

**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 Kizhakkethalackal, 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

**4th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C
30 March 2025**

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Gabriel's Church

9am Wednesday, 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.

Laetare - the joyful 4th Sunday of Lent

We anticipate Christ's victory over sin and death. Rose vestments. Flowers. Music and song. We celebrate the day also with the joy of parish life shared together: Everest Gelato at St Joseph the Worker; coffee and cake at St Stephen of Hungary; Fresh Roast Mobile Café at St Gabriel's; morning tea after Mass at St Raphael's. The Holy Spirit tests and calls our RCIA catechumens and candidates in the second Scrutiny. **Parish RCIA** Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre

The Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary arrive among us this Tuesday 1 April. They take up residence at St Raphael's presbytery. Mother Nemia OP accompanies Sr Josefina, while they wait on the arrival of 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".

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays of Lent

8.30am St Joseph the Worker includes devotional prayers
7pm St Raphael's includes Night Prayer and Benediction

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 Reservoir North

Festa Santa Maria di Pompeii: Fr Raymond Bugeja will celebrate 2pm Mass Sunday 4 May. He will also commemorate his 40th ordination anniversary. Refreshments. St Raphael's Church Preston West. Enquiries: Mario 0410 033 642

Parish Lunch: Thursday 10 April 12 noon Darebin RSL
402 Bell St Preston Register: St Raphael's Church foyer

Lenten Retreat with Melbourne Archdiocese Proclaim

Team: St Damian's Church 5 Settlement Road Bundoora
Saturday 5 April 9.15am Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction Sacrament of Reconciliation concludes 3.30pm.
Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

Young Parishioners: NEXT 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

A **gold bracelet** inscribed *Roko* has been found in the grounds of St Gabriel's church. Please contact the parish office 0487 116 154.

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

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CATHOLIC MEN

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am
melbournemensrosarycrusade.com

ALPHA

St Luke's Lalor
commences Friday 2 May
12 weeks
melbcatholic.org/s/lalor

St Francis Assisi Mill Park
commences Thursday 8 May
10 weeks
melbcatholic.org/s/millpark



SAFEGUARDING

Our partnered parishes Safeguarding team invites Parish volunteers to face to face **Safeguarding training** Monday 5 May 2pm and Wednesday 21 May 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir.

CHRISM MASS

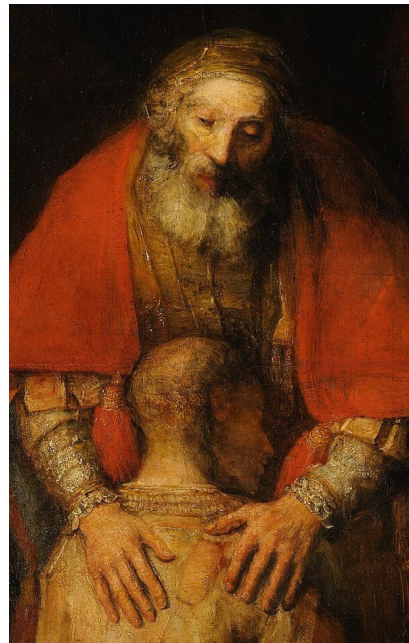
Tuesday 15 April 10am St Patrick's Cathedral
During the Chrism Mass Archbishop Comensoli blesses the Oil for the sick and the Oil of catechumens, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism. These Holy Oils are used in the church's ministry throughout the year. The priests present renew the promises of ordination.

Recently Deceased Ursula Hanger

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Camillo Di Iorio, Powell Paul, Gladys O'Dwyer

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



There are two essential elements of the sacrament of Reconciliation : the acts of the penitent who comes to repentance through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the absolution of the priest who in the name of Christ grants forgiveness and determines the ways of making satisfaction.

Compendium 302

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not only a magnificent spiritual gift, but also a decisive, essential and fundamental step on our journey of faith. There, we allow the Lord to erase our sins, to heal our hearts, to raise us up, to embrace us and to reveal to us his tender and compassionate countenance. There is no better way to know God than to let him reconcile us to himself and savour his forgiveness. Let us not neglect confession, but rediscover the beauty of this sacrament of healing and joy, the beauty of God's forgiveness of our sins!

Pope Francis

Next weekend

5th Sunday of Lent Yr C

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR LENT

Take time in quiet prayer to reflect on your thoughts, words and actions, inviting God to bring about a true conversion of heart and turning back to God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacred encounter with God's infinite mercy, restoring us to grace and renewing our hearts.

I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me. Have I loved God above all things, or allowed money, power, or entertainment to take his place? Have I neglected prayer, Mass, or the sacraments through indifference or laziness? Have I trusted in God's plan, or have I turned to superstition, horoscopes, New Age practices, or the occult, such as: witchcraft, wicca, fortune-tellers, mediums, ouija boards, or tarot cards?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Have I used God's name disrespectfully in anger or thoughtlessness? Have I shown reverence for holy things, such as the Mass, Scripture, and sacraments? Have I made promises or oaths that I did not keep?

