

**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  
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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

**6TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C  
16 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  
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 buildings and on church grounds.***

*Welcome Fr Jossy Kuriakose!*

**ASH WEDNESDAY 5 March  
Masses**

**9.15am St Joseph the Worker**

**9.15am St Raphael's**

**7pm St Gabriel's**

***Ash Wednesday and Good Friday  
are days of fasting and abstinence from meat***

Born in 1969 in Gapan, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, **our new regional Bishop Rene Ramirez** was ordained a priest in 1998 after 13 years of seminary formation and having joined the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus in May 1985. With qualifications in educational management from De La Salle University in Dasmariñas City, and in spirituality and social communications from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Fr Rene has served as Vocation Director for his congregation in the Philippines; Administrator, Treasurer and Vice Rector at Rogationist College in Cavite City (1999-2003); Director of Social Communications and Spiritual Director for the seminary students of philosophy at Rogationist Seminary College in Parañaque City, where he also taught; and Superior of St Hannibal Rogate Centre (2009-2015). In Australia, Bishop Rene has been a parish priest at Holy Family Parish (2015-2023), overseeing the Catholic communities of West Footscray, Maidstone and Braybrook, and playing an active role in parish renewal. Moving to the Diocese of Sandhurst, he served at St Mel's Parish in Shepparton South and St Malachy's Parish in Nagambie and was also appointed Supervising Priest in Rushworth in 2024, overseeing four Mass centres.

The parish Safeguarding team provided a training session last Monday 10 February. They will also be present at the formation evening for readers and ministers of Holy Communion St Gabriel's Parish Centre this Tuesday 18 February. Child safety posters are now on the notice boards and sacristies of each of our churches. Victorian law and the Archdiocese of Melbourne mandates that all church volunteers and employees hold a current WWCC/equivalent.

## 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)

## CARMELITE NUNS TASMANIA

6331 3585 [launcestoncarmel.com](http://launcestoncarmel.com)

\* *scapulars* \* *prayer requests*

\* *enrol in Our Lady's Perpetual Lamp*

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## CATHOLIC MEN

### FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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



Every person, from the first moment of his life in the womb, has an inviolable dignity, because from all eternity God willed, loved, created, and redeemed that person and destined him for eternal happiness. If human dignity were based solely on the successes and accomplishments of individuals, then those who are weak, sick, or helpless would have no dignity. Christians believe that human dignity is, in the first place, the result of God's respect for us. He looks at every person and loves him as though he were the only creature in the world. Because God has looked upon even the least significant child of Adam, that person possesses an infinite worth, which must not be destroyed by men.

God has placed in our hearts such an infinite desire for happiness that nothing can satisfy it but God himself. All earthly fulfillment gives us only a foretaste of eternal happiness. Above and beyond that, we should be drawn to God.

We become happy by trusting in Jesus' words in the Beatitudes. The Gospel is a promise of happiness to all people who wish to walk in God's ways. Especially in the Beatitudes, Jesus has told us specifically that eternal blessedness is based on our following his example and seeking peace with a pure heart.

Those who yearn for the kingdom of God look to Jesus' list of priorities: the Beatitudes. From Abraham on, God made promises to his people. Jesus takes them up, extends their application to heaven, and makes them the program for his own life: the Son of God becomes poor so as to share our poverty; he rejoices with those who rejoice and weeps with those who weep; he employs no violence but rather turns the other cheek; he has mercy, makes peace, and thereby shows us the sure way to heaven.

*YOUCAT 280, 281, 282, 284*

### Recently Deceased

Fr John O'Reilly, Audrey Collins, Leone Miceli,  
Nelina Narfaro, Domenica Cacciotti, Iolanda Fiscarelli

### Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Virginia Sofia Rosa, Lucia Santina Pane,  
Elias & Peter Taouk, Sonio Touk Khoury,  
Concetta Sanciollo, Paquale Timpano

### Next weekend

### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38

## 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 of the promises of baptism with the sprinkling of Easter water.

### PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm

St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir.

