

**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

**St Gabriel's Church**  
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

**Parish Office Hours:**

**St Gabriel's** 1 Viola St Reservoir 3073  
Tues & Wed 9am—1pm Thurs & Fri 9am—3pm  
**0487 116 154** reservoir@cam.org.au  
**St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North** Wed & Fri 9am –5pm  
9460 3013 reservoirnorth@cam.org.au

**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 OF LENT YEAR C  
6 April 2025**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**St Gabriel's Church**

9am Tuesday, 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.**

We warmly welcome the **Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary**. Mother Nemia OP and Sr Josefina OP arrived in Melbourne on Tuesday and have made their home at St Raphael's Presbytery. Together we await the arrival of Sr May Flor and Sr Jessica. Their community will assist at St Raphael's School, St Monica's College and our partnered parishes.

**Sincere thanks** to all who have worked hard and contributed towards setting up St Raphael's Presbytery for the Sisters: Bishop Peter Elliot; Melbourne Filipino community: Aliziarin, Fatima, Roni, Marco, Pio, Jolene; CAM Property & Infrastructure: Melissa De Conno; Johns Lyng Group; Louis Forde LDF Melbourne Electrical; St Vincent de Paul Society; Gutierrez family; St Monica's College Epping; Misha Carpet Cleaning Melbourne; Carmelite Nuns Launceston; Lilliana Keating; Andrew Dos Santos; Franco & Rachel Costa; Ange & Ofelia Braysha; Bruce Nadenbousch; Gigliotti family; Franco Pascuzzi; Josephine Knight; Liza Powell, Liz Pistoni; generous parish donors.

Now that the Sisters have made their home at St Raphael's, all enquiries must be made to **St Gabriel's Parish Office 0487 116 154 reservoir@cam.org.au**

**St Raphael's landline** will soon be disconnected. Any parishioners who hold keys to the presbytery must return them to St Gabriel's Parish Office Reservoir.

Sincere thanks to all who provided **hospitality** last weekend at our churches: Bernadette Harris, Liz Ferronato; Renata Beninca; Pam Coyne; Helene Nowak; Everest Gelato; Rosanna Truda; Rosanna Covello; Miriam Mizzi; Bob & Nancy Ziino; Franco, Rachel & Carl Costa; Lucy Triulcio, Marlene Mylonas, Maria Coco, Cornelia, Chua family.

**Young Parishioners:** TODAY 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

**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

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

Parishioners are invited to help at a **working bee** in the grounds of St Gabriel's church Reservoir Saturday 12 April 9am—11am. Enquiries & contact: Ange 0401 858 717.

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

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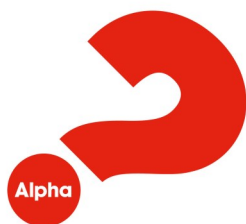
### FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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



## FESTA SANTA MARIA DI POMPEII

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

## 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. Fr Jossy and Deacon Correya will attend the Chrism Mass.

**Recently Deceased** Lilia Corpaci

### Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

John Michael Hardy, Michael John Lawson,  
Pasquale Tomasiello, Thressiama Xavier

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



*Christ has entrusted the ministry of Reconciliation to his apostles, to the bishops who are their successors and to the priests who are the collaborators of the bishops, all of whom become thereby instruments of the mercy and justice of God. They exercise their power of forgiving sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry and the respect due to people every confessor, without any exception and under very severe penalties, is bound to maintain "the sacramental seal" which means absolute secrecy about the sins revealed to him in confession.*

Compendium 307, 309

## Next weekend

### Palm / Passion Sunday Yr C

Luke 19: 28-40 Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philippians 2: 6-11  
Luke 22: 14 -23:56

## ESAME DI COSCIENZA

*Consiste nell'interrogarsi sul male commesso e il bene omo: verso Dio, il prossimo e se stessi.*

### Nei confronti di Dio

- Mi rivolgo a Dio solo nel bisogno?
- Partecipo alla Messa la domenica e le feste di precetto?
- Comincio e chiudo la giornata con la preghiera?
- Ho nominato invano Dio, la Vergine, i Santi?
- Mi sono vergognato di dimostrarmi cristiano?
- Cosa faccio per crescere spiritualmente? Come? Quando?
- Mi ribello davanti ai disegni di Dio?
- Pretendo che egli compia la mia volontà?

### Nei confronti del prossimo

- So perdonare, compatire, aiutare il prossimo?
- Ho calunniato, rubato, disprezzato i piccoli e gli indifesi?
- Sono invidioso, collerico, parziale?
- Ho cura dei poveri e dei malati?
- Mi vergogno della carne di mio fratello, della mia sorella?
- Sono onesto e giusto con tutti o alimento la "cultura dello scarto"?
- Ho istigato altri a fare il male?
- Osservo la morale coniugale e familiare insegnata dal Vangelo?
- Come vivo le responsabilità educative verso i figli?
- Onoro e rispetto i miei genitori?
- Ho rifiutato la vita appena concepita?
- Ho spento il dono della vita?
- Ho aiutato a farlo? Rispetto l'ambiente?
- Nei confronti di sé Sono un po' mondano e un po' credente?
- Esagero nel mangiare, bere, fumare, divertirmi?
- Mi preoccupo troppo della salute fisica, dei miei beni?
- Come uso il mio tempo? Sono pigro?
- Voglio essere servito? Amo e coltivo la purezza di cuore, di pensieri e di azioni?
- Medito vendette, nutro rancori?
- Sono mite, umile, costruttore?

*Mio Dio, mi pento e mi dolgo con tutto il cuore  
dei miei peccati,  
perché peccando ho meritato i tuoi castighi,  
e molto più perché ho offeso te,  
infinitamente buono  
e degno di essere amato sopra ogni cosa.  
Propongo col tuo santo aiuto  
di non offenderti mai più  
e di fuggire le occasioni prossime di peccato.  
Signore, misericordia, perdonami.*

## 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* Tuesday 8 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](mailto:reservoir@cam.org.au)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause  
against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning  
rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink. Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 125(126)*

**R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 3:8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything,

and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

## GOSPEL READING

*John 8:1-11*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned

you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

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

Has no one condemned you, woman?

No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you.

From now on, sin no more.

## Processional Hymn CWB 300

Tree of life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn,  
Though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with every morn,  
still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
may we see ourselves in you,  
If we learn to live your story  
we may die to rise anew,  
we may die to rise anew.

God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death:  
Hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as every breath,  
love as near as every breath.

## Liturgy of the Word

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

### Psalm Response

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

## THE THIRD SCRUTINY



*In the rite of exorcism, which is celebrated by a priest or a deacon, the elect, who have already learned from the Church as their mother the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Saviour. RCIA 131*

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 580

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see has been given to me,  
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment  
have been blessed by the strength of his love.  
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,  
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned  
from his presence,  
and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on his name  
in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

## Holy Communion AOV 89

I will never forget you, my people;  
I have carved you on the palm of my hand,  
I will never forget you;  
I will not leave you orphaned.  
I will never forget my own.

Does a mother forget her baby?  
Or a woman the child within her womb?  
Yet even if these forget, yes, even if these forget,  
I will never forget my own

## Recessional Hymn AOV 477

*Chorus:*  
Create a new heart, Holy Lord,  
beckon our lives through your word,  
open our eyes to your call,  
united as one for your world.  
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,  
heal us of pride and of hurt,  
may we go forth in your name  
we pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross,  
lowly and poor, calls us on.  
Lord, it is you promising hope,  
promising truth.

*Chorus:*

Restless the hearts  
who yearn for your peace in this land.  
Deepen the dream  
justice brings life, justice redeems. *Chorus:*