

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,
Deacon Ferdinand Correya

St Gabriel's Church
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

Parish Office Hours:

St Raphael's 17 Hardy St Preston West 3072 9470 2586
Monday 9am—1pm All emails to reservoir@cam.org.au

St Stephen's Church
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St Gabriel's 1 Viola St Reservoir 3073 9460 6036
reservoir@cam.org.au
Wednesday & Thursday 9am—1pm Friday 9am—3pm

St Raphael's Church
17 Hardy St Preston West 3072

**14th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YR B
7 July 2024**

MASS & RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY

9am Mass St Gabriel's Reservoir
4pm Mass St Raphael's Preston West

WEDNESDAY

9:30am Mass St Stephen's Reservoir East
7pm Mass, Devotions, Adoration, Benediction
St Raphael's Preston West

THURSDAY

8.30am Mass St Raphael's Preston West
9am Mass St Gabriel's Reservoir

FRIDAY

9am Mass St Gabriel's Reservoir
7pm Mass, Devotions, Adoration and Benediction
St Raphael's Preston West

SATURDAY

8am Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
9am Mass St Raphael's Preston West.

VIGIL MASS

6pm Mass St Raphael's West Preston
5pm Reconciliation St Stephen's Reservoir East
6pm Mass St Stephen's Reservoir East

SUNDAY MASS

8am Reconciliation 9am Mass
St Gabriel's Reservoir
9am Mass (Italian) St Raphael's Preston West
10:30am Mass St Raphael's Preston West

**Thanksgiving & Clergy
support by direct debit**

St Gabriel's & St Stephen's Church
BSB: 083-347 Account: 639372585
St Raphael's Church
BSB: 083-347 Account: 643968007



***Our Partnered Parishes are committed
to the safety, wellbeing and dignity
of everyone including children
and vulnerable adults.***

***Please make sure children are supervised
at all times within church buildings***

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS

Sundays 7 July & 4 August 10.30am
St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Theology of the Body

presented by Matthew McDonald
masterpeicecounselling.com.au

A 2-part presentation of the ground breaking Theology of the Body: St John Paul II's profound insights into the human person, our creation, our vocation, our destiny. Why are we male and female? How are we co-creators? Why are men and women different, unique, complementary?

PARISH THANKSGIVING

Sincere thanks to all in our Partnered Parishes who maintain generous support in Parish Thanksgiving. The new series of Parish Thanksgiving envelopes at St Raphael's were distributed over recent weekends. St Gabriel's and St Stephen's parishioners can collect their Parish Thanksgiving envelopes today. We acknowledge Parish Finance Officers Carol Hawkesford (Preston West) and Hung Chau (Reservoir-Reservoir East). Finance report for the quarter April/May/June will be included in the Parish bulletin weekend 20-21 July.

These are some recent Parish activities:

- ◆ Archbishop Comensoli has appointed permanent Deacon Ferdinand Correya to serve in Reservoir-Preston West. He was ordained on Saturday 15 June at St Patrick's Cathedral. He will be Chaplain to St Vincent de Paul and become involved with RCIA and Young Adults.
- ◆ Around 30 children have received First Reconciliation. They will receive First Holy Communion at St Gabriel's on Sunday 4 August and St Raphael's on Sunday 21 July.
- ◆ Fr Joseph Vnuk OP brought the relics of St Thomas Aquinas and other Dominican saints to our churches. Many people used the opportunity to venerate these relics.
- ◆ Assistant Priest Fr Aurelio Fragapane is animating the devotional life of our Partnered Parishes. We have now introduced evening Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays at St Raphael's.
- ◆ Local projects include review and upgrade of Parish communication systems, works on St Stephen's East Reservoir and St Raphael's Presbytery Preston West. The St Stephen's site will open as a campus for 220 Year 8 students from St Monica's College at the beginning of year 2025.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room 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.
- Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference is now responding to welfare calls from Preston West. Members of our Partnered Parishes are warmly invited to join the Society in its mission of charity and outreach.
*Contact Conference president Andrew Dos Santos
reservoir.conf.pres@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*

PIETY STALL

St Gabriel's & St Raphael's Churches

- St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
- St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90
- St Christopher medals, rosary beads, devotional items, Baptism & Holy Communion gifts

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

Wednesdays 1.30pm
St Raphael's Church Preston West
Enquiries: Marijana 0422 340 675

FESTA IN ONORE SAN ROCCO

Weekend 17-18 August
Includes Dinner Dance Irymple Hotel,
Feast day Mass & procession
St Michael's Church Buronga &
Mid Way Centre Gol Gol
Enquiries: Elina 0427 245 355
Clem 0419 349 138

LIVING WITH JOY

Women's Retreat Saturday 17 August 9.30am-4pm
Holy Mass-Adoration-Confession
3 talks by Fr Frankie Mulgrew
Catholic Leadership Centre
576 Victoria Pde East Melbourne
\$80 trybooking.com/cqzut
*Presented by Catholic Women's League
cwlvicww.org.au*

