

**Partnered Parishes St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East
St Raphael West Preston, St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North**

Clergy: Fr G Pritchard, Fr Jossy Kizhakkethalackal, Dcn F Correya

Parish Office Hours:

St Gabriel's Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday 9am - 3pm
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9460 3013 reservoirnorth@cam.org.au

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

**29th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Yr C 19 October 2025**

WEEKDAY MASSES

October 21-24

St Gabriel's Church

9am Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 22 October 8.30am *St Gabriel's*

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.

STELLA MARIS FESTA

TODAY Sunday 19 October

St Joseph the Worker Church & Hall Reservoir North

2.30pm Mass 4pm procession

6pm MMG Concert Band

A warm welcome to Fr Tony Kerin, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Fr Kerin celebrates weekend Masses at St Raphael's, following a meeting with Parish Council and Finance Committee leaders from Sacred Heart Preston & St Raphael's West Preston during the week, also attended by the Priests, Deacon Correya and the Dominican Sisters.

We also warmly welcome **Sr Jessica Cobrador OP**. Our Dominican Community is now made up of 3 Sisters: Sr Jessica, Sr May Flor & Sr Josefina. Sr Jessica is a qualified teacher, experienced Parish collaborator, and fluent Italian-speaker. She brings many gifts to the Preston-Reservoir area.

Please note new program of **Masses at St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North** commencing weekend October 25-26: Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass; Sunday 10.30am Mass (Sunday 9am Mass is discontinued). The **weekend Mass program** remains the same at St Raphael's, St Gabriel's and St Stephen's.

Fr Pritchard will take **annual leave** during November. Fr Jossy will visit his elderly parents in India October 20-31. *Please note changes to the daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration program.*

Pastoral letter of the Bishops of Victoria regarding state government plans to amend existing euthanasia and assisted suicide laws attached to today's newsletter. If passed into law, the Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Living Gospel Prayer Group celebration: Marijana Jurevic, Core group, Music Ministry. Praise & Worship, festive Mass, Holy Anointing, refreshments marking 20 years of Living Gospel Prayer Group St Raphael's Church West Preston 11 October. *Thank you!*

Sacristan Ange Braysha completed a big job cleaning the pews St Gabriel's Church Reservoir. *Thank you!*

Stella Maris Festa St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North weekend 17-19 October: Charlie Xerri, Lilian Wesley, Antoniette Gauci, Committee, MMG Concert Band, Fr Lonie Borg MSSP, Fr Frank Buhagiar, Fr Jossy. *Thank you!*

Love & Co Real Estate kindly provide new advertising boards for revised Mass program St Gabriel's Reservoir & St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North. *Thank you!*

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP



St Gabriel's Parish Hall Reservoir
Rehearsals Sundays 6pm
Enquiries: Judy judeome@hotmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Journeying together Reflection

Thursday 13 November 6pm

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

- 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

PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL:

GREECE, EPHESUS, MALTA, ROME

14 October - 2 November 2026

olivetreetravel.com.au 1300 550 830

Interfaith Memorial Service honouring fallen Police Officers Neal Thompson & Vadim De Waart Darebin North West Uniting Church 399a Murray Rd Preston Wednesday 22 October 7pm. Faith leaders from various traditions will lead us in prayer, remembrance, and hope. Let us honour their lives, support their families, stand as one. admcroxchurchdnw@gmail.com

CATHOLIC MEN FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am
melbournemensrosarycrusade.com

ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

St Gabriel's Reservoir (2000)

Sunday 26 October

9am Mass, Morning Tea / Sausage Sizzle

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne (1897)

Monday 27 October

PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir.

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am—12noon lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / student. This year's presentations conclude Sunday 2 November. Anna Krohn ANIMA Education helps us to look at the Holy Trinity and the heresy of Arianism, resolved at the Council of Nicaea 325.

PARISH LUNCH

Thursday 6 November 12 noon,
Darebin RSL 402 Bell St Preston.

Register: foyer St Raphael's church West Preston

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026 \$10
MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS \$8

THE PROMISE :

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS \$8

Available at Piety Stall St Gabriel's & St Raphael's

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM OPEN DAY

Level 2, Cathedral Hall 20 Brunswick St Fitzroy
Wednesday 29 October 10am-3pm

Mary Glowrey is one of two Australians being considered for sainthood. She was the first president of the Catholic Women's League, founded in 1916 in Cathedral Hall. Visit the new website documenting her life and cause for canonization maryglowreymuseum.info

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

aidtochurch.org



This November Cathedrals across Australia will light up in red, and many parishes will celebrate special Red November Masses to stand with persecuted Christian. Show your support by attending a Mass, praying the Red Rosary, or sharing ACN's Red November video with friends and family. rednovember.org

THAT CATHOLIC SHOP



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CHRISTIANITY'S SECRET FORMULA IV

English novelist Piers Paul Read, in his magisterial *A History of the Catholic Church*, comments: "Not only did Christians refuse to sacrifice to the pagan gods, they regarded them as demons. This repudiation of the Romans' beliefs and customs was considered a threat to the stability of the state. The Christians' unpopularity made them vulnerable as scapegoats."