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath. Have I attended Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation? Have I set aside Sunday as a day for rest, family and worship, avoiding unnecessary work? Do I honour the Lord by dedicating time for prayer, reflection, and gratitude?

Honour your father and your mother. Have I shown respect, love, and obedience to my parents and those in legitimate authority? Have I fulfilled my duties to my family, supporting my parents in their needs and treating loved ones with patience and kindness? If I have children, have I taught them about God and led them by my example?

You shall not kill. Have I harmed others through my words, actions, or neglect, or harboured anger and refused to forgive? Have I abused my health or supported actions that harm life, such as abortion or euthanasia? Have I defended the dignity of all, especially the vulnerable?

You shall not commit adultery. Have I respected the sanctity of marriage—my own or others' — by avoiding cohabitation, casual sexual relationships, or actions that disregard God's plan for marriage? Have I engaged in sexual sins such as fornication (sex outside of marriage), masturbation, or viewing pornography? Have I entertained lustful thoughts or desires, or failed to treat my body and others' with dignity and respect through immodesty or inappropriate actions?

You shall not steal. Have I taken, damaged, or kept what does not belong to me? Have I been fair and honest in financial matters and fulfilled my obligations? Have I been wasteful or failed to share my resources generously with those in need?

You shall not bear false witness. Have I lied, deceived, or spoken in ways that harmed others? Have I spread gossip or damaged someone's reputation? Have I been truthful and charitable, avoiding exaggeration or manipulation?

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife. Have I entertained impure thoughts or desires about another person? Have I respected the dignity and commitments of others in my thoughts and actions? Have I avoided envy or jealousy in my relationships?

You shall not covet your neighbour's goods. Have I been jealous of others' success, possessions, or circumstances? Have I been content with what God has blessed me with, avoiding greed or materialism? Have I shown gratitude for the gifts I have received, both material and spiritual?

*Return to the Lord your God
For He is gracious and compassionate*

Joel 2:13

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Gabriel's Reservoir
Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9, Thursday 10, Friday 11 April
9.30am, 7pm

Palm Sunday 13 April 8am, 3pm
Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 April 9.30am, 7pm
Holy Thursday 17 April 9am

St Raphael's Preston West
Friday 11 April 9.45am
Palm Sunday 13 April 3pm, Holy Thursday 17 April 9am

St Stephen's Reservoir East Tuesdays 8 & 15 April 10am

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 April 9.45am
Saturday 12 April 4pm, Palm Sunday 13 April 3pm
Wednesday 16 April 9.45am, Holy Thursday 17 April 9am



Palm Sunday Weekend

Blessing of Palms

Saturday 12 April Vigil Mass
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 5pm
St Stephen's Reservoir East 6.30pm
St Raphael's Preston West 6.30pm

Sunday 13 April Mass
St Gabriel's Reservoir 9am
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 9am
St Raphael's Preston West 10.30am

Holy Thursday 17 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper

St Raphael's Preston West 4pm
St Gabriel's Reservoir 7.30pm, Night Prayer 9pm
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 7.30pm

Good Friday 18 April

Way of the Cross

St Stephen's Reservoir East 10am
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 7pm
English / Italian

The Lord's Passion

St. Raphael's Preston West 10am
St Gabriel's Reservoir 3pm
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 3pm

The Vigil of Easter 19 April

St Gabriel's Reservoir 7.30pm
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 20 April

St Gabriel's Reservoir 9am Mass
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 9am
St Raphael's Preston West 10.30am Mass

EASTER SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

Register: Parish Office
Email: reservoir@cam.org.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied
at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33(34):2-7

**R: Taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we

might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father
and tell him:
Father, I have sinned
against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother

has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead
and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

**Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass
St Stephen's Reservoir East
We welcome
Fr Trevor Tibbertsma**

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

Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Psalm Response

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned
against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

THE SECOND SCRUTINY

The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. RCIA 128

After the Homily, the candidates and their sponsors come forward and stand before the Celebrant.



Intercessions for the Elect
Prayer of Exorcism
Laying on of hands
Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens
Profession of Faith

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 297

Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving and ever caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon and in peace.

Holy Communion CWB 293

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love,
this love can never be measured;
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God. *Refrain*

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God,
whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God. *Refrain*

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong
and love that never grows weary.
God will seek and save the lost until we all return,
so let us place our trust in God. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn

Saturday Vigil 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.

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!

Sunday 9am CWB 625

This day God gives me strength of high heaven
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
king of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Three-ness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.