

## Partnered Parishes St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East

St Raphael Preston West,

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Clergy: Fr G Pritchard, Fr Jossy Kuriakose, Dcn F Correya

Parish Office Hours:

St Gabriel's 1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

Tues & Wed 9am—1pm Thurs & Fri 9am—3pm

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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

St Joseph the Worker Church  
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073

## AUSTRALIA DAY 26 JANUARY 2025



### WEEKDAY MASSES

9am Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday  
St Gabriel's

### WEEKEND MASSES

- Saturday 4pm Reconciliation  
5pm Vigil Mass  
1st Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass  
Maltese Reservoir North
- Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
Reservoir East  
Reconciliation on request
- Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
Preston West
- Sunday 8am Reconciliation  
9am Mass English/Italian  
Reservoir North
- Sunday 8am Reconciliation Reservoir  
9am Mass Reservoir
- Sunday 10.30am Mass Preston West  
English/Italian

### 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  
St Joseph the Worker Church  
BSB: 083-347 Account: 645772382



**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**

Archbishop Comensoli invites Melbourne Catholics to attend the **Episcopal Consecration** of Auxiliary Bishops Rene Ramirez and Thinh Nguyen next Saturday 1 February 10am St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne.

Next Sunday is the **Presentation of the Lord**, a feast shared by the Western and Eastern churches, a day of encounter, a day of light. Candles will be blessed at the commencement of weekend Masses. Parishioners may like to bring candles used at the household altar to be blessed.

From Tuesday 4 February a **new schedule of weekday Masses** will be introduced. 9am daily Mass at St Gabriel's (Tuesday-Friday) ; 9.15 Mass Tuesdays & Thursdays at St Joseph the Worker; 9.15am Mass Fridays at St Raphael's; 9.30am Mass Wednesdays at St Stephen's. This program will allow for regular school Masses at St Raphael's, St Joseph the Worker and St Monica's Year 8 Campus (St Stephen's). It will also give the priests freedom to celebrate funeral Masses. Last year there were 105 funeral Masses between Reservoir, Preston West and Reservoir North.

**Young parishioners** are invited to our first get together at St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am including light lunch NEXT Sunday 2 February. Our first Sunday presentations this year will focus on the Jubilee of Hope proclaimed by Pope Francis and the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea (325). We will welcome a number of speakers including our good friend Anna Krohn. \$10 working ; \$5 non working/student.

Archbishop Comensoli has blessed our Partnered Parishes with the **ministry of 2 priests and a permanent deacon**. Fr Jossy's duties include chaplaincy to schools and aged care homes, Legion of Mary Preston Curia, as well as home visitation, baptism, funerals, Holy anointing etc. Fr Jossy will reside at St Joseph the Worker Presbytery Reservoir North. Deacon Correya's duties include Parish RCIA, St Vincent de Paul chaplaincy to local and regional conferences, young parishioners, preaching at weekend Masses, baptisms, men's ministry, etc. He is available for 10 hours Parish ministry per week. Both priests want to be active and available to all in our Partnered Parishes and can easily be found at either St Gabriel's Presbytery or St Joseph the Worker Presbytery.

The **Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary** eagerly await their arrival in our Partnered Parishes. Their new home, St Raphael's Presbytery Preston West is being prepared for Sr Jessica Cobrador (teacher, parish worker, Italian speaking); Sr Josefina Capatan (religious education & evangelization); Sr Mayflor Gedalanga ( teacher, musician, IT). We hope that they will be with us before Easter.

**Eucharistic adoration and other devotions** are incorporated into Lent and Advent, as we honour feasts of Our Lady, St Joseph, patron saints of our churches, St Anthony's bread and Parish festas.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I will praise you Lord  
among the peoples,  
among the nations sing psalms to you,  
for your mercy reaches to the heavens,  
and your truth to the skies.

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 32: 15-18*

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness, justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps. 89:9-14*

**R. The Lord speaks of peace  
to his people.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 12: 4-11*

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sort of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gifts of preaching with wisdom given by this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gifts to recognising spirits; another the gifts of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord sent me to bring  
Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**OR**

## GOSPEL READING

*Mathew 5: 1-12*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart. they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all lands of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven?

