

Processional Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,
 lift up your voice and with us sing
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 O burning sun with golden beam
 and silver moon with softer gleam;
 O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Swift rushing wind, you are so strong,
 white clouds that sail in heav'n along,
 O sing praises, alleluia!
 O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
 And lights of ev'ning, find a voice;
 O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia!

And ev'ryone of tender heart,
 forgiving others, take your part,
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 All who deep pain and sorrow bear,
 praise God and on him cast your care;
 O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship him in humbleness;
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
 O sing praises, O sing praises, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Liturgy of the Word

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11: 1
 Mark 1: 40-45

Psalm Response

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
 and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has
 appeared among us;
 God has visited his people . Alleluia!



Jesus included the healing of lepers among the list of miracles which would authenticate his mission. He also communicated this power to his disciples. In today's Gospel, he not only heals a leper; he lays his hand upon him. It is a gesture of acceptance and perhaps even of solidarity with a social outcast.

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Preparation of the Gifts

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old
 Were strong to heal and save;
 They triumphed over pain and death,
 O'er darkness and the grave.
 To you they went, the blind, the deaf,
 The palsied, and the lame,
 The leper set apart and shunned,
 The sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health,
 Gave hearing, speech, and sight;
 And youth renewed and health restored,
 Acclaimed you Lord of light;
 And so, O Lord, be near to bless,
 Almighty now as then,
 in every street, in every home,
 in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still,
 Great Lord of life and death;
 Restore and strengthen, soothe and bless,
 With your almighty breath;
 On hands that work and eyes that see,
 Your healing wisdom pour,
 That whole and sick, and weak and strong,
 May praise you evermore.

Holy Communion

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

Recessional Hymn

This day God gives me strength of high heaven
 sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth
 flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness
 deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.
 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
 might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
 Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
 your lips are speaking, friend at my side.
 God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
 God's host defends me, saving from ill.
 Angels of heaven drive from me always
 all that would harm me, stand by me still.

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 Stephen's Church
 71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Raphael's Church
 17 Hardy St Preston West 3072

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B 11.02.2024

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses

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

Friday
St Gabriel's
 8.30am Way of the Cross 9am Mass

St Stephen's
 9.30am Reconciliation
 10am Mass 10.30am Via Crucis

St Raphael's
 8.30am Mass 7pm Way of the Cross

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 4pm Thursday 8.30am
 Holy Rosary Wednesday 3.30pm
 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.

Our Parish Legion of Mary has provided a full list of the sick among us. This has been forwarded to the Basilica of St Anthony in Padua for **World Day of the Sick**. The Franciscan Friars will place basket of names of the sick from throughout the world near the tomb of St Anthony this weekend.

Parish Secretary Gracie Forde has announced her retirement. This position is now advertised: Job vacancies / Melbourne Catholic

We sincerely thank Gracie for 15 years faithful and enthusiastic service to our parish as it has grown from St Gabriel's, and now includes St Stephen's Reservoir East and St Raphael's Preston West. Gracie has worked with Fr Hctor and Fr Pritchard, served on the Parish Finance Committee, and taken the lead of all sorts of Parish activities, especially during the COVID-19 lockdowns. Gracie tenure will conclude with a hand-over to her successor. All of us say to Gracie: 'Thank you!' We wish her well.

10 young Parishioners had a fantastic presentation from Dr Tracey Rowland last Sunday. **12 men** enjoyed dinner at Darebin RSL on Tuesday evening.

Frs Grainger and Pritchard met with MACS officials on Wednesday to set in motion a recruitment process for a new principal for **St Raphael's MACS Preston West**. Fr Fragapane is chaplain to St Raphael's MACS while he completes his teaching registration and obtains accreditation.

The Partnership takes its next steps when Fr Grainger takes 3 months leave at Easter. We need to think about a **weekend Mass schedule** that the 2 priests can provide at St Gabriel's, St Stephen's and St Raphael's. We will need to look at Sunday morning Masses: retaining the Italian Mass at St Raphael's, as well as English Masses at St Gabriel's and St Raphael's. Please give this some thought.

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.

Parish volunteers eg: adult altar servers, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, music ministry as well as church employees must have a current WWCC card or equivalent.

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.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and Abstinence from meat

In Australia, the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following.

- a) **Prayer** eg: Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- b) **Self-Denial** eg: not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in Project Compassion.
- c) **Helping Others** eg: special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

All Catholics 18-60 are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

The partnered parishes will not offer sacramental preparation for state school candidates this year. This program will be provided in 2025.

PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm
St Gabriel's Parish Centre
Rite of Election Sunday 18 February 3pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday 3 March
St Gabriel's Parish Centre
11.30am—1pm lunch included.
Andrew Dos Santos,
President of our Parish St Vincent de Paul,
will talk about the mission and work of the Society.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room Final meeting. 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
St Christopher medals, rosary beads, devotional items

Jesus' disciples must have recoiled when they saw the leper approaching. Everyone feared the dreaded disease that he was obviously suffering from. Sure, showing signs of leprosy would make someone ritually unclean. But it was also deadly and thought to be very contagious. That's why the Book of Leviticus had so many regulations to keep those suffering from leprosy isolated from society. No one wanted to risk contracting the disease!

So why did Jesus reach out to touch this man? Why didn't he shrink back or turn aside? Because he was not afraid of the disease or the uncleanness. He could not be harmed or made unclean by any infirmity. Quite the opposite: Jesus had come to heal and restore all people. He could see beyond the disease and reach out to cleanse this beloved child of God. And by healing him, Jesus brought the man back into society.

Jesus isn't afraid to reach out to us, either. While we might not be afflicted with leprosy, there is something that can cut us off from God and isolate us from other people: our sin. But on the cross, Jesus took on himself our sins and those of the whole world. By his resurrection, he destroyed the power of sin and death. Sin has no hold on him, and he does not fear it. Each time we come to him in repentance, seeking healing and restoration, he replies to us as he did to the man with leprosy: "I do will it. Be made clean".

So come to Jesus with your sins. Bring to him your isolation and suffering. He won't pull away from you. He is the pure One who removes all of your impurity. He is the holy One who takes on your sin and strips it of its power over you. Like the man suffering from leprosy, don't be afraid to approach Jesus. Let him bring you restoration and healing!

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May Christ cleanse our deceased and bring them to glory at the time of their anniversary

Josip & Ana Tot, Gladys Saroli

Next weekend

First Sunday of Lent
Year B

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of Lent. Compendium 206

LENT 2024

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT Holy Rosary

St Stephen's Reservoir East 9am
St Raphael's Preston West 3.30 pm

FRIDAYS OF LENT Way of the Cross / Via Crucis

St Gabriel's Reservoir 8.30am
St Stephen's Reservoir East *Italian*
9.30am Reconciliation
10am Mass 10.30am Via Crucis
St Raphael's Preston West 7pm *English / Italian*

PARISH RCIA

Rite & Election St Patrick's Cathedral
Sunday 18 February 3pm

The Scrutinies

Sundays 3, 10, 17 March
10am Mass *St Gabriel's*

SOLEMNITIES

Monday 18 March St Patrick
Tuesday 19 March St Joseph

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

8 week seminar presented by
Living Gospel Prayer Group
Commencing Wednesday 7 February 1.30pm
St Raphael's Church Preston West
Inquiries: Marijana 0422 340 675

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be refreshed! Be renewed!
For 40 days receive a short, practical, inspiring video in your in box every morning. Make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful.
This program is free.
BruceDownes.org/Lent

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Weekend 23-24 March

St Stephen's Reservoir East Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass
St Gabriel's Reservoir Sunday 10am Mass
St Raphael's Preston West Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9am Italian Mass 10.30am Mass
Includes Blessing of palms and procession

Holy Thursday 28 March

St Gabriel's 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
9.30pm Night Prayer
St Raphael's Preston West
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 29 March Way of the Cross

St Stephen's Reservoir East 10am
St. Raphael's Preston West 9.30am

The Lord's Passion

St Gabriel's Reservoir 3pm
St Raphael's Preston West 3pm

Holy Saturday 30 March The Vigil of Easter

St Gabriel's Reservoir 8pm The Vigil of Easter
St Raphael's Preston West 8pm The Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday 31 March

St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am Mass
St Raphael's Preston West
9am Mass *Italian* 10.30am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Raphael's Preston West Saturdays 9.30am

St Stephen's Reservoir East Saturdays 5pm
Wednesdays March 20, 27 10am

St Gabriel's Reservoir Sundays 9am
Tuesday 19 March 9.30am, 7pm
Thursday 21 March 9.30am
Friday 22 March 9.30am, 7pm
Tuesday 26 March 9.30am, 7pm
Thursday 28 March 9.30am

EASTER SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

Register: Parish Office
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