

## 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:

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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

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 9 FEBRUARY 2025

### WEEKDAY MASSES

9am Tuesday & Wednesday St Gabriel's

9.15am Thursday St Joseph the Worker

9.15am Friday St Raphael'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

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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 buildings and on church grounds.***

*It is with gratitude and great appreciation that the community of St Monica's College Epping thanks Fr Pritchard and the parishioners of St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East for offering us the former St Stephen's Primary School to us as a Year 8 Campus. It is our privilege and joy to take up residence on site. Our history shows that St Stephen's parish through Fr Sullivan was where the concept of a secondary girls college was developed. So many St Stephen's children (boys and girls) have been blessed with a Monican education. We pledge to be good cohabitants with you on site, and we look forward to a wonderful relationship through liturgies shared, and facilities used jointly and in mutual relationship. The motto of St Monica's College Epping is 'Pray and Persevere'. May the parishioners of St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East and the teachers and students of St Monica's College Epping find unity, meaning and purpose through that motto.*

Brian Hanley OAM Principal

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.

**Safeguarding** training will be available Monday 10 February 1pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir. Victorian law and the Archdiocese of Melbourne mandates that all who perform a ministry at our churches, members of St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, employees and volunteers must hold a current Working With Children Check or equivalent. Sincere thanks to many parishioners who have already obtained WWCC/ equivalent.

Enquiries: Loretta 0418 597 069 lorpia24@gamil.com

St Gabriel's sacristans Ange and Ofelia Braysha have kindly arranged **sets of preaching/Holy Communion stoles** for priest and deacon for our Churches.

## 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](mailto: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

## LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

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

## ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Auditions: Sunday 31 August 6pm  
Rehearsals commence 31 August  
Enquiries: Judy judeome@hotmail.com

## MELBOURNE THOMISTIC INSTITUTE

Tuesdays 6.45pm St Dominic's Priory  
816 Riversdale Rd Camberwell  
[mti.op.org.au](http://mti.op.org.au)

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## CATHOLIC MEN FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am  
[melbournemensrosarycrusade.com](http://melbournemensrosarycrusade.com)

*How would you feel if you saw the Lord? Amazed? Afraid? Even ashamed? That's what happened to Isaiah in today's first reading. He beheld almighty God, seated on his heavenly throne, with angelic beings shouting, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!" . Overwhelmed, Isaiah cried, "Woe is me!" and confessed that he was unworthy to stand before the Lord. Peter had a similar experience in today's Gospel. Weary from a long, unsuccessful night of fishing, he was cleaning his nets when Jesus told him, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch" . Peter must have grumbled as he cast his empty nets yet again. But once he saw the miraculous catch of fish, Peter fell to his knees, pleading, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" . How wonderful that God didn't leave Peter and Isaiah in their fear and shame! Instead, he called them closer! God touched Isaiah and cleansed him of his sin. Even more, God invited him to speak to his people. And Jesus patiently reassured Peter, saying, "Do not be afraid," and welcomed him to join in his mission of "catching men" . He will do the same for you. Today, you have the chance to see the Lord—at Mass, as you ponder his word, or as you gaze upon the beauty of this natural world. In the brightness of his glory, you may become more aware of your darkness and sinfulness. But you will also realize that God is far more holy and loving than you have ever imagined. He will offer you his mercy and invite you to follow him more closely. Whenever you feel inadequate or afraid in God's presence, remember Isaiah and Peter. Don't allow those feelings to hold you back or paralyze you or make you feel disqualified from following Jesus. He loves you perfectly. He is so holy, so merciful, so good. You don't have to be afraid.*

## Recently Deceased

Luigia Ciarlo, Pasquina Bucci,  
Jose Dos Santos, Peter Bafunno

## Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Veneranda Sofra, Emilio Meco

## Next weekend

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20  
Luke 6:17,20-26



## JUBILEE OF HOPE & NICAEA 1700

- A program of speakers will present on the Jubilee of Hope and the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325), one of the first major councils in the history of the Church. Convened by the Emperor Constantine, the Council promulgated teaching on the person of Christ, the mystery of the Trinity and Our Lady. It mandated the weekly recitation of the Creed at Mass and sought to unify the celebration of Easter between East and West. Interestingly, this year Easter is observed on the same Sunday by all Christians. Members of our Partnered Parishes are invited to join young parishioners on the first Sunday of the month 10.30am St Gabriel's Parish Centre.
- A pilgrimage to St Patrick's Cathedral will be announced. St Patrick's Cathedral and local churches St Luke's Lalor & St Mary Star of the Sea West Melbourne are amongst the churches designated as places of pilgrimage for the Jubilee of Hope.
- Weekend 11-12 October is the Jubilee for children, families, elderly and grandparents.
- Pope Francis invites all the faithful to renew their baptismal call by visiting their place of baptism and renewing the promises of baptism at the font. At Easter all Christians renew the promises of baptism and receive the sprinkling with Easter water.
- The Bishops will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to candidates from Parishes and communities at St Patrick's Cathedral this year. Candidates from our Partnered Parishes will be confirmed by Bishop Ramirez on Saturday 10 May.

### PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm

St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir.

#### Rite of Election

Sunday 9 March 3pm St Patrick's Cathedral

### PARISH LUNCH

Darebin RSL 402 Bell St Preston

Thursday 13 February 12 noon

Register: St Raphael's Church Foyer

### READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Formation evening Tuesday 18 February 7.30pm

St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir

### EUCCHARISTIC 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.



## Jubilee of Hope II

The first pope to proclaim a Jubilee Year was Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. The end of the thirteenth century was a time of great suffering. Many Christians in Western Europe were in distress due to plagues, other sicknesses and wars. The year 1299 was a particularly difficult year, and many Christians desired a spiritual conversion and a deepening of their faith in order to meet the challenges they faced. Many people made a pilgrimage to Rome, so that they might pray at the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul and receive a special blessing from the pope. At this time, the journey to Rome, almost always on foot, was a very challenging endeavor. On Christmas Day 1299 it happened that thousands of Christian pilgrims were present in Rome, seeking this experience of conversion. Pope Boniface was surprised by the great crowds who attended the Masses and liturgies that Christmas.

Encountering the faith and devotion of these pilgrims, the Holy Father decided to inaugurate a Holy Year modeled on the Old Testament institution, and so proclaimed the first Holy Year for the year 1300.

This proved to be very popular, and thousands of Christians traveled to Rome for the first Holy Year. One famous pilgrim who was present then was the Italian poet Dante Alighieri. Many think that his masterpiece The Divine Comedy is partly inspired by the Holy Year.

Since the first Holy Year in 1300 over thirty Holy Years have been held. These have provided the opportunity for millions of Christians to experience conversion and a growth of holiness. Many of our readers will remember the extraordinary Holy Year of 1983 proclaimed by Pope St. John Paul II as a Holy Year of the Redemption to mark the 1950th anniversary of the Resurrection of Christ. The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 marked another important moment in the papacy of John Paul II, and he saw it as a particular way to consecrate the Third Christian Millennium to Christ.

Holy Year 2025 that marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325 AD). Pope Francis considers this anniversary to be particularly important. This Holy Year has great potential for a new flourishing of holiness, and also holds the possibility of great ecumenical advances and reconciliation between the tragically separated Churches.

*Messenger of St Anthony November 2024*

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God  
who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8*

**R: In the sight of the angels  
I will sing your praises, Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels  
I will bless you. I will adore  
before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and  
love, which excel all we ever knew of  
you. On the day I called,  
you answered; you increased the  
strength of my soul. **R**

All earth's kings shall thank you when  
they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 5:1-11*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two

boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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



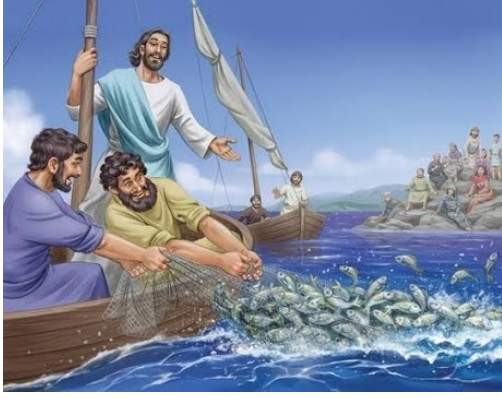
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God 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

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be consoled.

Blessed are those who  
hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall have their fill.



## Processional Hymn AOV 90

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who make the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus:* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

## Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

## Psalm Response

In the sight of the angels,  
I will sing your praises Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

*In today's Scripture readings the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul, and the apostle Peter each acknowledges that he is a sinner: 'I am a man of unclean lips', cries Isaiah; 'I persecuted the Church of God', confesses Paul; 'I am a sinful man', says Peter. They know their need of forgiveness but they are also aware of the power of God at work in them. We too are sinners, but if we have faith in the grace of God working within us, we can be great missionaries as well.*

## Preparation of the Gifts AOV 37

*Chorus:* 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. *Chorus*

## Holy Communion

*Chorus:* I thank my God each time I think of you,  
And when I pray for you, I pray with joy.

There is one thing I am sure of,  
He who began his work in you,  
Will see that it is truly finished,  
When the day of Jesus comes. *Chorus*

That I should feel like this towards you,  
Seems only natural to me,  
For you have shared with me my labours,  
The Gospel privilege with me. *Chorus*

Since you have borne with me my burdens,  
I now bear you within my heart,  
And God alone knows how I miss you,  
I love you just as Christ loves me. *Chorus*

I pray your knowledge will be deepened,  
Your love be mutual and strong,  
Then you will reach the perfect goodness,  
Then to the Lord you will belong. *Chorus*

## Recessional Hymn AOV 5

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.  
Words that I can't understand; meanings I can't clearly hear!  
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!  
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!

*Chorus:* So I leave my boats behind!  
Leave them on familiar shores!  
Set my heart upon the deep!  
Follow you again, my Lord!

As I gaze into the night, down the future of my years,  
I'm not sure I want to walk past horizons that I know!  
But I feel my spirit called like a stirring deep within,  
restless, 'til I live again  
beyond the fears that close me in! *Chorus*