

**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: *April 28– May 7*

St Gabriel's 1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-5pm

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St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Wednesday & Friday 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 Easter Yr C
27 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.

*Sincere thanks to all who assisted with
our celebration of Lent,
Holy Week and Easter
in our partnered parishes*

- All who provided palm/olive branches, prepared our churches and assisted in the Sacristy: Gianna Spina, Pitinga brothers, Anglican Parish Numurkah—Nathalia, Rosanna Covello, Franca Pascuzzi, Ange & Ofelia Braysha, Shane Miranda, Nick Cachia, Carol Hawkesford, Nadia, Antoinette, Patricia, Vince & Carmel Colosimo, Rocco Alberti, Andrew Dos Santos, collectors, counting teams
- All who assisted with the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and Good Friday Way of the Cross / Via Crucis: Lena Cavedon & Italian Committee; altar servers, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, Darrell O'Farrell, Music Ministry, Fr Hoctor, Colin Jenkins, Miriam Mizzi, Peter Nguyen, Franco, Rachel & Carl Costa, Dominican Sisters
- Parish Office: Liza Powell, Liz Pistoni
- Easter Candles: Moira Mullan; Flowers: Diem Nguyen, lillypadweddings.com.au; St Gabriel's linen roster, Helene Nowak
- Our Parish RCIA candidates: Joshua Conte, Ethan Moser, Sergio Oriana, Debora Tan; Baptism garments & candles: nancycreations.com.au
- We especially thank Love Real Estate reservoir@lovere.com
- Weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays of Lent attracted 7-10 people at St Raphael's, and 25-30 at St Joseph the Worker
- Weekly Way of the Cross / Via Crucis during Lent was supported by 25-30 people at St Gabriel's, 40-50 people at St Joseph the Worker and 12-15 at St Raphael's
- Sincere thanks to those who look after church gardens and grounds: Ange & Ofelia Braysha, Andrew Dos Santos, Wendy Healy, Gary O'Dwyer, Breda Young-Gee (working bee St Gabriel's (12/4); Gerard Brick & Eddie St Raphael's; St Joseph the Worker maintenance team

Special thanks to **Bernadette Harris** who is working on Parish archives. Bernadette has produced *St Stephen of Hungary Parish and School East Reservoir Chronology and Reflections*. This history of St Stephen's is available to parishioners after 6.30pm Vigil Mass Saturday 26 April.

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.

St Raphael's landline will soon be disconnected. 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**

Accommodation is sought by a 75 year old man semi retired in a shared house or similar. Contact Vincent 0456 707 530

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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* scapulars * prayer requests

* enrol in Our Lady's Perpetual Lamp

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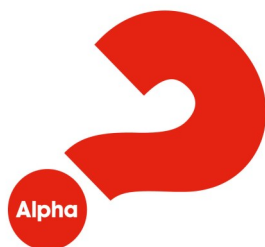
FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

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

The **Easter offering** provides extra support for our Bishops and Priests. Thank you!

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be placed in baskets at St Gabriel's, St Stephen's, St Joseph the Worker & St Raphael's.

The **Annual Mass Count** is conducted weekends May 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25. This annual Mass count is important for diocesan and Pastoral planning, provision of clergy and services.

Catholic Care Victoria Appeal weekend 3-4 May

We support this social service agency committed to empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

Recently Deceased

Pope Francis,
John Donohue, Antonina Ribera,
Frank Prioletti

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Bill & Marie Healy, Domenico Ferrentino,
Pasquale Villella

For Christians, Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Christ. As "the first day of the week" it recalls the first creation; and as the "eighth day", which follows the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by the Resurrection of Christ. Thus, it is the first of all days and of all feasts. It is the day of the Lord in which he with his Passover fulfilled the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and proclaimed man's eternal rest in God.

