safety. This is our opportunity to make it clear to MACS that we defend our property and the legacy left to us by earlier generations.

Parish RCIA & Sacraments

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

Registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2024.  
Please email the Parish office.

Parish Young Adults

Parish young adults are invited to a get-together next Sunday 3 December 11.30 - 1pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre. Anna Krohn will lead us into Advent & Christmas. Lunch included: \$10 working \$5 student/non-working.

Parish News

- *Ordination of Priests and Deacons* by Archbishop Comensoli St Patrick's Cathedral Saturday 25 November: Frs Tien Van Tran, Doan Ngoc Nguyen, Thomas Christie, Deacon Jean –Sebastian Gery
- *St Gabriel's gardens and grounds* Ange Braysha, Gary O'Dwyer, Wendy Healy, Breda Young-Gee (18 November)
- *Night of Evangelisation* parishioners Jonathan and Diane Abuthan, Liliana Keating and the Dominican Sisters (St Luke's Lalor 15 November)
- *Proclaim Conference* parishioners Andrew Dos Santos, Vitale To'o To'o (18 November)
- *New altar and processional candles* gift of Ange and Ofelia Braysha St Gabriel's Church
- *Accommodation and hospitality of Dominican Sisters* Gianna Spina (Reservoir) and Teresa De Cesaris (Preston West)
- *Fiddler on the Roof* congratulations to St Gabriel's Theatre Group for this year's musical production. Many months rehearsal and practice have been rewarded with a quality presentation, singing and acting, enjoyed by large and appreciative audiences. We were glad to welcome the cast to Mass (Sunday 19 November)



**Advent commences  
next weekend 2-3 December.  
We prepare for Christmas  
both at home and in the Church**

- Every family should have a Nativity set along with their Christmas tree.
- Aid to the Church in need provides a beautiful Advent Wreath for the home. This helps each one, young and old, await the coming of the world's True Light: [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com)
- Fidelity Books & Pieties has a Catholic Advent Calendar, Nativity sets and other Advent and Christmas items: [www.fidelitybooks.com.au](http://www.fidelitybooks.com.au)
- Majellan Christmas cards available from St Gabriel's Piety Stall \$7.50 pack of 10
- Fr Aurelio Fragapane takes annual leave 25 November - 23 December and annual retreat 26 - 30 December.
- Fr Simon Grainger takes annual leave 1—28 January 2024.



Our St Vincent de Paul conference asks our support for their outreach to needy families at this time. The Christmas Appeal envelope can be placed in the weekend collection.

### LEGION OF MARY

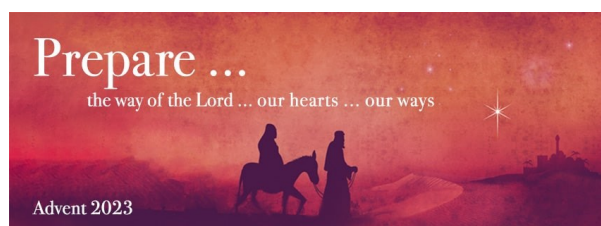
- Our Parish praesidium (group), dedicated to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, meets every Monday 1.30pm Bethany Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre. *New members are always welcome.*
- Our Parish Legion of Mary invites families to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week of family prayer.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

### MENS DINNER

Darebin RSL 402 Bell Street Preston  
Tuesday 28 November 6.30pm  
Register: Tim Rebbechi  
0412 799 845 [timrebbechi@gmail.com](mailto:timrebbechi@gmail.com)

### ADVENT CAROLS

St Mary's Church 208 Dandenong Rd St Kilda East  
Saturday 9 December 2pm  
[cwlvicww.org.au](http://cwlvicww.org.au)



*The kings who ruled over Israel and Judah were charged with defending their people from neighbouring enemies who wanted to destroy them. Many kings had failed in this regard, which is why the people were waiting for a Messiah-King, a son of David who would again build a great nation as David had. Then along came Jesus, a Messiah who told people to love their enemies and turn the other cheek. What kind of a king was this?*

*In today's second reading, St Paul shows us what kind of a king Jesus is—One who has conquered our true enemies: Satan, sin and death. Jesus didn't come to win a battle between nations; instead, he came to win a cosmic battle with everlasting consequences. That's why we celebrate him today as 'King of the Universe'.*

*Unlike an earthly king, Jesus did not engage his enemies with armaments of war. No, he defeated them by dying on a cross. Through his death and resurrection, he saved not just Israel but all who believe in him. Out of his great love for each one of us, Jesus offered himself up, disarming the devil and draining sin of its power. Now we are forgiven, redeemed, and given the grace to love and forgive others as he has done for us. And though we still see evil in the world, we know that Jesus will destroy "every sovereignty and every authority and power" when he comes again.*

