

**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 Easter Yr C
11 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

**HOLY ROSARY &
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays of May 8.30am

St Gabriel's & St Joseph the Worker churches

Fridays of May 8.30am

St Raphael's Church

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
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St Raphael's Church
BSB: 083-347 Account: 643968007
St Joseph the Worker Church
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**The whole Church rejoices
at the wonderful news
of the election of Pope Leo XIV.**

Sincere thanks to all who assisted with the **feast of St Joseph the Worker** and the anniversary of dedication of St Joseph the Worker Church Reservoir North (1995) last weekend. Special thanks to Peter Nguyen, Christopher Chau, Diem Nguyen, Rosanna Truda, Rosanna Covello, Miriam Mizzi, Nancy Ziino, Clara & Martina Mongelluzzi. We also acknowledge those who look after St Joseph the Worker church: Rocco Alberti, Carlo di Bernardino, Concetto Conte.

Sincere thanks to Mario Ciarlo and committee members for last weekend's **Festa di Santa Maria di Pompeii** St Raphael's Preston West. Fr Ray Bugeja celebrated his 40th Ordination anniversary along with the Festa Mass. Fr Bugeja was parish priest of St Raphael's 2004-2016. An offering of \$740 has been deposited in St Raphael's Church account.

Today is **Good Shepherd Sunday** World Day of Prayer for Vocation. 7pm Holy Hour including Evening Prayer and Benediction St Gabriel's church Reservoir. On the Sundays of May Seminarians Nicholas Calandra and Rohan Prince share their vocation story.

28 candidates from St Joseph the Worker, 39 candidates from St Raphael's and 4 candidates from St Gabriel's schools received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral Saturday 10 May from our new regional Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ. We thank their parents and families, school principals, religious education leaders and teachers. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was made available to all candidates.

Parish Staff Liza Powell and Liz Pistoni will attend the Parish Administration Forum, hosted by the Archdiocese of Melbourne Thursday 15 May. Please note that the parish office is closed on that day. We are also glad to announce that **St Gabriel's Parish office** is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am - 3pm. **St Joseph the Worker Parish office** is open Wednesday and Friday 9am - 3pm.

Vibrant Parishes Formation Series. Based on the *Take the Way of the Gospel* Framework for Parish Renewal, this 5 session series participants to animate and strengthen 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.

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



Young Parishioners meet Sunday 1 June St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir 10.30am—12noon lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / student. Our own Dominican Sisters introduce their religious congregation and their foundress Venerable Rosaria of the Visitation OP.

Our partnered parishes Safeguarding team invites Parish volunteers to face to face **Safeguarding training** Wednesday 21 May 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir. A good number of parishioners from the four churches attended Safeguarding Training Monday 5 May.

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**.

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

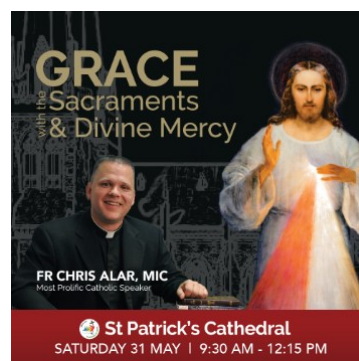
Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be placed in baskets at St Gabriel's, St Stephen's, St Joseph the Worker & St Raphael's.

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

During the Easter season the neophytes, baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil, participate in **Mystagogy**. This year's Mystagogy includes 3 episodes of *Catholicism*, and presentations by St Vincent de Paul and Aid to the Church in Need. Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir.

Mary Glowrey Museum Open Day Level 2, Cathedral Hall 20 Brunswick St Fitzroy. Learn more about the life and legacy of Australian-born medical missionary in India and Servant of God Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ. Mary Glowrey is one of two Australians currently being officially considered for sainthood. She was the first president of the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga founded 1916. Visit the new website documenting Mary Glowrey's life and cause for canonisation mary-glowrey.org.au.

Join the Dominican Sisters of St Cecelia on their annual Catholic Historic Melbourne **Marian Pilgrimage** Saturday 17 May. The day begins with 10am Mass St Mary Star of the Sea West Melbourne, followed by a 5km pilgrimage around Melbourne's CBD, stopping to pray at some of the most beautiful Marian shrines in the city, including St Patrick's Cathedral, St Francis, St Mary MacKillop's birthplace, St Mary Star of the Sea and more. BYO lunch. melbourne@op-tn.org.



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and bookings

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ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL LIGHT INTO THE CITY

Dear Friends in the Risen Christ,

For many years now, I have spoken of our beloved mother Church, St Patrick's Cathedral, as a place that must always be a source of light for the wider community — a beacon along the path of communion, formation, and mission, that brings the Gospel to life in all its fullness.