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

First rehearsal : Sunday August 25 6pm
St Gabriel's Parish Hall. All Welcome
Enquiries: Judy 0488 580 145

A disappointment at home. Jesus had lived in Nazareth for nearly thirty years, in the village in Galilee that at that time was neither famous nor important. That was where he grew up; where, he went to the synagogue school, learned his father's trade and practiced it. That was where his relations lived, his "brothers and sisters", as they are called in accordance with Jewish custom. Jesus was about thirty years old when he suddenly set out down to the Lake of Gennesaret, to Capernaum, which lay on the great commercial route from the East to the Mediterranean. He soon became famous. His words held people spellbound, and his miracles perhaps even more so, the many healings of every kind of disease. And now, for the first time, he had come back home again to Nazareth. Naturally, the news had spread that everyone was talking about the carpenter, Mary's son. Everywhere, people were talking about him. Curiosity was the first reaction of the people in his village when on the Saturday, the sabbath, he began to make a public speech in front of them, too. They were amazed at him; but the mood quickly changed. Criticisms were expressed: "After all, we know who he is. We've known him since he was only little. Who does he think he is? He's just one of us, no better than the rest of us! How come he thinks he can preach to us, the people from his hometown?"

I think this disappointing experience at Nazareth shows us two things in particular. The first is true only of Jesus: How were his neighbours in the village and his relations to know that the child who grew up in their midst bore within him such a secret, that he was God's Son made man? His everyday life in Nazareth was too unassuming. It is a little bit like that right up to the present day. God's presence in our midst is often hidden and easy to overlook. Today, too, Christ is with us in "everyday clothes", and only the eyes of faith perceive him. The second applies to us all: How easily we are mistaken about those people closest to us! Everyone has his secret, his unsuspected qualities. It is often those outside, strangers, who are more aware of these than the person's own family, who think they already know all about him. How lovely it is when we rediscover what treasures are to be found in other people!

Cardinal Christoph Schonborn O.P

Those who have died in Christ

Recently deceased
Allan Mason, Salvatore Stosito

Anniversary of death
Nicola Di Guglielmo
Domenico & Michelina Di Castro
Lucia Ferrentino

Next weekend 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-10 Mark 6:7-13



Processional Hymn CWB 476

Come Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord.
We are called to the light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Chorus: We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
Chorus

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! *Chorus*

Liturgy of the Word

Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

Psalm Response

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring
Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

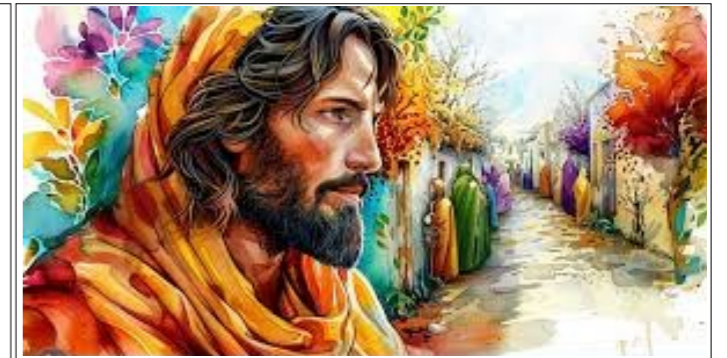
Preparation of the Gifts CWB 582

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.



Holy Communion CWB 516

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.

Chorus: Do not be afraid, I am with you,
I have called you each by name.
Come follow me, I will bring you home:
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. *Chorus*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
stand up, now walk, and live! *Chorus*

Recessional Hymn CWB 494

Go now, you are sent forth
to live what you proclaim;
to show the world you follow Christ
in fact, not just in name

Go now, you are sent forth
to walk this troubled earth,
to share your faith with everyone
and prove your real worth

Go now, you are sent forth
as God's ambassador;
by serving him in those we meet,
we love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth
and Christ goes with you, too,
Today you help his kingdom come
in everything you do.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 106(107):23-26,28-32

R: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **R**

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy. **R**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

PARISH PRAYER

Generous God, we give our thanks to you for the gifts you have given to us – our life, our family and friends – time, talents and material possessions. Above all we are grateful for the Father's unconditional love, for Jesus Christ our Savior and for the Holy Spirit who nourishes us with every spiritual gift. All we have comes from you. May we remember this always and rejoice in your generosity. Sustain us on our Christian journey, so that we may constantly renew our relationship with you and all people of our parish community. Grant us the strength and courage to become better followers of Jesus: to be disciples and to live the Christian Way of Life.

St Raphael healer and guide protect us.

May the Sick experience the healing touch of God

Giuseppina, Cabrini, Dorothy, Marie, Raffaella, Claudia, Cesarina, Pauline, Graeme, Patrick, Luana, Gitti, Coradina, Angela, Tanya, Narelle, Trish, Grace, Marelle, Peter, Isidoro, Anne, Kevin, Daniella, Nelson, Adam, Joseph, Grazie, Frances, Mariana, Kristiana, Alice.

