

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**

**8TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
2 March 2025**

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Gabriel's Church

9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

St Stephen of Hungary Church

9.30am Tuesday

St Joseph the Worker Church

9.15am Wednesday & Thursday

St Raphael's Church

9.15am Friday

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 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, well-being 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.

**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

Lent begins this Wednesday. Our Partnered Parishes offer a wide range of opportunities, including Eucharistic Adoration, Way of the Cross/ Via Crucis, and a special celebration of the feast of St Joseph. We accompany 2 catechumens and 2 candidates on the journey towards the joy of Easter and life in Christ and his Church. Project Compassion boxes are available at the entry of each of our churches.

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

TODAY 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

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.

Sincere thanks to all who serve as **readers and ministers of Holy Communion** in our churches. We welcome new reader Anna-Maria Lasic, and new ministers of Holy Communion Andrew Dos Santos, Ofelia Braysha and Margot Neilson (St Gabriel's).

Fr Jossy has commenced ministry in our Parish **aged care homes and St Stephen's Gaudete year 8 campus**. He will celebrate Mass at Mercy Place Keon Park each 1st Saturday of the month. Mass at St Stephen's church is celebrated each Tuesday 9.30am.

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*

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

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For the 40 days of Lent we are conscious of how we must sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the Reign of God. We are, above all, aware of those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death. We died to sin and evil and began a new life in Christ. The waters of baptism wait at Lent's end for the catechumens, but we are called to renew our baptism as well. The Church asks us to give ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and house-holds: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally-not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

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PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm
St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir.
Rite of Election
Sunday 9 March 3pm St Patrick's Cathedral
The Scrutinies
Sunday 9am Mass St Gabriel's
March 23, 30, April 6

People who turn to Christianity are not just changing a world view. They travel a path of learning (the catechumenate), in which they become new human beings through personal conversion, but especially through the gift of Baptism. They are now living members of the Body of Christ.

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PARISH LUNCH

Thursday 13 March 12 noon
Darebin RSL 402 Bell St Preston
Register: St Raphael's Church Foyer

Recently Deceased

Antonietta Gualano, Amato Puliueva,
Pasqualina Bucci, Tony Tromboli
Incoronata Beatrice

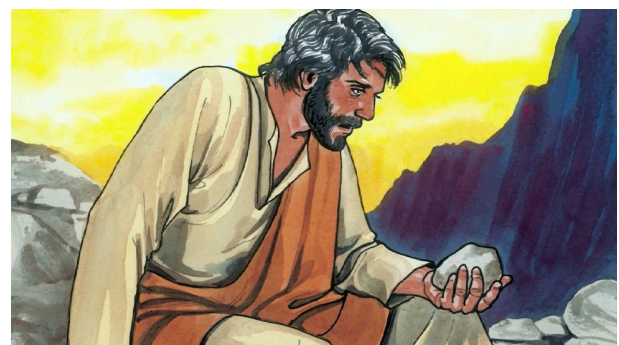
Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Di Toro family, Brunetti family, Giuseppe Gueli

Next weekend

1st Sunday of Lent Yr C

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesdays of Lent

8.30am *St Joseph the Worker*
Includes devotional prayers
7pm *St Raphael's*

*includes Night Prayer and Benediction
except Wednesday 19 March*

WAY OF THE CROSS / VIA CRUCIS Fridays of Lent

8.30am *St Gabriel's Reservoir*
8.30am *St Raphael's Preston West*
7pm *St Joseph the Worker*

St Luke's Parish Lalor presents Fr Rob Galea Friday 14 March 2025

*Join St Luke's Parish for an incredible night with
Fr Robert Galea,
Uplifting praise. Inspiring music. Powerful talks.
All for the glory and honour of Jesus Christ.*

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SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

*St Gabriel's Church &
Parish Centre Reservoir
Wednesday 19 March 7pm Mass
Presentation by Matt McDonald
Becoming a man of God
A special evening for men -
married, single, widowed.
Pizzas & refreshments \$10
Veritatis Publishing presents
a display of books and resources*

