

Processional Hymn

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high  
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Shout with gladness, dance for joy!  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound. Refrain

Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song. Refrain

Glad my soul for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds: the dead shall be raised,  
I know my Saviour lives. Refrain

Liturgy of the Word

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

Psalm Response

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,  
where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console.  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Holy Communion 1

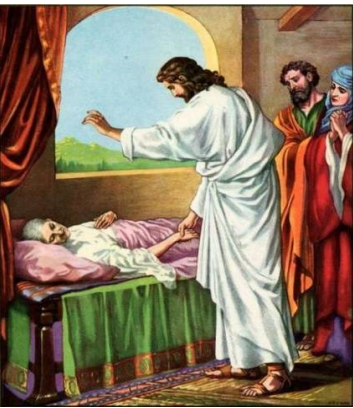
I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
you who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: 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

Will you come and follow me If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.

Recessional Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Refrain:  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. Refrain

One Licence: A-640406

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Yr B 04.02.2024

MASS & RECONCILIATION

9am Weekday Mass St Gabriel's

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Wednesday 9.30am St Stephen'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  
Holy Rosary Wednesday 3.30pm  
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 everyone.  
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.

BLESSING OF ST BLAISE  
Weekend 3-4 February

St Blaise devoted his early years to the study of philosophy and went on to practice medicine before becoming Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (Turkey). He was beheaded after terrible tortures under Licinius in 317. In the Middle Ages his cult spread widely and he is invoked against diseases of the throat.

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS  
Christian Monarchs presented by Dr Tracey Rowland  
TODAY Sunday 4 February 11.30 - 1pm

St Gabriel's Parish Centre  
Lunch included: \$10 working \$5 student/non-working

Tracey Rowland (born 1963) is an Australian Catholic theologian and professor at the University of Notre Dame Australia. She was appointed to the International Theological Commission in 2014 and in 2020 became the first Australian to be awarded the Ratzinger Prize for theology.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

- Members of the Safeguarding Committee will soon contact all parishioners who serve as volunteers in Church ministries to confirm current WWCC registration. They will offer help to those who need to obtain WWCC or update their details.
- Parish volunteers eg: adult altar servers, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, music ministry as well as church employees must have a current WWCC card or equivalent.
- WWCC holders must complete a mandatory module online. Help will be provided to those that do not have a computer or for whom this may be difficult. If needs be, we will have a face to face session at St Gabriel's Parish Centre. The certificate is valid for 3 years.
- Please note that the proposed weekend Masses for signing of Safeguarding policies are now cancelled.
- The Safeguarding will provide a formal report on Safeguarding policies, activities and updates in the bulletin twice a year, along with notes from regular Safeguarding Committee meetings.
- Safeguarding policies will be added to Parish websites.

MENS DINNER

Darebin RSL 402 Bell Street Preston  
Tuesday 6 February 6.30pm  
Register: Tim Rebbechi  
0412 799 845 tim.rebbechi@gmail.com

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

The partnered parishes will not offer sacramental preparation for state school candidates this year. This program will be provided in 2025.



ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February

Masses

St Stephen's Reservoir East 9.30am

St Gabriel's Reservoir 12noon, 7pm

St Raphael's Preston West 9.15am, 7pm

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year, the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptized

PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm

St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Rite of Election Sunday 18 February 3pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room Final meeting. 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

St Christopher medals, rosary beads, devotional items

ORDER OF MALTA

LOURDES DAY MASS

Saturday 10 February 10.30am

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

8 week seminar presented by Living Gospel Prayer Group

Commencing Wednesday 7 February 1.30pm

St Raphael's Church Preston West

Inquiries: Marijana 0422 340 675

Poor Job! He had lost his possessions, his family, and his health. But perhaps worst of all, he had lost his hope. Now there was nothing for him to do but suffer and wait for death to take him out of his misery. He was convinced that he would not see happiness again.

We all need hope, but it's not something we can manufacture on our own. Instead, we need some- thing to pin our hopes on, and that was what Job was lacking. Like Job, if we don't see something on the horizon that will improve our current situation, we will find it hard to keep going.

Perhaps that's how the people in Jesus' time felt as well. They had been living under harsh Roman occupation, and they didn't know when God would come to rescue them. But then Jesus came on the scene. In today's Gospel, he heals Peter's mother-in-law and then spends the evening healing people and casting out demons. What hope this must have sparked, not only in the people he had cured, but in everyone who had witnessed such divine power! Perhaps he really was the Messiah they had been waiting for!

The next morning, Jesus told the disciples that he was going to other villages in Galilee to preach and heal. "For this purpose have I come".