Since its earliest days as a sanctuary and home for the faithful, St Patrick's has stood at the heart of Melbourne's story. Its stones hold not only a deep spiritual and cultural history but also a history of faith, hope, and resilience — a living testimony that has shone brightly through both joyful and challenging times.

Each week, more than 10,000 people walk through the doors of this sacred space. In seasons of great celebration, that number swells to over 3,000 gathered together at any one time — with many thousands more joining through liturgical broadcasts.

After 127 years, this grand matriarch continues to welcome and serve an ever-growing community of faithful and visitors alike, and does so with grace and beauty.

Yet, as with all things that endure, care and stewardship are needed. It is no secret that after more than a century, St Patrick's now requires significant restoration and renewal. But this is about more than simply repairing stonework or mending tiles. It is about ensuring that this living Church — this light in the heart of our city — remains strong, vibrant, and ready to serve future generations. In the dynamic, cosmopolitan city that Melbourne has become, we hold the responsibility of keeping this light shining brightly — not only for ourselves but for all who seek hope, beauty, and a spiritual home here.

On Monday 28 April the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, and the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Tony Burke MP, announced a \$60 million commitment to begin the restoration and revitalisation of St Patrick's Cathedral and its precinct.

It is a bold and generous investment in the future — a sign of confidence that this place of faith, history, and community will continue to shine at the heart of Melbourne for many years to come.

There is much work ahead in this significant undertaking for our Archdiocese. Firstly, there is some urgency for remedial and restoration works on the historic structures of the site to make them safe and enduring. Flowing from that, the Cathedral precinct's current form cannot adequately support the growing expressions of faith, culture and community that it is being called to. Public amenities (such as accessible toilets), parish and community gathering spaces, and dedicated locations for outreach, healing, and faith formation need to be addressed for our responsible stewardship of this spiritual treasure.

St Patrick's was, and remains, a work of love and hope. It is also an investment not only in bricks and mortar but in the life and heart of our people, and their place in the story of this city. This is a life-giving project that will involve us all.

I look forward to providing regular channels of communication that will share how our Light into the City vision unfolds, and how you might be a part of it.

As we journey through this Easter season, I ask for your prayers for this work in the days and months ahead — that the hope and promise of the risen Christ will continually nourish the renewal of our faith and inspire us to sow seeds of life, light, and faith within ourselves and into the world around us.

St Patrick — shepherd, missionary, visionary, and teacher, pray for us.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

May is the month of Mary



*Blessed among women,
Dignity of women,
Greatness of woman,
Faithful in waiting,
Faithful in commitment,
Faithful at the Cross,
pray for us.*

Church at a Crossroads II

Bishop Alexander of Alexandria quickly confronted Arius and called a local council of 100 bishops, who summoned Arius to explain his beliefs. The bishops rejected what they considered to be gross falsehoods and heretical ideas, and offered Arius the opportunity to recant. Arius refused and was excommunicated.

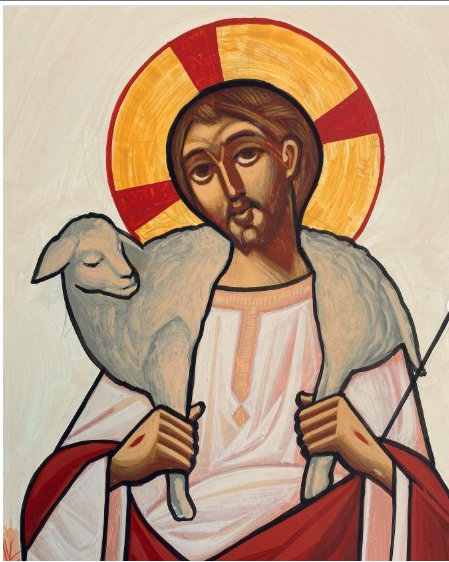
He and some of his followers eventually went to Palestine, where he protested his treatment by Bishop Alexander: "The bishop largely destroys us [Arians] and persecutes us, and does his worst against us and has even turned us out of the city as godless men, because we do not agree to what he publicly preaches:

"Eternal God, eternal Son, like Father like Son, the Son is our God himself... We are persecuted because we said that the Son had a beginning that God is without a beginning. We are persecuted because we said from what it did not exist."

(Letter to Eusebius of Nicomedia)

Arius continued to promote his heresy and was supported by influential Church figures, including Bishop Eusebius of Nicomedia (+341), who would be the primary Arian spokesman at the Council of Nicaea. As Arianism spread throughout the Roman Empire, the controversy as to whether or not Jesus was divine, equal to the Father, was disrupting the peace and unity so desired by Constantine.

