

**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

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Tuesday & Thursday 9am-5pm

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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**

**3rd Sunday of Easter Yr C
4 May 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.

**FEAST OF
ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
DEDICATION OF
ST JOSEPH THE WORKER
CHURCH**



Morning tea after Sunday 9am Mass

St Joseph teaches us that the work we do is important. Through it we give our contribution and our service to our family and society. But even more than that. As Christians we realize that our work is like a mirror of ourselves. That is why we want our work to be done with diligence. Many countries set aside one day a year to honour workers. This encourages the dignity and appreciation of work. The Church has given us a wonderful model of work in St Joseph. In 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the feast of St Joseph the Worker to be celebrated every year on 1 May.

On 7 May 1995, Archbishop Little consecrated St Joseph the Worker Church to the worship of God—a labour of love for the Catholic people of Reservoir North.



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

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
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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



May is the month of Mary

*Holy Mary of Hope
Holy Mary of the Way,
Holy Mary of Light,
Prophecy of the new times,
Dawn of the new world, pray for us*

*For the repose of the soul of Pope Francis,
may he now receive the crown of glory, as he lays
down his duty and privilege of Supreme Pastor
and Servant of Christ's Church.*

*For all the Cardinals meeting in conclave,
may they be inspired by the Holy Spirit to choose a
worthy successor to the See of Peter,
who will shepherd and nourish the flock of God.*

Young Parishioners meet TODAY 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*

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.

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.

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.

Recently Deceased

Giuseppe Sant 'Angelo, Rosa Ferrentino,
Lina Di Salle, Apollonia Chetcuti

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Fr Joseph Yu, Salvatore Torre,
Santino Pizzo, Renato Catena,
Centofanti Family: Eremenegildo Mario,
Rocco, Angela, Diamante, Iolanda, Antonio,
Rafaela, Antonio, Giuseppina;
Multari Family: Francesco, Bruno, Serafina;
Domenico & Antonia Alagna,
Frank Anthony & Annette Di Natale,

Next weekend 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52 Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 John 10:27-30

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

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.

Solemn Memorial Mass for Pope Francis Wednesday 7 May 7pm St Marks Church Lee St, Fawkner.

St Gabriel's Piety Stall Reservoir

St Paul Sunday Missal \$35 St Paul Weekday Missal \$90
CTS Catholic Bible \$60 New Community Bible \$35

Vibrant Parishes Formation Series. Based on the *Take the Way of the Gospel* Framework for Parish Renewal, this 5 session series (May-September) features international and local speakers, along with workshop presenters, who will inspire and equip participants to animate and strengthen the 5 characteristics of a vibrant parish: worship, evangelization, formation, fellowship, service. Members of our 4 churches have been invited to attend this series, commencing Wednesday 14 May. The 1st session is presented by Everett Fritz, founder of *Andrew Ministries*, and a leading expert in discipleship.



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

Church at a Crossroads I

1700 years ago, an event took place that saved Christianity. A council of some 220 bishops affirmed that Jesus is divine in the way God is divine, and that Jesus and God are of the same substance. The gathering that took place June-August AD 325 in the city of Nicaea, has become known as the First Council of Nicaea - the first ecumenical council of the Church. What happened to make such a council and affirmation necessary?

During the 4th century, Emperor Constantine the Great became ruler of the entire Roman Empire and ended all religious oppression; Christians could now worship openly. In addition to worshipping openly, they began to debate and question long-held Christian beliefs.

The relationship of Jesus with God was prominent among those debates. The most outspoken against the belief that Jesus and God are equal was a senior priest named Arius of Alexandria, Egypt. He and his followers would cause one of the great religious controversies in Church history.

In 318 Arius instigated the heresy claiming that Jesus was similar to God but not of the same substance, that Jesus was created and did not exist from all eternity.

The Arians said Jesus was not divine as God is divine, and that the son (Jesus) was always subordinate to the father (God) - the two could never be equal.

Arius attracted thousands of followers, including many bishops. It was as if the Gospels were false, as if the apostles did not witness the acts, words and miracles of Jesus that manifested his divinity.

Fr Adrian Fortescue (+1923) in his book *The Greek Fathers* provides details about the Arian heresy. He writes:

Arianism may be summed up in these six points:

1. The Son did not exist from eternity. If he is the son, he must have been born at some moment; so before his birth he did not exist.
2. He is not begotten of the essence of the Father - God's essence cannot be divided - but he was created by the Father out of nothing.
3. He is therefore a creature.
4. He is the first and most exalted creature, through whom God created all the others. This is the Neoplatonic idea that God would be defiled by touching matter, so he creates and rules the world through an intermediary, a Demiurge (craftsman or maker).
5. He may be called God, but only in an extended and analogical sense; the Father made him a sort of God by his grace.
6. His will is created and fallible. He could commit sin.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

***R: I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.***

I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies
rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul
from the dead,
restored me to life
from those who sink into the grave. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord,
you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment;
his favour all through life.
At night there are tears,
but joy comes with dawn. **R**

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed
my mourning into dancing:
O Lord my God,
I will thank you for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 5: 11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
He has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL READING

John 21: 1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were

so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus said to his disciples:
Come and eat.
And he took bread
and gave it to them, alleluia.



In the face of Peter's triple denial of him on the eve of his Passion, the risen Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Jesus draws out from Peter a love that makes reparation. Jesus uses Peter's own humiliation and contrition to give him a deeper love. The "honor and glory and blessing that the slain Lamb is worthy to receive is this confidence in his love even when we know we have sinned and betrayed him. Like Peter, "we must obey God rather than men" which means that we remain confident in Christ's love even when our own weak humanity tempts us to give up.

Processional Hymn AOV 76

Chorus:
All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders he has done in ev'ry age. *Chorus*

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;
ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord. *Chorus*

The Lord has made his salvation known,
faithful to his promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all it holds
make music before our King! *Chorus*

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 5:27-32,40-41 Apocalypse 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Psalm Response

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
He has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts

Please accept our gifts of bread and wine,
Fruit of the field, fruit of the vine.
Just as the many grains have been refined,
Draw us together Lord in heart and mind.

Just as the many grapes from a single vine,
When they are pressed together make the wine,
So may our many lives be merged in one,
Merged in the life and love of Christ your Son.

Lord accept our gifts of bread and wine,
The gifts of the heart that in them you may find,
The image left upon them of your Son,
The image that he died and for us won.

Holy Communion AOV 49

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Chorus:
And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the light of the world,
And you who eat of this bread, you shall live forever
You shall live for ever. *Chorus*

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. *Chorus:*

I am the resurrection I am the life.
You who believe in me, even if you die,
You shall live for ever. *Chorus:*

Recessional Hymn AOV 92

Chorus:
Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea
raise your voices, lift your hearts
this is the day the Lord has made,
let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you,
my Lord You have answered my plea
You have saved my soul from death,
You are my strength and my song. *Chorus*

This is the day the Lord has made,
Let all the earth rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God *Chorus*