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE

*We celebrate the joyful Sunday of Lent
at weekend Masses 22-23 March*

*St Joseph the Worker
Everest Gelato*

*St Stephen of Hungary
Coffee and cake*

*St Gabriel's
Fresh Roast Mobile Cafe*

JUBILEE OF HOPE V

Jubilee Years have always been associated with pilgrimages to Rome, but this year, Pope Francis encourages as many as possible to participate. Travel to Rome is a fantastic option, and this could be the trip of a lifetime if the possibility is available to you. But every Catholic is invited to participate in the Jubilee of Hope by means of local pilgrimages, processions, special celebrations of Mass, and by answering the Holy Father's invitation to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Any Catholic can obtain an indulgence if they meet some general conditions: these are usually defined as having detachment from all sin, availing of sacramental confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Pope. The practice of works of mercy is particularly encouraged: when we do good to the less fortunate, we are "in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them." It encourages visiting those in prison, spending time with lonely elderly people, helping the disabled or the sick and anyone else who is in need. Additionally traditional works of penance can obtain an indulgence. These include abstaining from "futile distractions" (such as social media or television), fasting, donating "a proportionate sum of money to the poor," supporting charitable works and especially the defense of life in all its phases, offering support to those in difficulty. The Jubilee of Hope is also an opportunity for Catholics to reach out to other Christians. Pope Francis has commented on the importance of the fact that 2025 is the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325 AD). This Council "sought to preserve the Church's unity, which was seriously threatened by the denial of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and hence his consubstantiality with the Father." It is also of note that this year all Christians will celebrate Easter on the same date, a goal that the Council of Nicea endeavored to achieve. May our celebration of the Jubilee of Hope witness our unity in Christ, heal divisions between and groups of Christians, and offer a sign of communion to our fractured world.

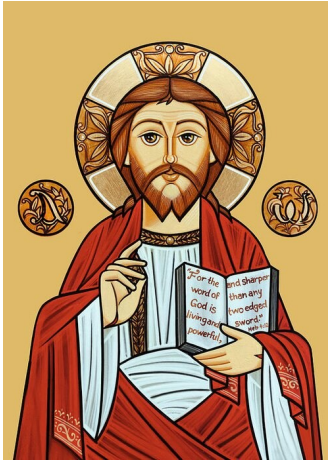
Lenten Retreat, led by Fr Rojan George VC
*St Oliver Plunkett Church
1 Landells Rd Pasco Vale
March 10, 11, 12 7pm-9pm*

Northern Region Pilgrim places
*St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne
St Mary's Star of the Sea West Melbourne
St Luke's Church Lalor
St Mary MacKillop Church Keilor Downs*

Cathedral Jubilee Events
** World of Volunteering 9 March
* Sick & Healthcare workers 6 April
* Children, families, elderly, grandparents 1 June
* Priests, Bishops & Seminarians 23-26 June
* Youth 3 August * All Nations 5 October
* Religious 9 October * The Poor 16 November
* Prisoners 14 December *
Close of Jubilee of Hope 28 December*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out
to a place of freedom;
he saved me because
he delighted in me.



FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

**R: Lord, it is good
to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name,
O Most High, to proclaim your love in
the morning and your truth in the
watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like
the palm tree and grow
like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our
God, still bearing fruit when they are
old, still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock,
there is no wrong. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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

I will sing to the Lord
who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the
Lord Most High.

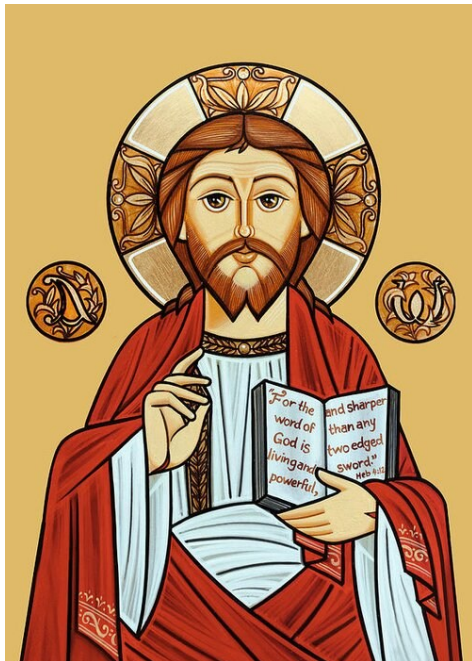
Processional Hymn CWB 446

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!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds rich blessings on our way,
O sing praises, alleluia!
All flow'rs and fruit that in you grow,
let them his glory also show;
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!



Liturgy of the Word

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Psalm Response

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 594

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and you shall find,
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!

Alleuia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.



Holy Communion CWB 511

Refrain : I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace. *Refrain*

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope. *Refrain*

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn CWB 528

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before you
op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Always giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our brother,
let your love upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.