

Processional Hymn CWB 644

Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending:
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you:
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see,
speak and heal our mortal blindness;
deaf we are: our healer be:
loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
heal the world, by our sin broken.

Word that speaks your Father's love,
one with him beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth to all truth lead us,
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

Liturgy of the Word

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Psalm Response
Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Holy Communion Hymn CWB 584

Praise the one who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the Gospel,
Healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons
With a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
Praise the One who makes us one

National Anthem CWB 656

Australians all let us rejoice,
for we are one and free;
we've golden soil and wealth for toil;
our home is girt by sea;
our land abounds in nature's gifts
of beauty, rich and rare:
in hist'ry's page, let ev'ry stage
Advance Australia fair!
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
to make this Commonwealth of ours
renowned of all the lands;
for those who've come across the seas
we've boundless plains to share;
with courage let us all combine
to advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia fair.

Our dead called
to the radiant dawn of salvation

Recently deceased
Mgr Gerard Diamond
Giuseppe Ciacitta, Gregory Downes
Margaret Formosa, Annunciata Mezzasalma
Pasqualino Piscioneri

Anniversary of death
Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell
Mario Biancacci, Nicolas & Marcella Fawzi
Tommaso Santone, Vincenzo Spina

Next weekend
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39



Ancient witnesses attribute the second Gospel to John Mark, a cousin of St Barnabas who was a companion of St Paul. He is mentioned several times in the New Testament. The book was written near the year AD 60, while Peter was in Rome. Tradition agrees that Mark was an interpreter of translator for S Peter and that the Gospel was written in Rome for Gentile Christians. This is shown by Mark's use of language, by the rarity of quotes from the Old Testament, and the fact that conflicts between Jesus and the Pharisees are downplayed in comparison to the other Gospels.

The theme of the Gospel of St Mark is that Jesus is the Son of God and that he is the Messiah promised by the prophets in the Old Testament, but Mark puts special emphasis on the fact the Jesus is a suffering Messiah. Because of this, he is misunderstood by his disciples and rejected by the leaders of Judaism because they were expecting a powerful political Messiah who would, like Moses of old, liberate them from the power of the hated Roman conquerors. Jesus uses the term 'Son of Man' to refer to himself, rather than 'Messiah', which would tend to give the wrong impression of his Person and his mission. Only after his death does he accept the title of 'Messiah', which means 'Christ', or the Anointed One. Kenneth Baker SJ Inside the Bible

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

Parish Office: 1 Viola Street Reservoir 3073
Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am—12.30pm Friday 9am –3pm

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St Gabriel’s Church
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St Stephen’s Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Raphael’s Church
17 Hardy St Preston West 3072

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Yr B 28.01.2024

MASS & RECONCILIATION
9am weekday Mass at St Gabriel’s
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS THANKS

Sincere thanks to all who assisted with our Parish celebration of Advent and Christmas.

- Christmas Tree & Crib: Ange Braysha
- Music ministry: Colin Jenkins
Phyllis Vespucci & Guitar group
Maureen O’Dwyer, Gary O’Dwyer
- Altar Servers, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Collectors
- Rosters: Lorretta Piazza. We thank Darrell O’Farrell who has completed this service at St Gabriel’s
- Sacristy:
St Gabriel’s Ange and Ofelia Braysha
St Stephen’s Helene Nowak, Lucy Lilburne
St Gabriel’s Linen Roster
- Flowers: lillypadweddings.com.au
- Parish Office: Gracie Forde, Hung Chau, Bonnie Wilson
- Mission: reservoir@lovere.com.au

Our **St Vincent de Paul Conference** received \$2,052 in generous support from all in our Parish with the special Christmas appeal.
In **2023**, 15 children and 3 adults were baptised, 7 received First Holy Communion and 13 the Sacrament of Confirmation. We bid farewell 25 parishioners.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