The Gospel of the Lord  
**All: Praise to you  
Lord Jesus Christ**

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord my soul,  
and never forget  
all his benefits.

**Next weekend  
The Presentation of the Lord**

Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40



## Processional Hymn CWB 487

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Refrain:* Lord of all, to you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

For your church, that evermore  
lifts its holy hands above,  
off'ring up on ev'ry shore,  
its pure sacrifice of love: *Refrain*

For yourself, best gift divine!  
to this world so freely giv'n;  
Word incarnate, God's design,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n: *Refrain*

## Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 32: 15-18 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11  
Mathew 5: 1-12 or Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

*The Great South Land of the Holy Spirit is richly blessed by God. May the Providence of God continue to be manifest among us through the way we live, preferring good to evil, having a profound respect for one another, sharing our goods with those in need and making hospitality our special care.*

## Psalm Response

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia

## National Anthem CWB 656

Australians all let us rejoice,  
for we are one and free;  
we've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
our home is girt by sea;  
our land abounds in nature's gifts  
of beauty, rich and rare:  
in hist'ry's page, let ev'ry stage  
Advance Australia fair!  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
to make this Commonwealth of ours  
renowned of all the lands;  
for those who've come across the seas  
we've boundless plains to share;  
with courage let us all combine  
to advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia fair.

### Next weekend The Presentation of the Lord

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*The world has been cautiously celebrating the recently announced ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, and anxiously waiting to see if the agreement holds. Together with many others, we hope and pray that it does and that this might be the beginning of a sustained peace in a region so often marred by war and human suffering - Jesus' homeland and the "Holy Land" for Jews, Christians and Muslims.*

*This promising development is also an opportunity for us as Australians to reflect upon the tragic rise of anti-Semitic incidents in our city and nation in recent times. Since the horrific events of October 7 2023, discrimination against people of the Jewish faith has become increasingly prevalent.*

*Last week alone, there were several cases of anti-Semitic vandalism in Sydney suburbs, including cars being set on fire, and the graffitiing of swastikas and shameful messages on homes, businesses, cars, even on the facade of a synagogue. And just last month, a synagogue in Melbourne was set ablaze by arsonists in what is being investigated as a terrorist attack.*

*Worryingly, some have sought to justify anti-Semitic behaviour by referencing the actions of the state of Israel in its war against Hamas. But such a moral calculus is seriously misguided. For one thing, it does the very thing it purports to abhor: the targeting of innocent civilians. There is no logic to attacking Jewish people in Australia as a means of "resisting" the actions of another nation's military.*

*Moreover, some of the vitriolic language expressed on the steps of the Sydney Opera House on October 9 2023, before the most recent war between Israel and Hamas began, and in various places since, indicates something more sinister in the hearts of some people toward Jews.*

*There is no place for any type of religious or racially motivated hatred in Australia. Anti-Semitism is a particularly egregious form of discrimination.*

*History shows us how the dehumanisation of the Jewish people, based on their faith or ethnicity, can quickly descend into violence, even genocide.*

*A society that tolerates anti-Semitism is regressive in treating some people, based on their religious or racial affiliation, as "fair game".*

*Instead of being a nation that celebrates all people and champions all human rights, we could become one that accepts the targeting of others and the normalisation of hatred.*

*Although we might be tempted to think of the horrors of the pogroms and the Holocaust as things in the distant past, over the past 15 months it has been clear that belief in the intrinsic worth of each person, and their freedom to live and worship in peace, are things that cannot be taken for granted.*

*Each generation must renew this commitment and do all they can to make sure hatred never becomes normalised, and that society upholds the dignity and protection of all its members. For Christians, this is founded on the conviction that all human beings are made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27).*

*This task is not only the responsibility of civic, religious or moral authorities. It is incumbent on all of us to examine our hearts, motivations and prejudices, and to reject the recent spate of acts of racial or religious hatred.*

*As Christian leaders, we urge what Jesus commanded his followers - to love our neighbours as ourselves.*

*We must all strive to make our nation a place where hatred and discrimination are supplanted by peace, generosity and love of all people whatever their background or beliefs.*

Anthony Fisher is the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney;  
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Kanishka Raffel is the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney.

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