

Processional Hymn CWB 295

Refrain: May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
Turn our minds to things above

Sin has sundered.us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold. Refrain

Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides. Refrain

As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
Minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn. Refrain

Liturgy of the Word

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

During the season of Lent we humbly acknowledge the ways in which we have failed to respond to our Christian vocation. We do this before a God who is infinitely rich in mercy and grace, who sent the Son into the world not to condemn it but to be its Saviour. Acknowledging our failings and accepting healing and forgiveness from Christ prepares us to celebrate the feast of Easter with great joy.

Psalm Response

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much,
he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 287

Refrain: Bring us back to you, O Lord our God,
and save us in your name.

I will gather you from the nations,
And I will unite you in my love.
This is the word of God. Refrain

I will pour on you living water.
I will make you clean and pure of heart.
This is the word of God. Refrain

I will take the heart you have hardened.
I will put in you a heart of flesh.
This is the word of God. Refrain

In your soul my Spirit will dwell
and he will reveal my will to you.
This is the word of God. Refrain

I will be your Father for ever,
You will always be my chosen people.
This is the word of God. Refrain



Holy Communion CWB 293

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love,
this love can never be measured;
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God. Refrain

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God,
whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God. Refrain

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong
and love that never grows weary.
God will seek and save the lost until we all return,
so let us place our trust in God. Refrain

Recessional Hymn CWB 444
Saturday 6pm

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Recessional Hymn CWB 463
Sunday 10am

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts, thinking about me.
Christ be on all tongues, telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

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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

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Friday 9am—3pm

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4th Sunday of Lent
Yr B 10.03.2024

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Thursday 9am Mass St Gabriel's

Wednesday St Stephen's
9am Holy Rosary, 9.30am Mass

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

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

Friday Italian Mass and Via Crucis
at St Stephen's Reservoir East is cancelled

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.

Today is **Laetare**—the joyful Sunday of Lent. Fresh mobile café after 10am Mass St Gabriel's.

At Sunday 10am Mass today and next Sunday, our RCIA group undergo the **Scrutinies** made up of Intercession, Exorcism and anointing with the Oil of Catechumens. We pray for our 6 candidates that, as God searches their hearts, they will hear his call to Catholic life, the gift of repentance and mercy, and the joy of the Gospel. Our parish RCIA meets each Thursday 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.

Thanks to Parishioners for thoughtful consideration of a **revised Mass schedule** for the Partnered Parishes. The program of weekday Masses remains the same. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Saturdays 5pm at St Stephen's and St Raphael's, as well as Sunday 9am at St Gabriel's. Commencing weekend 6-7 April, the following Masses will be provided:

St Stephen's Reservoir East
& St Raphael's Preston West Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

St Raphael's Preston West
Sunday 9.30am Italian, 10.30am

St Gabriel's Reservoir
Sunday 10.30am Mass

Melbourne Parishes host **Mercy Melbourne**—a night of Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation, Tuesday 19 March—The Solemnity of St Joseph. St Gabriel's and St Raphael's Churches will be open 6pm-9pm. Jesus Christ in the Eucharist invites our silent prayer, adoration, time and love. Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation offers his mercy, the love of his Sacred Heart. 7pm Mass for the feast of St Joseph at both St Gabriel's and St Raphael's Churches.

From the beginning of term 2 2024, major works will commence at **St Stephen's**. The fence and play equipment will be removed. School buildings will be developed and adapted for the needs of a secondary school from 2025, St Monica's College will us the school buildings, Church and hall; they have also asked to use the Presbytery for offices for school staff, the Sisters and a Priest. Funeral directors have been advised that St Gabriel's & St Raphael's are available for funeral Masses and services. Months minds Masses and other commemorations may be celebrated at weekend Masses at the 3 Churches.

Thanks to all Parishioners who have provided contact details and information for **WWCC** and equivalent. Loretta Piazza and Preethi Saldanha will soon be in contact. Special thanks to Matthew Price and Franco Costa who have updated Parish websites with Safeguarding policies, documents and links.