- Members of the Safeguarding Committee will soon contact all parishioners who serve as volunteers in Church ministries to confirm current WWCC registration. They will offer help to those who need to obtain WWCC or update their details.
- WWCC holders must complete a mandatory module online. Help will be provided to those that do not have a computer or for whom this may be difficult. If needs be, we will have a face to face session at St Gabriel’s Parish Centre. The certificate is valid for 3 years.
- Please note that the proposed weekend Masses for signing of Safeguarding policies are now cancelled.
- The Safeguarding will provide a formal report on Safeguarding policies, activities and updates in the bulletin twice a year, along with notes from regular Safeguarding Committee meetings.
- Safeguarding policies will be added to Parish websites.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Friday 9am Mass St Gabriel's

This feast commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem by his parents. This feast has popularly been called Candlemas Day. At the beginning of Mass, candles are blessed with a procession, honouring Jesus as our Saviour who sheds light upon us and offers salvation to the whole world.

BLESSING OF ST BLAISE
Weekend 3-4 February

St Blaise devoted his early years to the study of philosophy and went on to practice medicine before becoming Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (Turkey). He was beheaded after terrible tortures under Licinius in 317. In the Middle Ages his cult spread widely and he is invoked against diseases of the throat.

PARISH RCIA

Weekly meetings commence
Thursday 1 February 7pm
St Gabriel's Parish Centre

MENS DINNER

Darebin RSL 402 Bell St Preston
Tuesday 6 February 6.30pm
RSVP: Tim 0412 799 845
stgabrielnotices@gmail.com

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS

Christian Monarchs presented by Dr Tracey Rowland
Sunday 4 February 11.30am—1pm
St Gabriel's Parish Centre
Lunch included: \$10 working \$5 student

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.
- **Vinnies Reservoir 10 Edwardes St Reservoir**
1300 736 933 vinnies.org.au/getinvolved
volunteer@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

ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90

ORDER OF MALTA
LOURDES DAY MASS

Saturday 10 February 10.30am
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

DOMINICAN SISTERS
OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Greetings on this season of holy waiting. I hope you and the life of St Gabriel's, St Stephen's & St Raphael's partnered parishes are well.

We had a safe and sound trip back home. Thanks be to God. After a day of rest, Mother Nemia and I were back to work. She has meetings and is occupied with Congregational concerns after being away for two weeks, and I have some backlogs of office work to beat. But we are now back on track.

Thank you again, Father, for your hard work preparing everything for our visit. Honestly, it was a productive one. We got an accurate picture of the mission's need through the people we met, the liturgy / prayers we celebrated, the meals we shared, and by being present in the two parishes for some days. The meeting with the Vicar General and Archbishop Comensoli, capped it all. We have memorable experiences from our first, hopefully not the last, visit. We have encountered the Lord in Melbourne!

Mother Nemia and I are grateful to Fr Grainger as well as to the people who have facilitated the wonderful experience of our stay in Melbourne, Giana Spina & family, Grace Forde, Ange & Ofelia Braysha, Teresa De Cesaris & family, Cory Medilo & family, and Parker Maloney who drove us to the airport on time. I assure you, you are all remembered in our prayers.

May God continue to guide, strengthen, protect and inspire us as we wait in joyful hope for His coming.

Sister Arlene OP 6 December 2023



14 February

Masses

St Stephen's Reservoir East 9.30am
St Gabriel's Reservoir
12noon, 7pm
St Raphael's Preston West
9.15am, 7pm

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptized.



COME HOLY SPIRIT COME

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

FEBRUARY 7th – MASS AND INTRODUCTION

14th – SESSION 1 - GOD'S PROMISE – YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER

21ST – SESSION 2 - THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD

28TH – SESSION 3 - JESUS IS LORD

MARCH 6TH – SESSION 4 - THE GIFT OF GOD'S SPIRIT

13TH – SESSION 5 - FORGIVENESS, HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

20TH – SESSION 6 - NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

27TH - SESSIONS 7/8 - GROWTH AND COMMUNITY IN THE LORD

AN EIGHT WEEK SEMINAR EVERY WEDNESDAY

COMMENCING ON THE 7TH OF FEBRUARY 2024

WITH MASS

TIME: 1:30pm – 3:00pm

ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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