St Raphael's Parish Office

Mondays 9am — 1pm

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Parishioners are kindly asked to make their requests for anniversary Masses IN WRITING to the Parish Office

The tomb is white stone, appearing to levitate, with light streaming from behind it, breath-taking when closed. Inside a glass coffin lies a teenage boy, apparently sleeping, his face peaceful and kind, a rosary looped around his hand. But these are not the ordinary saintly remains: this teenage boy is dressed in jeans, sneakers, and a casual sports top. Incongruous—yet completely right for a fledgling saint who died in 2006. The boy in the tomb is Venerable Carlo Acutis, beatified 10 October 2020 joining the ranks of teen Saints and Blesseds such as Agnes, Dominic Savio, Rose of Viterbo, and José Sanchez del Rio.

Born in London in 1991, Carlo and his family soon moved back to Italy, where he grew up as an ordinary only child. He loved football, Pokémon, action films, and all animals (he had 4 dogs, 2 cats and many goldfish as pets). From early childhood, his first love was Our Lord in the Eucharist. Neither of his parents were religious, yet from an early age Carlo never wanted to pass a church without going in to "say hello to Jesus." As a result, his mother came back to faith, then his father. Carlo received his First Holy Communion early, at his own request, in a local convent, entering under a doorway that said "God is enough." Carlo's love, appreciation and reverence for the Eucharist were exceptional. "The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven!" he would say. "If we get in front of the sun, we get sun tans, but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become Saints."

He never missed daily Mass, even when (from the age of 11) he began visiting Eucharistic miracles all over the world with his parents, documenting them. A "computer genius" and possible future patron saint of the internet, by age 14 he had created a Eucharistic Miracle display that would tour the world, along with a website. He believed that, if people knew that Jesus was truly in the Eucharist, they would turn to God. "Carlo is a boy of our time. "A boy of the internet age and a model of holiness of the digital age." (Pope Francis)

Carlo knew he would die young, even predicting the cause of his death. His mother said, "Carlo always had a sense that he couldn't waste time." He hated to be enslaved by anything, so, although he loved computer games, he allowed himself to play for only one hour a week, and gave the rest of his time to good works helping children, the elderly, and the poor. He regularly took sleeping bags and food to the homeless and those sleeping rough on the streets. He had a gift for empathy and was known for defending kids at school who got picked on, especially disabled kids. Carlo loved soccer and video games. He tried to stay disciplined and only played games for an hour a week even though he really wanted to play much more. He also bought computer programming books and taught himself computer coding and animation. He met and chatted with many migrants, standing sponsor for one when he got baptized. He was popular at school, and also befriended children who were unhappy at home, defended the disabled, and treated girls with an old-fashioned purity that challenged everyone. He would defend his Catholic faith- including his pro-life views - fearlessly in class. Then, in early October 2006, Carlo became ill with flu - so it was thought, until his condition deteriorated. He was admitted to hospital, receiving a terrible diagnosis: "It is a devastating leukemia." The 15 year old boy who loved to laugh had days to live. Carlo took the news calmly, immediately offering all his sufferings for the Pope, the Church and his own direct entry into heaven. "I am happy to die," he said, "because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God."

"I would like to leave this hospital," he told his mother, "but I know I will not do so alive. I will give you signs, though, that I am with God." He died on October 12. Some of his last words were to a nurse who offered to wake his mother, since he was suffering. He refused: "She is very tired as well and she will only worry even more." *Australian Salesian Bulletin*



ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY THURSDAY 15 AUGUST

St Gabriel's Reservoir
8.30am Holy Rosary 9am Mass
6.30pm Holy Rosary 7pm Mass

St Raphael's Preston West
8.45am Holy Rosary
9.15am Mass (*St Raphael's school attending*)
7pm Holy Rosary 7.30pm Mass

THE CATHOLIC LANDSCAPE

Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Presented by Anna Krohn ANIMA Education
St Gabriel's Parish Centre
(rear St Gabriel's Church) Reservoir
Thursdays 7pm August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Ideal introduction to
the Catechism and the Catholic Faith
for RCIA inquirers, team leaders and members,
parents, teenagers and young adults, adult formation.
Enquiries: Parish Office Reservoir 9460 6036
reservoir@cam.org.au

LIVING AS IF TRUTH MATTERS

www.ChurchAndNationVic.org/post/living-as-if-truth-matters
Two-day colloquium hosted by the Presbyterian
Church of Victorian and Church and Nation Committee
Friday-Saturday July 12-13
PCV Assembly Hall 156:Collin St Melbourne.
*Presentations by 10 top speakers, expert in theology:
ministry, education, culture, parenting and law*

LAST SUPPER REQUEST

A senior parishioner is looking for a large (framed) picture of Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper (Il Cenacolo) for his dining room. If you can help, please contact the Parish office reservoir@cam.org.au

ST RAPHAEL'S PRESTON WEST

First Saturday 1 June—5 October
8am Eucharistic Adoration Reconciliation Benediction
9am Mass 10am Rosary procession Morning tea
Weekly Wednesday 7pm Mass & Devotions
Weekly Friday 7pm Mass & Devotions

Parish Lunch

Darebin RSL Thursday 11 July 12 noon