It was a very bad time to be unpopular with the Roman authorities, not just because of Nero cruelty but because executions and combat in the stadiums were a popular and violent form of entertainment. Robin Lane Fox in *Pagans and Christians* notes: "Christian victims were particularly appealing; they included a good proportion of women, not merely slave girls but well-born women."

Subsequent Roman persecutions were more systematic and often more nuanced. They too were often deadly, but no one reached quite the derailed savagery of Nero. At about the same time in Rome Peter was executed, and a little later, Paul. These were thus momentous times for the young, fledgling Christian movement. It's amazing that such a burst of savagery didn't wipe out the early Christians.

But Jesus had made a promise to his church: "I will build my church and the gates of hell will never prevail against it." Christians understood their faith was founded in an act of heroic martyrdom. Tertullian, a great early North African theologian, wrote: "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

It's reasonable for people to wonder if Christian accounts of these martyrdoms exaggerated the courage of the Christians. But pagan and official Roman sources tell the same story. Galen, one of the most respected men of the ancient world, and no sympathiser to Christianity, found Christians' courage in the face of death one of their most remarkable attributes.

In their fascinating study, *Christian Women in the Patristic World*, Lynn Cohick and Amy Brown Hughes report a survey of all pagan works written between 110 and 210 that refer to Christians: "In every case but one, they mention the execution of Christians. They assume readers would have seen or heard of Christians dying in the arena."

Greg Sheridan Weekend Australian August 30-31 2025

CHILD WELLBEING IS STAGGERINGLY LOW. ARE WE EVEN ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS? II

Classical education in the Liberal Arts tradition offers a powerful remedy. Far from being an elitist throw-back or nostalgic indulgence, the classical tradition is rooted in a deep understanding of the human person - mind, body and soul. It sees education not as a transaction or a service but as formation. The goal is not merely academic performance but human flourishing: to cultivate wisdom, virtue and a deep capacity for wonder and imagination and love.

Classical education is growing rapidly in the United States and, more recently, in Britain, Europe, Africa and Australia. Parents are looking for more than screen-based learning and wellbeing slogans. Teachers are looking for methods that work, not just to deliver content but to shape lives. Students themselves are hungry for meaning, story and substance. The renewal is not being driven by ideology but by human need.

A National Classical Education Conference took place in Brisbane in September, with the theme, *An Education for Human Flourishing*. The Conference brought together international experts, Australian practitioners, and school leaders across the spectrum. The Conference provided professional development, exploring time-tested pedagogies such as mimetic instruction, nature study, narration, the Great Books and Socratic dialogue. A symposium asked how education can respond to cultural polarisation, technological dislocation and the mental-health crisis. Speakers shared how the Liberal Arts are equipping students not just to succeed, but to become fully human. Education today is overwhelmed with strategies, but has lost a pathway to connect with soul. Classical education, by contrast, begins with older questions, focusing on first things first: what is the purpose of education? What kind of person are we forming?

If the anti-bullying review is to succeed, it must go deeper than policy alignment. Bullying is not only a behavioural issue, it is a moral one. It reflects a culture that no longer teaches children about the dignity of others or how to govern own desires. Programs and wellbeing officers alone cannot form virtue, this takes explicit intention, wisdom and curriculum that invites students to join the great conversation about the best (and worst) that humanity has had to offer - its philosophy, its poetry, its stories and prayers. We need more than reform; we need renewal. A recovery of the idea that truth exists, that beauty matters, and that education is ultimately about preparing young people not merely for work, but for life.

Sarah Flynn Logos Australis, promoting
Classical Education and the Liberal Arts in Australia.
News Weekly August 23 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call;
for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings
protect me.

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 120 (121)

**R: Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R**

The Lord is your guard
and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard
your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help

them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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 Son of Man
has come to give his life
as a ransom for many.

Recently Deceased

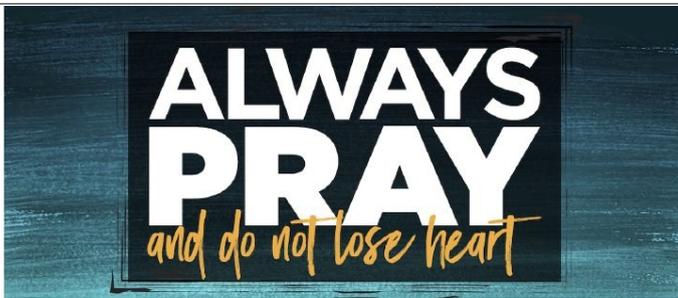
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2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



Processional Hymn CWB 601

Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

Chorus:

Come, then, all you nations,
sing of the Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all. *Chorus*

Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing
praise God till the end of days. *Chorus*

Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
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Psalm Response

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who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia!

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Preparation of the Gifts AOV 37

Chorus : Come to me,
all who labour and are heavy burdened,
and I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Lord is my Shepherd,
I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows
where he gives me rest. *Chorus*

Holy Communion CWB 515

I will be your God who walks with you!
You will be always within My hand!
Take your heart and give it all to Me!

Chorus: Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in ev'ry land!
Should you call,
then you will truly know: *Chorus*

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain
you will discover me! *Chorus*

Recessional Hymn AOV 114

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Chorus: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters, in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *Chorus*

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