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@sudp-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

WALK WITH MARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
Sunday 17 March 2pm
www.thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com

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

THE FLAME OF LOVE

presentation by John Sullivan
St Mark's Church, 9 Lee St Fawkner
Wednesday 13 March 6.30pm

2024 PATRICK ORATION

Presented by Archbishop Comensoli
Monday 18 March 7.30pm
TV Channel C31 youtube.com/archmelb

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THE SECOND SCRUTINY

The scrutinies, rites for self-searching and repentance, have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to undo and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. RCIA n75

After the Homily, the candidates and their sponsors come forward and stand before the Celebrant.



Intercessions for the Elect
Prayer of Exorcism
Laying on of hands
Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens
Profession of Faith

Today's Gospel reading is full of promises to everyone who believes in Jesus. They will have eternal life. They will not perish. They will not be condemned. But what does it mean to *believe in him*?

We might think that believing in Jesus means being convinced that he is who he says he is. And it does. We agree with the truth that he is the Messiah, the Son of God. We acknowledge his miracles and the wisdom of his teachings. But intellectual assent will get us only so far. St James says, Even the demons believe that and tremble.

The belief that Jesus is talking about here is an act of the will; it's a decision to place our trust in Someone whom we know and love. That kind of personal connection with the Lord can spark a deep faith that changes the way we think and behave. St John Henry Newman talked about the importance of our relationship with Jesus when he said, No man will be a martyr for a conclusion.

But even deeper, and at the heart of everything else, faith is a gift of grace from God. Our belief is more than intellectual assent or an act of the will. It's a response to God's initiative. His grace opens our minds to the truth and moves us to place our lives in Jesus' hands. Belief isn't possible without God's initial intervention. The Catechism puts it succinctly: In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace (155).

Today is a day overflowing with grace. So turn to the Lord and affirm your faith. Tell Jesus that you believe he is who he says he is. Entrust your life to him. As you do, your faith will continue to grow, and you will trust even more deeply in Jesus' promise of eternal life. *wau.org*

**The recently deceased, called
from this life into the mercy of God**

Fr Anthony Kelly CSsR, Roland Asis,

**Next weekend
5th Sunday of Lent
Year B**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Hebrews 5: 7-9
John 12: 20-33



What must I bring to a confession?

*Essential elements
of every confession are an
examination of conscience,
contrition,
a purpose of amendment,
confession, and penance.*

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EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Love of God:

Have I loved God wholeheartedly or neglected my relationship with him through prayer or indifference?
Have I doubted or questioned my faith?

Worship and Sunday obligation:

Have I missed Mass without a valid reason?
Have I actively participated and attentively listened during Mass?
Have I shown reverence for the Eucharist and sacred objects?

Honouring God's name:

Have I used God's name irreverently or in vain?
Have I spoken disrespectfully about sacred persons or things?
Have I participated in conversations mocking religious beliefs?

Honouring parents and authority:

Have I shown disrespect, disobedience, or ingratitude to my parents or lawful authorities?
Have I neglected responsibilities to my family or community?
Have I failed to honour and care for the elderly or those in need?

Life and human dignity:

Have I intentionally caused harm to myself or others through actions, words, or thoughts?
Have I supported activities promoting abortion, euthanasia, or violence?
Have I failed to respect the dignity and rights of others, especially the marginalised and vulnerable?

Purity of mind and body:

Have I engaged in impure thoughts, desires, or actions?
Have I respected the gift of my body and others, avoiding immodesty and lustful behaviour?

Honesty and justice:

Have I lied, cheated, or stolen, big or small?
Have I failed to fulfil promises or obligations?
Have I been unfair or unjust, withholding forgiveness or harbouring grudges?

Charity and love of neighbour:

Have I been unkind, judgemental, or gossiping about others?
Have I failed to forgive those who have hurt me?

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, 6-9pm
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