

### Processional Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam  
and silver moon with softer gleam;  
O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Swift rushing wind, you are so strong,  
white clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O sing praises, alleluia!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
And lights of ev'ning, find a voice;  
O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

And ev'ryone of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who deep pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care;  
O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

### Liturgy of the Word

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11: 1  
Mark 1: 40-45

### Psalm Response

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has  
appeared among us;  
God has visited his people . Alleluia!



*Jesus included the healing of lepers among the list of miracles which would authenticate his mission. He also communicated this power to his disciples. In today's Gospel, he not only heals a leper; he lays his hand upon him. It is a gesture of acceptance and perhaps even of solidarity with a social outcast.*

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### Preparation of the Gifts

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old  
Were strong to heal and save;  
They triumphed over pain and death,  
O'er darkness and the grave.  
To you they went, the blind, the deaf,  
The palsied, and the lame,  
The leper set apart and shunned,  
The sick and those in shame.  
And then your touch brought life and health,  
Gave hearing, speech, and sight;  
And youth renewed and health restored,  
Acclaimed you Lord of light;  
And so, O Lord, be near to bless,  
Almighty now as then,  
in every street, in every home,  
in every troubled friend.  
O be our mighty healer still,  
Great Lord of life and death;  
Restore and strengthen, soothe and bless,  
With your almighty breath;  
On hands that work and eyes that see,  
Your healing wisdom pour,  
That whole and sick, and weak and strong,  
May praise you evermore.

### Holy Communion

Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light.  
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the Gospel,  
Healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands  
With the very bread of peace.  
Praise the one who blessed the children  
With a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the one who drove out demons  
With a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in every land.  
Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory,  
Praise the One who makes us one

### Recessional Hymn

This day God gives me strength of high heaven  
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth  
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness  
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.  
This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking, friend at my side.  
God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me, saving from ill.  
Angels of heaven drive from me always  
all that would harm me, stand by me still.

### 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

**Parish Office:** 1 Viola Street Reservoir 3073  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Friday 9am—3pm

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www.stgabrielsreservoir.org

**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

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B 11.02.2024

### MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses

*St Stephen's Reservoir East 9.30am*  
*St Gabriel's Reservoir 12noon, 7pm*  
*St Raphael's Preston West 9.15am, 7pm*

Friday  
*St Gabriel's*  
8.30am Way of the Cross 9am Mass

*St Stephen's*  
9.30am Reconciliation  
10am Mass 10.30am Via Crucis

*St Raphael's*  
8.30am Mass 7pm Way of the Cross

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 4pm Thursday 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.***

Our Parish Legion of Mary has provided a full list of the sick among us. This has been forwarded to the Basilica of St Anthony in Padua for **World Day of the Sick**. The Franciscan Friars will place basket of names of the sick from throughout the world near the tomb of St Anthony this weekend.

**Parish Secretary Gracie Forde**  
has announced her retirement.  
This position is now advertised:  
Job vacancies / Melbourne Catholic

*We sincerely thank Gracie for 15 years faithful and enthusiastic service to our parish as it has grown from St Gabriel's, and now includes St Stephen's Reservoir East and St Raphael's Preston West. Gracie has worked with Fr Hctor and Fr Pritchard, served on the Parish Finance Committee, and taken the lead of all sorts of Parish activities, especially during the COVID-19 lockdowns. Gracie tenure will conclude with a hand-over to her successor. All of us say to Gracie: 'Thank you!' We wish her well.*

**10 young Parishioners** had a fantastic presentation from Dr Tracey Rowland last Sunday. **12 men** enjoyed dinner at Darebin RSL on Tuesday evening.

Frs Grainger and Pritchard met with MACS officials on Wednesday to set in motion a recruitment process for a new principal for **St Raphael's MACS Preston West**. Fr Fragapane is chaplain to St Raphael's MACS while he completes his teaching registration and obtains accreditation.

The Partnership takes its next steps when Fr Grainger takes 3 months leave at Easter. We need to think about a **weekend Mass schedule** that the 2 priests can provide at St Gabriel's, St Stephen's and St Raphael's. We will need to look at Sunday morning Masses: retaining the Italian Mass at St Raphael's, as well as English Masses at St Gabriel's and St Raphael's. Please give this some thought.

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.



**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and Abstinence from meat**

In Australia, the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following.