The Easter Season

The third step of Christian initiation is followed by the final period, the period of **postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy**. The neophytes are introduced into a fuller and more effective understanding of mysteries through the Gospel message they have learned and above all through their experience of the sacraments they have received. This year's Mystagogia includes 3 episodes of *Catholicism*, and presentations on St Vincent de Paul and Aid to the Church in need Thursdays commencing 1 May 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir

Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays 8.30am: St Gabriel's Reservoir and St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North. Fridays 8.30am: St Raphael's Preston West

Young Parishioners meet Sunday 4 May St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am—12noon lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / student. Anna Krohn ANIMA Education presents *Mary—Theotokos—Mother of God*

We celebrate the **feast of St Joseph the Worker** at St Joseph the Worker church Reservoir North

- ◆ Thursday 1 May 9.15am Mass (St Joseph the Worker school)
- ◆ Sunday 4 May 9am Mass; coffee and cake. We also celebrate the anniversary of consecration of St Joseph the Worker church 7 May 1995.

On the **Sundays of May**, Seminarians Nicholas Calandra and Rohan Prince share their vocation story.

Good Shepherd Sunday is World Day of Prayer for vocations to the priesthood. 7pm Holy Hour including Evening Prayer and Benediction St Gabriel's church Reservoir.

Parish Lunch Thursday 8 May 12 noon Darebin RSL 402 Bell St Preston. Register: St Raphael's Church foyer



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

- * 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*

Solemn Pontifical Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis St Patrick's Cathedral Monday 28 April 2025 1pm

As the Church enters this time of Easter filled with the light and hope of the world, it is with deep sadness that we have received the news of the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

We unite with all the People of God in praying for the eternal rest of his soul and entrust him to the tender loving mercy of the Father.

Pope Francis, who came from the peripheries of the world, has been a father of the poor, and a witness of joy and hope. May the Lord, he so faithfully trusted in, now welcome him into eternal life.

May he rest in God's gracious and gentle peace.

*Mary, Our Blessed Mother of God,
pray for him.*

*St Francis of Assisi,
pray for him.*

*All holy men and women, Saints of God,
pray for him.*

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Born in Buenos Aires on December 17 1936, Jorge Mario Bergolio, the son of Italian migrants, joined the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1958, was ordained a priest in 1969, and became provincial soon after (1973-79). Pope St John Paul II appointed him auxiliary bishop of his hometown in 1992, archbishop in 1998, and cardinal in 2001. He was president of the Argentine bishops from 2005 to 2011. He took part in conferences of the Latin American bishops including Aparecida in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 2007, where he had a significant impact. At the 2005 conclave that elected Pope Benedict XVI he is said to have been the runner-up. He was elected Pope at the 2013 conclave.

The distinctive marks of Bergolio's papacy quickly emerged. As the first pope to take the name of St Francis of Assisi, he signalled the centrality of humility and mercy, and of love for God, creation and the poor.

The pope from the peripheries was determined to reach out to those on the margins - the poor, elderly, disabled, unborn, refugees and prisoners. We will always remember him washing the feet of prisoners on Holy Thursday.

Francis always asked us to pray for him in life; he would want us to pray for him now in death. May he rest in peace.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP The Australian 22 April 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants,
you must long for the pure,
spiritual milk, that in him you may grow
to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 5: 12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 117(118):2-4,22-27

**R: Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love is everlasting**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you

from the house of the Lord;

the Lord God is our light. **R**

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island

of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me,
Thomas,
because you have
seen me;
happy are those
who have not
seen me,
but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them.

'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Alleluia!

Processional Hymn CWB 349

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

O sons and daughters let us sing!
The King of heav'n, the glorious King,
O 'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My wounded side, O Thomas, see;
behold my hands, my feet," said he;
not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied,
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 5:12-16 Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19 John 20:19-31

Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe! Alleluia!

Holy Communion CWB 162

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
masked by these bare shadows,
shape and nothing more.

See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
how says trusty hearing? that shall be believed:
what God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly, or there's nothing true.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;
this faith each day deeper be my holding of,
daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

Jesus, whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech thee send me what I long for so,
some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
and be blest forever with thy glory's sight.



Priest: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Priest: May they rest in peace. **All: Amen.**

Priest: May their souls and the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. **All: Amen**

Priest: Almighty everlasting God,
who sent your Son
to die that we might live,
grant, we pray, eternal rest
to those who gave themselves
in service and sacrifice for their country.
Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Recessional Hymn CWB 366

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
Alleluia, alleluia!
when to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
Alleluia, alleluia!
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
who with your grace our hearts possess,
Alleluia, alleluia!
that we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



**Next weekend
3rd Sunday
of Easter
Year C**

Acts 5:27-32,40-41
Apocalypse 5:11-14
John 21:1-14