The emperor sent Bishop Hosius (+359) of Cordoba Spain as a mediator between Alexander and Arius. He carried a letter addressed to the two antagonists in which Constantine insisted they were arguing over semantics and described their differences as "small and very insignificant questions ... trifling and foolish verbal difference ... questions of little or no significance." He asked them to "restore to me then my quiet days and untroubled nights." This attempt at reconciliation got nowhere; accordingly, Constantine called for a universal council of bishops to resolve the divisive issue.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord
fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord
the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 13:14,43-52

Paul and his friends carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

**R: We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord,
all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people,
the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10: 27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Recently Deceased

Mgr Benedict Camilleri,
Gregorio Rachiele, Lina Di Salle,
Marelle Beck, Julie Mcleod,
Antonio Todaro: 5pm Mass Saturday 17
May St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Elisa Sou Li Savic-Wong, Patrick Mullan,
Grazia Leone, Antonia Grahor, Maria Zele,
Antonina Ribera, Santina Amore, Linda
Feliciani, Donata Quintili, Mary Mercieca,
Lina Vescio, Umberto Dose, Giuseppe
Riggio, Fiorentino & Annamaria Tomasi,
Pasquale Stivala, Amalia Multari, Maria
Constanzo, Teresa Zangari, Sepulcri family:
Fia, Zamparo, Antonio, Bruno, Virginia,
Ella; Cavedon family: Nella, Barbara,
Luigia; Vitellone family: Giuseppina, Gio-
vanna, Francesco; Chiodo family: Marietta,
Saverio, Michele, Maria

Next weekend 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Apocalypse 21:1-5

John 13:31-33,34-35

Processional Hymn CWB 348

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Glory to God who does wondrous things,
let all the people God's praises now sing,
All of creation in splendour shall ring:
Alleluia! *Antiphon*

See how salvation for all has been won,
up from the grave our new life has begun,
life now perfected in Jesus, the Son:
Alleluia! *Antiphon*

Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,
wanting to see you in all that we do,
we would the gate of salvation pass through:
Alleluia! *Antiphon*

Liturgy of the Word

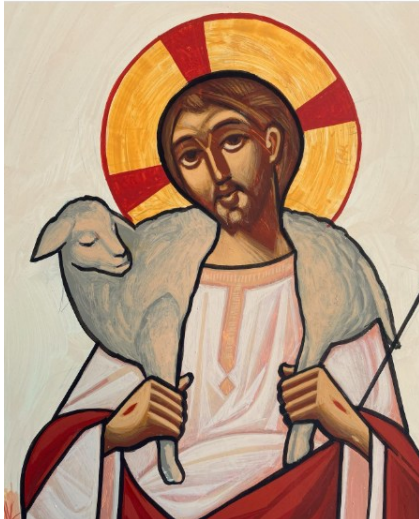
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Psalm Response

We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am
the good shepherd,
says the Lord;
I know my sheep,
and mine know me.
Alleluia!



Preparation of Gifts CWB 352

Refrain:

By your kingly power, O risen Lord,
all that Adam lost is now restored.
In your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
sound it to the souls in prison;
shout our triumph to the sky.
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. *Refrain*

Sing the joyful Easter cry,
let all times and peoples listen:
death has no more victory.
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. *Refrain*

Death has lost and life has won;
ev'ry newborn child we christen
now the Father's child becomes.
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. *Refrain*

Holy Communion CWB 357

Good Shepherd,
you know us, you call us by name.
You lead us; we gladly acknowledge your claim.
Your voice has compelled us; we come at your call.
And none you have chosen will finally fall.

Good Shepherd,
you warn us of robbers and thieves,
the hireling, the wolf who destroys and deceives.
All praise for your promise on which we shall stand,
that no one can snatch us away from your hand.

Good Shepherd,
you lay down your life for the sheep.
Your love is not fickle, your gift is not cheap.
You spend your life freely, you take it again.
You died, so we live; we are healed by your pain.

At one with the Father,
you made yourself known:
'I am the Good Shepherd', at one with your own.
You loved us before we had heeded or heard;
by grace we respond to your life giving word.

Recessional Hymn CWB 351

By every nation, race and tongue,
worship and praise be ever sung;
praise the Father: Alleluia!
For pardoned sin, death overcome,
and hopes that live beyond the tomb:
Alleluia, alleluia;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let earth and air and sea unite
to celebrate his glorious might,
their creator: Alleluia!
Sun, moon and stars in endless space
echo the song of every race:
Alleluia, alleluia;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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