- a) **Prayer** eg: Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- b) **Self-Denial** eg: not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in Project Compassion.
- c) **Helping Others** eg: special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

All Catholics 18-60 are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

**SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY**

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

**PARISH RCIA**

Thursdays 7pm  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre  
Rite of Election Sunday 18 February 3pm  
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

**PARISH YOUNG ADULTS**

Sunday 3 March  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre  
11.30am—1pm lunch included.  
*Andrew Dos Santos,*  
*President of our Parish St Vincent de Paul,*  
*will talk about the mission and work of the Society.*

**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](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved)  
[volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto: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

*Jesus' disciples must have recoiled when they saw the leper approaching. Everyone feared the dreaded disease that he was obviously suffering from. Sure, showing signs of leprosy would make someone ritually unclean. But it was also deadly and thought to be very contagious. That's why the Book of Leviticus had so many regulations to keep those suffering from leprosy isolated from society. No one wanted to risk contracting the disease!*

*So why did Jesus reach out to touch this man? Why didn't he shrink back or turn aside? Because he was not afraid of the disease or the uncleanness. He could not be harmed or made unclean by any infirmity. Quite the opposite: Jesus had come to heal and restore all people. He could see beyond the disease and reach out to cleanse this beloved child of God. And by healing him, Jesus brought the man back into society.*

*Jesus isn't afraid to reach out to us, either. While we might not be afflicted with leprosy, there is something that can cut us off from God and isolate us from other people: our sin. But on the cross, Jesus took on himself our sins and those of the whole world. By his resurrection, he destroyed the power of sin and death. Sin has no hold on him, and he does not fear it. Each time we come to him in repentance, seeking healing and restoration, he replies to us as he did to the man with leprosy: "I do will it. Be made clean".*

*So come to Jesus with your sins. Bring to him your isolation and suffering. He won't pull away from you. He is the pure One who removes all of your impurity. He is the holy One who takes on your sin and strips it of its power over you. Like the man suffering from leprosy, don't be afraid to approach Jesus. Let him bring you restoration and healing!*

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

**May Christ cleanse our deceased and bring them to glory at the time of their anniversary**

Josip & Ana Tot, Gladys Saroli

**Next weekend**

First Sunday of Lent  
Year B

Genesis 9:8-15  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15



*The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of Lent. Compendium 206*

**LENT 2024**

**WEDNESDAYS OF LENT**

**Holy Rosary**

St Stephen's Reservoir East 9am  
St Raphael's Preston West 3.30 pm

**FRIDAYS OF LENT**

**Way of the Cross / Via Crucis**

St Gabriel's Reservoir 8.30am  
St Stephen's Reservoir East *Italian*  
9.30am Reconciliation  
10am Mass 10.30am Via Crucis  
St Raphael's Preston West 7pm *English / Italian*

**PARISH RCIA**

Rite & Election St Patrick's Cathedral  
Sunday 18 February 3pm

**The Scrutinies**

Sundays 3, 10, 17 March  
10am Mass *St Gabriel's*

**SOLEMNITIES**

Monday 18 March St Patrick  
Tuesday 19 March St Joseph

**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

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**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday Weekend 23-24 March**

St Stephen's Reservoir East Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass  
*St Gabriel's Reservoir Sunday 10am Mass*  
*St Raphael's Preston West Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass*  
*Sunday 9am Italian Mass 10.30am Mass*  
Includes Blessing of palms and procession

**Holy Thursday 28 March**

*St Gabriel's* 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9.30pm Night Prayer  
*St Raphael's Preston West*  
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday 29 March**

**Way of the Cross**

*St Stephen's Reservoir East 10am*  
*St. Raphael's Preston West 9.30am*

**The Lord's Passion**

*St Gabriel's Reservoir 3pm*  
*St Raphael's Preston West 3pm*

**Holy Saturday 30 March**

**The Vigil of Easter**

*St Gabriel's Reservoir 8pm The Vigil of Easter*  
*St Raphael's Preston West 8pm The Vigil of Easter*

**Easter Sunday 31 March**

*St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am Mass*  
  
*St Raphael's Preston West*  
9am Mass *Italian* 10.30am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**

*St Raphael's Preston West* Saturdays 9.30am

*St Stephen's Reservoir East* Saturdays 5pm  
Wednesdays March 20, 27 10am

*St Gabriel's Reservoir* Sundays 9am  
Tuesday 19 March 9.30am, 7pm  
Thursday 21 March 9.30am  
Friday 22 March 9.30am, 7pm  
Tuesday 26 March 9.30am, 7pm  
Thursday 28 March 9.30am

**EASTER SEASON  
BLESSING OF HOMES**

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