

**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 Joseph the Worker Reservoir North Wed & Fri 9am –5pm

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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

**2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C
16 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, 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.

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

Wednesday 19 March

St Gabriel's Church & Parish Centre Reservoir

- ◆ 7pm Mass
- ◆ Presentation by Matt McDonald *Becoming a man of God*
- ◆ Pizzas & refreshments \$10
- ◆ Veritatis Publishing presents a display of books and resources
- ◆ 9.15am Mass St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
- ◆ Please note: NO morning Mass at St Gabriel's
- ◆ Please note: NO evening Eucharistic Adoration at St Raphael's

The Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary have announced that they will arrive among us on Wednesday 2 April. This is great news! They will take up residence at St Raphael's presbytery. Mother Nemia OP will accompany 3 Sisters: Sr Josefina, Sr May Flor & Sr Jessica. 2 sisters will be engaged by St Raphael's school and St Monica's College. 1 sister will support parish life in the partnership. Parishioners are invited to help the Sisters settle in to their new home by providing gift cards from Coles, Woolworths, IGA, Officeworks, Bunnings or cash donations. These can be placed in the weekend collection in an envelope marked "Dominican Sisters".

Parishioners are invited to join the **altar linen roster** at St Gabriel's Reservoir, St Raphael's West Preston & St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North. We also invite St Raphael's parishioners to volunteer to visit the **sick and housebound** in West Preston and to bring Holy Communion.

Please contact the Parish office: 0487 116 154

Ash Wednesday Masses at St Raphael's, St Joseph the Worker and St Gabriel's were well attended. It was especially pleasing to see a good representation of our 4 churches at St Gabriel's 7pm Mass. This is **Take the Way of the Gospel** in action! The Archdiocese is looking at "right sizing" of 129 parish communities by 2035, taking into account really big parishes on the edge of Melbourne, many smaller parishes, and the number of priests. We are blessed to be served by 2 priests, a permanent deacon and 3 Dominican Sisters.

Members of our Partnered parishes participate in RCIA, finance committee, young parishioners, St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, safeguarding committee, mens events, catholic women's league. Readers and ministers of Holy Communion who serve in our churches recently took part in a formation evening.

Mass is celebrated at **St Stephen's church Reservoir East** Saturday 6.30pm and Tuesday 9.30am. Year 8 students attend Tuesday Mass. Supported by Reservoir Conference members, Deacon Correya is promoting Mini Vinnies. St Monica's College cleans St Stephen's church and maintains the grounds.

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.
- 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

CARMELITE NUNS TASMANIA

6331 3585 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

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING

- ◆ Apply now for Year 7 2027
registrar@stmonicas-epping.com
- ◆ Mornings at St Monica's stmonicas-epping.com/enrolments/book-a-tour/
- ◆ Grades 4-6 Information Evening Wednesday 2 April
www.trybooking.com/cxjbd

PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm
St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir
The Scrutinies
Sunday 9am Mass St Gabriel's
March 23, 30, April 6



63 Melbourne parishes were represented at the Rite of Election St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 9 March. The Cathedral was filled with catechumens, candidates, RCIA teams and family members. Our 4 catechumens and candidates now set out on the path to the Easter Sacraments.

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Sunday 6 April 10.30am
St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir
David Schutz ANIMA Education presents
Jesus in the Gospels
Light lunch \$10 working /\$5 non working / student

Recently Deceased

Aldo Bordignon, Domenica Cacciotti,
Giovanna Magiori, Ignacia Stoleham,
Giuseppe Bonaddio

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Katie Cutujar

*Names to be included in prayers for the dead
must be registered by phone or email
with the Parish Office by Thursday 12 noon*

Next weekend 3rd Sunday of Lent Yr C

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9



The call of Christ to conversion continues to resound in the lives of the baptized. Conversion is a continuing obligation for the whole Church. She is holy but includes sinners in her midst. Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but above all in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These and many other forms of penance can be practiced in the daily life of a Christian, particularly during the time of Lent and on the penitential day of Friday.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesdays of Lent

8.30am St Joseph the Worker
Includes devotional prayers
Please note: NO Eucharistic Adoration
at St Raphael's this week

