

### Processional Hymn AOV 76

*Refrain:* 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. *Refrain*

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

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! *Refrain*

### Liturgy of the Word



Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

### Psalm Response

Lord, make us turn to you,  
let us see your face  
and we shall be saved.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

The prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come down to save the people. God, however, did not come among us in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Jesus of Nazareth. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise him when he comes in glory.

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### Preparation of the Gifts AOV 37

*Refrain:*  
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. *Refrain*

### Holy Communion AOV 125

*Refrain:* Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,  
the true bread sent from the Father. *Refrain*

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert  
but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Refrain*

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,  
and I will raise you up on the last day. *Refrain*

Anyone who eats this bread,  
will live forever. *Refrain*

If you believe and eat this bread,  
you will have eternal life. *Refrain*

### Holy Communion AOV 160

*Refrain:* Like a shepherd he feeds his flock  
And gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully close to his heart,  
leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice:  
Jerusalem, here is your God. *Refrain*

I myself will shepherd them,  
for others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
and pasture them giving them rest. *Refrain*

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,  
and take my yoke upon your shoulders.  
I will give you rest. *Refrain*

### Recessional Hymn AOV 158

*Refrain:* 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. *Refrain*

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

### Partnered Parishes

**St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East  
and St Raphael Preston West**

**Clergy:** Fr G Pritchard, Fr S Grainger, Fr A Fragapane

**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

**Parish Office:** 1 Viola Street Reservoir 3073  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Friday 9am—3pm

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www.stgabrielsreservoir.org

## 1st Sunday of Advent Yr B 03.12.2023

### MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday 9.30am Mass *St Stephen's*

Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

8.30am Holy Rosary 9am Mass

Friday *St Gabriel's*

Saturday *St Stephen's*

5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday *St Gabriel's*

9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

**St Raphael's Preston West**

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9am *Italian* 10.30am Masses

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm

Thursday & Friday 8.30am

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

### Thanksgiving & Clergy support by direct debit

St Gabriel's & St Stephen's Church  
BSB: 083-347 Account: 639372585



***Our Parish is committed  
to providing a safe environment for  
everyone. Please make sure children  
are supervised at all times  
within church buildings  
and on church grounds.***

***Parishioners and visitors to  
St Gabriel's Church and parish office  
may like to park their cars  
in the church car park.***

Sincere thanks to all who assisted with the visit of  
Mother Nemia OP and Sr Arlene OP  
Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary.  
*Gianna Spina, Ange & Ofelia Braysha*  
*Karen Clarke & Fiona Power Mary Glowrey Museum*  
*Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia*  
*Teresa De Cesaris, Anthony & Anna Krohn*  
*Parker Maloney, Cory Medilo*  
*Fr Daryl Montecillo, Fr Jaycee Napoles*  
*Loretta Piazza, Fr Nathan Rawlins*  
*Fr Paul Rowse OP, St Raphael's MACS*

### PARISH YOUNG ADULTS

Parish young adults get-together TODAY Sunday 3  
December 11.30 - 1pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.  
Anna Krohn leads us into Advent & Christmas. Lunch  
included: \$10 working \$5 student/non-working.

### ST STEPHEN'S RESERVOIR EAST

25 Parishioners attended a parish meeting at St Stephen's Church Wednesday 29 November. Presentations were made by Col Mackin MACS Planning and Infrastructure and Ange Braysha. The meeting engaged all present with comment, questions, clarification and discussion. MACS will provide alternative proposals for the fence, and revision of the RULBA which sets out the relationship between schools and Parishes. Mr Mackin apologised for the initial fence which was erected without Parish consultation and authorisation. Parishioners made it very clear that St Stephen's Church, Hall and school are our legacy from the vision, labour, and sacrifice of our forbears. It is important that we evoke the help of our Parish patrons, St Gabriel and St Stephen of Hungary to support our efforts and the fair resolution of this issue.

### MENS DINNER

6 men enjoyed dinner at Darebin RSL Tuesday 28 November. Thanks to Tim Rebbeschi for arranging this event.

***At Christmas we provide extra support  
to our Bishops and priests,  
retired and sick priests.  
The Christmas offering envelope  
is included in our parish  
Thanksgiving envelopes.  
Christmas offering envelopes  
are also available at  
St Gabriel's and St Stephen's churches.***



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023

### HOLY ROSARY

Wednesday 9am St Stephen's  
Wednesday 3.30pm St Raphael's

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

Friday 8 December  
8.30am Mass St Raphael's  
8.30am Holy Rosary St Gabriel's  
9am Mass St Gabriel's

### WEEKEND 16—17 DECEMBER GAUDETE

Saturday St Stephen's  
6pm Vigil Mass, Coffee & Cake  
Sunday St Gabriel's  
10am Mass  
Rite of Acceptance into Order of Catechumens  
Coffee Truck

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Stephen's Reservoir East  
Saturdays 5pm December 2, 10, 16, 23  
Wednesday December 20 10am  
  
St Gabriel's Reservoir  
Sundays 9am December 3, 10, 17, 24  
Tuesday 19, Thursday 21, Friday 22 December  
9.30am, 7pm  
  