*Today at Mass, let's recommit ourselves to living under the reign of this great King. Let's tell him that we are ready to join him in rescuing his creation from the powers of darkness. Our King has already shown us how to do this: by offering ourselves in love to one another. Because without a doubt, love is the most powerful force in the universe!*

[wau.org](http://wau.org)

### May our dead enter the kingdom

*Recently deceased*

Michele Burgio, Valerie Tattersall

*Anniversary of death*

Vo Thi Phien, Thi Huu Tran, Le Thi Ban,  
Nguyen Thi Phuong, Anita Csar

### Next weekend 1st Sunday of Advent Year B

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

*God prepared for the coming of his Son over the countries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of his coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with John the Baptist who was the and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent.*

Compendium 102



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023

### HOLY ROSARY

Wednesday 9am St Stephen's  
Wednesday 3.30pm St Raphael's

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

Friday 8 December  
8.30am Mass St Raphael's  
8.30am Holy Rosary St Gabriel's  
9am Mass St Gabriel's

### WEEKEND 16—17 DECEMBER GAUDETE

Saturday St Stephen's  
6pm Vigil Mass, Coffee & Cake  
Sunday St Gabriel's  
10am Mass  
Rite of Acceptance into Order of Catechumens  
Coffee Truck

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Stephen's Reservoir East  
Saturdays 5pm December 2, 10, 16, 23  
Wednesday December 20 10am

St Gabriel's Reservoir  
Sundays 9am December 3, 10, 17, 24  
Tuesday 19, Thursday 21, Friday 22 December  
9.30am, 7pm

St Raphael's Preston West  
Saturdays 9.30am December 2, 10, 16, 23



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday 24 December  
St Stephen's Reservoir East 6pm Mass  
St Gabriel's Reservoir 7.30pm Carols 8pm Mass  
St Raphael's Preston West  
5pm Mass; 7pm Mass;  
11.30pm Carols; 12 midnight Mass

Monday 25 December  
St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am Mass  
St Raphael's Preston West  
9am Italian 10.30am Mass

### NEW YEARS DAY

Monday 1 January 2024  
St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am Mass  
St Raphael's Preston West 10am Mass

### CHRISTMAS SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

Register: Parish Office [reservoir@cam.org.au](mailto:reservoir@cam.org.au)

## PARISH THANKSGIVING

*The new series of Parish Thanksgiving envelopes commences next weekend 2-3 December.*

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and generous personal support of St Gabriel's & St Stephen's Parish. Each member of Parish Thanksgiving is valued and appreciated!

On 29 September, the feast of the Archangels, St Gabriel and St Stephen of Hungary joined in partnership with St Raphael's Preston West. Over the next 12 months we have a lot to do to progress and consolidate this partnership. Archbishop Comensoli has appointed Fr Aurelio Fragapane an assistant priest in the partnership. In recent weeks Mother Nemia OP and Sr Arlene OP visited St Gabriel's, St Stephen's and St Raphael's. Please God the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary will establish a community amongst us in the near future. Their presence will enrich parish life and bring fresh energies to apostolate with families, children, women and young parishioners.

Your Thanksgiving enables our parish to sustain and build with RCIA and mens ministry. 6 young parishioners attended World Youth Day in Portugal (August). They meet each 1st Sunday in St Gabriel's Parish Centre for catechesis and social time together. We were represented at the diocesan Proclaim Conference in November 16/18. St Gabriel's Theatre Group presented 'Fiddler on the Roof' to large and appreciative audiences (Nov 21-25).

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools administers Catholic primary schools and diocesan colleges since 1 January 2020. At this time, \$1 peppercorn rent per annum is payable, with rent promised (but not guaranteed) from January 2024. St Gabriel's MACS pays \$1500 per annum for the use of St Gabriel's Hall, but this certainly does not meet all outlays. St Stephen's MACS does not use St Stephen's Hall. The Parish keeps a record of Hall expenses incurred by St Gabriel's school. In 2023, 100 children were enrolled at St Gabriel's primary school (50 Catholics) and 40 at St Stephen's primary school (6 Catholics).

Sincere thanks for your loyalty to the Catholic Church and our Parish. Thank you, too, for your personal support. It is a joy to be Parish priest of St Gabriel's & St Stephen's! Post Covid-19 Parish and Church life is still unsettled. Our Parish Finance Committee calls all of us to maintain our support, and to try to double our contribution to the Presbytery collection (down 50% pre Covid-19). This important collection supports and only our pastor, but also our bishops and priests in needy parishes.

***At Christmas we provide extra support  
to our Bishops and priests,  
retired and sick priests.  
The Christmas offering envelope  
is included in our parish  
Thanksgiving envelopes.  
Christmas offering envelopes  
are also available at  
St Gabriel's and St Stephen's churches.***