For this purpose I have come. Jesus came to give us hope: to heal us of our sins and free us from the power of death. He came to give us life in him, a life that begins now but will last into eternity.

Perhaps you are tempted to feel hopeless about a difficult situation in your life. Or maybe you're discouraged about what the future will hold. But remember what Jesus said: he came for a purpose, and that purpose is being fulfilled in your life and in the world even now. He is the horizon you can look to whenever you are tempted to give up hope. May we always keep our eyes on him!

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May the healing grace of God purify our dead

Recently deceased

Anthony O'Meara

Evening Prayer Sunday 4 February 6pm

Funeral Mass Monday 5 February 11.30am St Gabriel's Annunciata Mezzasalma, Fr Beron Noh

Anniversary of death

Sally Wright

Next weekend  
6th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year B

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46  
1 Corinthians 10:31-1:1  
Mark 1: 40-45

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

October/November/December 2023

|       | Thanksgiving Envelopes | Thanksgiving Direct Debit | Total  |
|-------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| OCT   | 3,462                  | 1,625                     | 5,087  |
| NOV   | 5,242                  | 1,325                     | 6,567  |
| DEC   | 3,853                  | 1,595                     | 5,448  |
| TOTAL | 12,557                 | 4,545                     | 17,102 |

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| DIOCESAN QUOTA quarterly payment | 10,136 |
| YARRA VALLEY WATER               | 1,064  |
| ELECTRICITY                      | 1,922  |
| ENERGY AUSTRALIA - GAS           | 2,770  |
| CITY OF DAREBIN - RATES          | 1,600  |
| PHOTOCOPY / STATIONERY           | 1,545  |
| TELEPHONE / INTERNET             | 3,906  |
| SECURITY / FIRE EQUIPMENT        | 688    |
| CLEANING / GARDENING             | 8,744  |
| REPAIRS / MAINTENANCE            | 12,233 |
| CHURCH REQUISITES                | 7,550  |
| DOMINICAN SISTERS VISIT          | 953    |
| ACCOUNTING FEES                  | 2,178  |
| CHURCH CREDIT CARDS              | 2,573  |

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Mission \$678

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal \$2,052

The Archdiocese of Melbourne will introduce a new special collection in August. The Archbishop's Campaign will provide funding to Priests Retirement Foundation, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre. The aim of the Archbishop's Campaign is to support these agencies through an annual appeal; these agencies will no longer have a separate appeal.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Representatives from St Raphael's Preston West will join this committee as we move forward with the Parish partnership.

Members:

Frs G Pritchard, S Grainger, A Fragapane

Reservoir—Reservoir East: Gracie Forde, Shane Miranda, Gary O'Dwyer, Preethi Saldanha, Bonnie Wilson

Preston West: Vince Colosimo, Franco Costa

Parish Accountants:

Reservoir—Reservoir East: Maurizio Mazza

Preston West: Vince Colosimo

Finance Officers:

Reservoir—Reservoir East: Hung Chau

Preston West: Carol Hawkesford

PARISH THANKSGIVING & CLERGY SUPPORT

The new series of Parish Thanksgiving commenced weekend 2-3 December 2023

We support Archbishop Comensoli, the bishops, our own pastors and retired priests with the presbytery offering, the second half of the Thanksgiving envelope. Since Covid-19 this support has dropped by 50%. Parishioners are asked to consider doubling their weekly contribution. This collection is distributed:

12.5% priests in needy parishes

12.5% sick and retired priests

5% Archbishop Comensoli and bishops

ST GABRIEL'S HALL

This parish facility is used by St Gabriel's MACS. The Yellow Room is used by Team Kids OSHC. AA meet every Monday 7pm. St Gabriel's Theatre Group rehearses and presents their annual production August – November. CCTV has been installed. St Gabriel's Hall was inspected by City of Darebin.

ST STEPHEN'S HALL

St Stephen's Church and hall are used regularly by the Syro-Malabar Eparchy. Construction continues on their Cathedral and Eparchal centre Mickleham. CCTV has been installed.

ST MARGARET'S RETIREMENT VILLAGE

The Parish Finance Committee is looking at ongoing maintenance of the Village and it's financial self-sufficiency.

GARDENS & GROUNDS

Parish volunteers maintain gardens and grounds. Lawns are mown regularly by contractors.

Contractors are engaged to clean both churches and halls.

CHURCH INSURANCES

The Archdiocese of Melbourne has appointed AON to broker insurances for the diocese, parishes, agencies and institutions. Catholic Church Insurances (CCI) is now closed.

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Representatives will speak at weekend Masses April 27-28 (St Stephen's & St Gabriel's) and May 4-5 (St Raphael's) to promote the CDF Community Fund.