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



We celebrate the joyful Sunday of Lent
at weekend Masses 29-30 March

St Joseph the Worker
Everest Gelato

St Stephen of Hungary
Coffee and cake

St Gabriel's
Fresh Roast Mobile Café

St Raphael's
Morning Tea

PATRICK ORATION

Archbishop Comensoli's annual address will be broadcast
on Community Channel 31 and livestreamed [youtube.com/archmelb](https://www.youtube.com/archmelb) Monday 17 March 8pm

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday 15 April 10am St Patrick's Cathedral
During the Chrism Mass Archbishop Comensoli blesses
the Oil for the sick and the Oil of catechumens, and conse-
crates the Sacred Chrism. These Holy Oils are used in the
church's ministry throughout the year. The priests present
renew the promises of ordination.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Renewal of Baptism

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.

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

* 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

Walk with Mary

Sunday 23 March 2pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
Prayers, Mass, Procession
thecombedsocietyofmary.com

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 30 November—2
December 2025 Melbourne Exhibition and Convention
Centre. This national festival brings together thousands
of pilgrims from around Australia, Year 9-25, leaders,
teachers, clergy. acyf.org.au

Corpus Christi College is the seminary for Victoria &
Tasmania. 5 new seminarians joined Corpus Christi Col-
lege this year for the Archdiocese of Melbourne: Alex
Sgro, Liam Bui, Ben Eid, Chris Fernando and Thiago
Carvalho. This year we are glad and honoured to wel-
come 2 seminarians at weekend Mass. Nicholas Calan-
dra (5th year) and Rohan Prince (2nd year). They will
assist at Mass and participate in Parish life.

Our partnered parishes Safeguarding team invites Par-
ish volunteers to face to face **Safeguarding training**
Monday 5 May 2pm and Wednesday 21 May 7pm St
Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir. Child safety posters
have been placed on the notice boards of our churches
and in the sacristies. All parish volunteers and employ-
ees must hold a current Working with Children Check or
equivalent. This is required by Victorian State law and
mandated by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Sincere
thanks to all who have obtained a WWCC and provided
a copy to the parish office.

Festa Santa Maria di Pompeii Sunday 4 May 2pm
Mass & refreshments St Raphael's Church Preston
West. Enquiries: Mario 0410 033 642

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd has
announced that St Gabriel's School Principal Gemma
Goodyear has resigned. Laura Merrick currently serves
as Acting Principal. A new appointment will be made in
term 2.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken,
Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14

**R: The Lord is my light
and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R**

I am sure I shall see the
Lord's goodness

in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

I will save him in distress
and give him glory. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!



GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As

these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.



ProceSSIONAL Hymn CWB 295

Refrain: May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above

Sin has sundered us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold. *Refrain*

Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides. *Refrain*

As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36

As Abram looks up into the sky, God declares that his descendants will be as countless as the stars. This moves Abram to put his faith in the Lord. As Peter, John, and James look up to the mountaintop and see the transfigured Jesus radiant like the sun, God declares: "This is my chosen Son." The Father asks us to put our faith in Christ: "Listen to him." Let us fall silent in faith-filled adoration, gazing at Jesus alone. For the transfiguration that we witness is destined to transfigure us: "He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
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this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Preparation of the Gifts GA 324

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Living charity and steadfast love,
living charity shows the heart of God.

Holy Communion CWB 434

O raise your eyes on high and see,
there stands our sovereign Lord;
his glory is this day revealed,
his word a two edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour and the pow'r
of him who conquered death,
the Christ in whom the universe
knows God's creating breath.

Of every creed and nation King,
in him all strife is stilled;
the promise made to Abraham
in him has been fulfilled.

The prophets stand and with great joy
give witness as they gaze;
the Father with a sign has sealed
our trust, our hope, our praise.

This glory that today our eyes
have glimpsed of God's own Son
will help us ever sing with love
of Three who are but One.

Recessional Hymn 6.30pm Vigil Mass CWB 444

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

9am Sunday Mass CWB 463

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts, thinking about me.
Christ be on all tongues, telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.