

Processional Hymn

Refrain: Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
beckon our lives through your word,
open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
heal us of pride and of hurt,
may we go forth in your name
we pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. *Refrain*
Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream justice brings life, justice redeems.
Refrain

Liturgy of the Word

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

Psalm Response

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth,
to those who keep your covenant

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

The Spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allure of false idols.



Preparation of the Gifts

Refrain

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy burdened,
and I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows
where he gives me rest. *Refrain*

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Holy Communion 1

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

Holy Communion 2

Take this moment, sign and space;
Take my friends around.
Here among us make the place
Where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,
Take the time to mend
Who I am and what I've been,
All I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,
Take my past regret,
Letting your forgiveness touch
All I can't forget.

Take my talents, take my skills,
Take what's yet to be.
Let my life be yours, and yet,
Let it still be me.

Recessional Hymn

God of Abraham lead us,
Lead us to your kingdom.
Into fruitfulness lead us,
Lead us together, lead us to freedom.

God of Jesus Christ lead us,
Lead us to your kingdom.
Into your new creation,
Lead us together, lead us to freedom.

Guiding light for our journey,
Lead us to your kingdom.
Out of shadows and darkness,
Lead us together, lead us to freedom.

By the waters of healing,
Lead us to your kingdom.
Into life everlasting,
Lead us together, lead us to freedom.

Through the word that is spoken,
Lead us to your kingdom.
Through the bread that is broken,
Lead us together, lead us to freedom.

God of all living people,
Lead us to your kingdom.
Into unity lead us,
Lead us together, lead us to freedom.

Lead us now and forever,
Lead us to your kingdom.
Give us now a new future,
Lead us together, lead us to freedom,
Lead us to freedom now.

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

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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

1st Sunday of Lent Yr B 18.02.2024

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*
Wednesday 9am Holy Rosary, 9.30am Mass
St Stephen's

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 & Wednesday 4pm
Thursday 8.30am Saturday 9am
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.**



Thursdays 7pm
St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Rite of Election

**TODAY Sunday 18 February 3pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne**

From the day of their election, the catechumens are called the *elect*. They are also described as *competentes*, because they are joined together in asking for and aspiring to receive the three sacraments of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are also called *illuminandi* because baptism itself has been called *illuminatio* (enlightenment) and it fills the newly baptized with the light of faith.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP

During Lent the 3 Priests will celebrate **Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass** in turns at St Stephen's & St Raphael's churches.

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.

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, members of Legion of Mary and St Vincent de Paul, as well as church employees must have a current WWCC card or equivalent. The Safeguarding Committee is responsible to keep all records, mandated by law and Diocesan regulations.

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.



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.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

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

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
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 Holy Week Missal \$10
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90
St Christopher medals, rosary beads, devotional items

Can you imagine the excitement that Jesus must have generated as he began healing people, performing works of wonder, and preaching the good news of the kingdom? Can you picture the hope and expectation evident in the faces of the people who flocked to him? Maybe the time really had been "fulfilled." Maybe the kingdom really was "at hand".

It certainly was a dramatic way for Jesus to begin his ministry. But today, on the First Sunday of Lent, the Lord reminds us that this exciting new beginning came at the end of something not quite so exciting. Just before he burst on the scene, Jesus had endured a gruelling forty-day fast and a host of demonic temptations.

This sequence of events wasn't just a coincidence. It was that very fast that helped launch the new kingdom Jesus was announcing. By staying faithful to his Father throughout this ordeal, Jesus began his work of disarming the devil. As the first man who didn't bend to temptation, he reversed the sin of Adam and opened a path for us to follow. Beginning with his time in the wilderness, Jesus demonstrated that his kingdom was indeed at hand - and that the devil's reign was coming to a decisive end.

As your own Lenten journey unfolds this year, keep the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness close to your heart. Especially when life gets hard or temptations arise, remind yourself that every desert experience can result in new life as you try your best to stay faithful to the Lord. Even if you fall, remember that you can stand up again and keep moving forward because of Jesus' triumph over the devil. Sin no longer has the final word in your life; Jesus, your Redeemer, does! wau.org

May Christ bring our dead to eternal life

Vladimir Mateus (recently deceased)
Marianna Deleo-Ferrentino (anniversary of death)

Next weekend

2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

Genesis
22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Romans 8: 31-34
Mark 9: 2-10



You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendour of the Father. (Byzantine Liturgy)

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 of Election St Patrick's Cathedral
Sunday 18 February 3pm

The Scrutinies

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

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

8 week seminar presented by
Living Gospel Prayer Group
Wednesdays 1.30pm
St Raphael's Church Preston West
Inquiries: Marijana 0422 340 675

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

Tuesday 19 March
Mass / Eucharistic Adoration / Reconciliation
7pm—8.30pm
St Gabriel's Reservoir & St Raphael's Preston West

4th SUNDAY OF LENT *LAETARE*

Fresh Roast Mobile Café
Sunday 10 March 10am Mass
St Gabriel's

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
FOR ALL FUTURE
GENERATIONS 

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
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