#### Rite of Election

Sunday 9 March 3pm St Patrick's Cathedral

### 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.

### YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Sunday 2 March 10.30am

St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir

Anna Krohn presents *What is a Council?*

Light lunch

\$10 working / \$5 non-working/student

### ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING

- ◆ Apply now for Year 7 2027  
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- ◆ Mornings at St Monica's [stmonicas-epping.com/enrolments/book-a-tour/](http://stmonicas-epping.com/enrolments/book-a-tour/)
- ◆ Grades 4-6 Information Evening Wednesday 2 April  
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## Jubilee of Hope III

When Pope Francis first announced the Jubilee, he wanted to give it an emphasis of hope. In his letter that constituted the Jubilee Year he emphasized a verse of St Paul's letter to the

Romans, which promises us that "Hope does not disappoint". Few could deny that our world is in desperate need of hope. Wars seem to be growing on every side. The Holy Father has often said that it is as if we are already in a Third World War, but instead of being a formal worldwide war, this new World War manifests itself piecemeal. In addition to this, so many, many times we seem to come across bad news: scandals in the Church; many people wounded by discrimination and hatred; suffering because of the absence of our loved ones from our parishes. So let us all enter into this Jubilee Year making space for the hope that Pope Francis invites us to embrace!

The Holy Father reminds us that Christian hope is rooted in the saving work of Christ. In particular he reminds us that we participate in that work by the grace of our baptism. He proclaims that "the death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope," and he asks each of us to meditate on this great Sacrament during the Jubilee Year. Here the Pope mentions "the tradition of building baptismal fonts in the shape of an octagon, as seen in many ancient baptisteries, like that of St John Lateran in Rome. This was intended to symbolize that Baptism is the dawn of the 'eighth day,' the day of the resurrection, a day that transcends the normal, weekly passage of time, opening it to the dimension of eternity and to life everlasting: the goal to which we tend on our earthly pilgrimage."

On a practical note, the Jubilee Year officially started in Rome on Christmas Eve. On the local diocesan level, it began on the Feast of the Holy Family (December 29). It will finish in Rome on the Feast of the Epiphany in January 2026 and in the local dioceses on the Feast of the Holy Family 2025.

Messenger of St Anthony December 2024

## Thanks for Christian Invitation

*Blessed are you, Lord God,  
ruler of all creation:  
you have made us your beloved children,  
brothers and sisters of Jesus our savior  
and temples of your Spirit.  
Father, we thank you for making us Christians:  
give us your help  
to continue dying to sin  
and to live with Christ for you.  
Lead all people into your kingdom of light.  
All praise and glory be to you, Father,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of your Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. Amen!*



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me,  
for the sake of your name.

## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the water-side that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 1: 1-4,6*

**R: Happy are they  
who hope in the Lord.**

Happy indeed is the man who follows  
not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is  
the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law  
day and night.

**R**

He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.

**R**

Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind:  
for the Lord guards the  
way of the just  
but the way of the wicked  
leads to doom.

**R**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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 6: 17,20-26*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors

treated the false prophets.'

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

## NICENE CREED

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

God so loved the world  
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,  
so that all who believe in him  
may not perish,  
but may have eternal life.

## Processional Hymn CWB 486

Firmly I believe and truly  
God is Three, and God is One;  
And I next acknowledge duly  
Manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully  
In that manhood crucified;  
And each thought and deed unruly  
Do to death, as He has died.

Simply to His grace and wholly  
Light and life and strength belong,  
And I love supremely, solely,  
Him the holy, Him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,  
For the love of Him alone,  
Holy Church as His creation,  
And her teachings are His own.

Praise and thanks be ever given,  
With and through th'angelic host,  
To the God of earth and Heaven,  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## Liturgy of the Word

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

## Psalm Response

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## Preparation of the Gifts

O blest are you,  
Christ Jesus said,  
who know how deep your need.  
For you, I open heavens door,  
where earthly wants are freed.

O blest are you,  
the poor, the meek,  
who toil your whole lives long,  
though worldly scorn may deem you weak,  
my joy will make you strong.

O blest are you,  
through grief and loss,  
who weep from sorrows borne.  
Come stand beneath my empty cross:  
I comfort all who mourn

O blest are you who work for peace,  
with patient, hope and care.  
And blest are you, when mercy shapes  
your life as loving prayer.

O blest are you,  
Christ Jesus says,  
who know rejection's pain  
from bearing witness for my sake,  
I call you by my name!

## Holy Communion CWB 595

*Refrain:*

Seek, O seek the Lord, while He is near;  
trust Him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.

God, be with us in our lives,  
direct us in our calling;  
break the snares the world contrives,  
keep us from falling. *Refrain*

God, increase in us the life  
that Christ by dying gave us.  
Though we faint with mortal strife  
his blood will save us. *Refrain*

Strengthen in our hearts the love  
we owe to one another.

How can we love God above  
and not our brother? *Refrain*



## Recessional Hymn CWB 446

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam  
and silver moon with softer gleam;  
O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

And ev'ryone of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who deep pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care;  
O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!