St Raphael's Preston West  
Saturdays 9.30am December 2, 10, 16, 23



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday 24 December  
St Stephen's Reservoir East 6pm Mass  
St Gabriel's Reservoir 7.30pm Carols 8pm Mass  
St Raphael's Preston West  
5pm Mass; 7pm Mass;  
11.30pm Carols; 12 midnight Mass

Monday 25 December  
St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am Mass  
St Raphael's Preston West  
9am Italian 10.30am Mass

### NEW YEARS DAY

Monday 1 January 2024  
St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am Mass  
St Raphael's Preston West 10am Mass

### CHRISTMAS SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

Register: Parish Office reservoir@cam.org.au

## Examination of Conscience for Advent

*This Advent, Jesus is inviting you to prepare your heart for his coming—not just his first one, in Bethlehem, but his second, when he comes again in glory. He wants you to know the joy of being one with him and of playing your part to build his kingdom on earth. He is ready to remove every barrier, big or small, so that you can say and live a deeper yes and receive more of his life. And so he invites you to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

### Yes to Love of God

Am I loving and serving God with my whole heart, mind, and strength? Where could I do better? Am I waiting and watching for the Lord through daily prayer? Am I learning to meet him and listen to him in his word? Have I sought him through faithful Mass attendance and the sacraments? Have I used my gift of speech in a way that honours God and builds up his people? Is there anything about it that needs cleaning up—foul language, gossip, complaining, verbal abuse? Do both my mouth and my actions say, “yes, Lord!” Does God hold first place in my life, or has something or someone else weaselled in? Is he the Lord of my time, money, and other resources? Have I been using these gifts to build his kingdom? Has desire or anxiety over money and material things affected my decisions and distracted me from God? Can I honestly say I trust God with every part of my life?

### Yes to Love of Neighbour

How am I doing in my relationships with family members, friends, co-workers, neighbours, parishioners? Have any of my words, attitudes, or actions caused disunity? Am I harbouring anger, resentment, or hatred toward someone? Is there anyone I need to forgive? Is there anyone whose forgiveness I need to ask? Do I give appropriate respect to parents, teachers, employers, and all legitimate authority? Do I accept correction from them or from others, or have I sometimes pridefully insisted on my own way? Have I done violence to anyone or treated them with disrespect? Have I used or taken advantage of anyone? Am I helping to build a world where every human being is valued and seen as having dignity? Am I more focused on building myself a cosy, comfortable life than on caring for others? Is God inviting me to say “yes” to some service to people in need? How am I working for the coming of Christ's kingdom of justice and peace? Am I sinning by omission in any of these areas?

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you are the Lamb of God:  
you take away the sins of the world.  
Through the grace of the Holy Spirit  
restore me to friendship with your Father,  
cleanse me from every stain of sin  
in the blood you shed for me,  
and raise me to new life  
for the glory of your name.*

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 309



St Vincent de Paul Society  
VICTORIA  
*good works*

Our St Vincent de Paul conference asks our support for their outreach to needy families at this time. The Christmas Appeal envelope can be placed in the weekend collection.

### PARISH OFFICE

Closes Friday 22 December 9am –3pm  
Opens Friday 19 January 2024  
9am—12noon  
Phone and email checked regularly

### May mercy and love perfect those who have died

Pontifical Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr Gerard Patrick Dowling OAM will be offered on Thursday 7 December 10am St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne.

*Anniversary of death*  
Domenico & Michelina Licastro  
Lloyd junior and Jean Harris



### Next weekend 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

*Bernard of Clairvaux once said, we can ponder three 'comings' of the Lord during Advent. First, there's Jesus coming as a baby in Bethlehem. So we can enter into the Jewish people's longing for the Messiah. Next there's his Second Coming in glory at the end of time. We can be watchful as we ready our hearts for Jesus' return. Finally, we can experience a third coming of Jesus—his coming into our hearts right now. In fact, it is this coming of Christ that undergirds all that we do during his holy season.*  
wau.org

### ADVENT CAROLS

St Mary's Church 208 Dandenong Rd St Kilda East  
Saturday 9 December 2pm  
cwlvicww.org.au

## Prepare ...

the way of the Lord ... our hearts ... our ways

Advent 2023



### Blessing of Family Advent Wreath

Lord God,  
your Church joyfully awaits the coming of her Saviour,  
who enlightens our hearts  
and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.  
Pour forth your blessings upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath;  
may their light reflect the splendour of Christ,  
who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.  
*All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.*

### Blessing of the Family Nativity Scene

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:  
when our need for a Saviour was great  
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.  
To our lives he brings joy and peace.  
justice, mercy, and love.  
Lord,  
bless our family and all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise up our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,  
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen  
*All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.*

### Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate  
the birth of your Son,  
who rescued us from the darkness of sin  
by making the Cross a tree of life and light.  
May this tree, arrayed in splendour,  
remind us of the life-giving Cross of Christ,  
that we may always rejoice in the new life  
that shines in our hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.*

### Blessing of the Family Meal

God, the Father of mercies,  
you willed your Son to take flesh,  
in order to give life back to us.  
Bless these gifts  
with which we are about to nourish our bodies,  
so that, receiving new strength,  
we may wait in watchfulness  
for the glorious coming of Christ.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.