

Processional Hymn CWB 295

Refrain: May this Lenten discipline,  
which we undertake with love,  
turn our minds to things above

Sin has sundered.us from God,  
selfish we have grown and cold,  
foolish were the ways we trod,  
evil habits keep their hold.      *Refrain*

Now we fast that we may feast  
where the Lord of life presides;  
may our hunger be increased  
for the bread which he provides.      *Refrain*

As we keep this Lent with prayer  
and from pleasures are withdrawn,  
minds and bodies we prepare  
for the joy of Easter dawn.      *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8: 31-34 Mark 9: 2-10

*You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendour of the Father.*      (Byzantine Liturgy)

Psalm Response

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud  
the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 434

O raise your eyes on high and see,  
there stands our sovereign Lord;  
his glory is this day revealed,  
his word a two edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour and the pow 'r  
of him who conquered death,  
the Christ in whom the universe  
knows God's creating breath.

Of every creed and nation King,  
in him all strife is stilled;  
the promise made to Abraham  
in him has been fulfilled.

The prophets stand and with great joy  
give witness as they gaze;  
the Father with a sign has sealed  
our trust, our hope, our praise.

This glory that today our eyes  
have glimpsed of God's own Son  
will help us ever sing with love  
of Three who are but One.

Holy Communion CWB 293

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love,  
this love can never be measured;  
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,  
so let us place our trust in God.      *Refrain*

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God,  
whose love can never grow weary.  
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,  
if we can place our trust in God.      *Refrain*

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong  
and love that never grows weary.  
God will seek and save the lost until we all return,  
so let us place our trust in God.      *Refrain*



Recessional Hymn CWB 444  
Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Recessional Hymn CWB 463  
Sunday 10am Mass

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts, thinking about me.  
Christ be on all tongues, telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

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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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2nd Sunday of Lent  
Yr B 25.02.2024

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*  
Wednesday 9am Holy Rosary, 9.30am Mass  
*St Stephen's*

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

*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 & Wednesday 4pm  
Thursday 8.30am Saturday 9am  
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.***

**Sincere thanks** to Ange Braysha, Wnedy Healy, Gary O'Dwyer and Breda Yong-Gee for work in St Gabriel's Church gardens last Saturday (17/2).

6 Parish candidates, sponsors and families attended the **Rite of Election** St Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday (18/2).

8 young men entered **Corpus Christi College** last Sunday, making a total of 20 men studying for the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Corpus Christi College is the regional seminary for Victoria and Tasmania.

The **Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary** have appointed 3 Sisters whom we hope to welcome this year: Sr Jessica Cobrador OP, Sr Josefina Capatan OP and Sr Mayflor Gedalanga OP. They will soon begin visa applications and other arrangements.

The Sisters come with qualifications and expertise in education, pastoral ministry and IT. They will reside at St Raphael's Presbytery Preston West which will become the Dominican Convent.

Please note that the **Friday Italian Mass and Via Crucis** at St Stephen's Reservoir East is cancelled.

During Lent the 3 Priests will celebrate **Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass** in turns at St Stephen's & St Raphael's churches.

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.

**SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**

Parishioners Loretta Piazza and Preethi Saldanha will contact Parish volunteers and employees soon to confirm WWCC registration.

**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.

Sincere thanks to Parish volunteers, employees, St Vincent de Paul and Legion of Mary who have provided a current WWCC card to the Parish Office.



Thursdays 7pm  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre

### 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](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved)  
[volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto: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 Holy Week Missal \$10  
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35  
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90  
St Christopher medals, rosary beads, devotional items

### MELBOURNE THOMISTIC INSTITUTE

St Dominic's Priory 816 Riversdale Rd Camberwell  
6pm Mass 6.45pm sessions \$50

Registration & payment:  
[www.trybooking.com/COTVQ](http://www.trybooking.com/COTVQ)

*If you attend the first session  
and decide that it is not for you,  
you will get a refund of \$30.*

### GREAT WOMEN OF FAITH

Portrait Exhibition by Barbara Skorupa  
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne  
1—10 March 2024  
Details: [maryglowreymuseum.info/Exhibition](http://maryglowreymuseum.info/Exhibition)

*Today we hear Mark's account of Jesus' transfiguration and get a snapshot of his divinity. Six days after predicting his death and resurrection, Jesus shows his glory to Peter, James, and John. In a flash, the disciples' eyes are opened. They can see who Jesus truly is. He is more than a good rabbi, a miraculous healer, or a gifted preacher. He is greater than even Moses or Elijah! Jesus is God.*

*Jesus' disciples didn't fully grasp their mountaintop vision or how they would need to cling to it as Jesus headed toward the cross. They didn't know how their faith would be tested or how important it was that Jesus was more than just a man. And they didn't know what Jesus meant when he said he would die and rise again. But Jesus knew. That's why he told them to keep the revelation to themselves until he had risen from the dead.*

*In his transfiguration, Jesus was giving his disciples a gift to sustain them for the day of his crucifixion. On that day there would not be three tents but three crosses. Jesus would not stand between Moses and Elijah; he would hang between two revolutionaries.*

*On that day they would abandon their teacher and Lord to his cruel end. But Jesus' transfiguration not only helped the disciples during his crucifixion. Even more, it foreshadowed an even greater revelation of his divinity: the resurrection!*

*Jesus' glory was just as present on the cross as it was on the mountaintop. The disciples just couldn't see it. They needed a heavenly perspective - and so do we. That's why Jesus invites us to go up the mountain every day for a glimpse of his glory: to see Jesus, the Son of God, who will be with us always, to the end of time.*

*So whether you're at Mass or confined to your bed, look to Jesus today. Ask him to open your eyes. Let him strengthen your faith and fill you with hope!*

[wau.org](http://wau.org)

**May our dead enjoy the  
blessed vision of divine glory**

#### Recently deceased

Marion Walshe, Louca Sadek

#### Anniversary of death

Francesco & Maria Spina

**Next weekend  
3rd Sunday of Lent  
Year B**

Exodus 20: 1-17  
1 Corinthians 1: 22-25  
John 2: 13-25



*The Ten Commandments form a unity. One commandment refers to another. You cannot arbitrarily toss out individual commandments. Someone who breaks one commandment is violating the whole Law.*

*What is remarkable about the Ten Commandments is that all of human life is included within them. Indeed, we are related at the same time to God (Commandments 1-3) and to our fellow human beings (Commandments 4-10). We are religious and social beings.*

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## 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 Raphael's Preston West 7pm *English / Italian*

### The Scrutinies

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

### NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

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

### MERCY MELBOURNE PRAYER & CONFESSION

Tuesday 19 March 6pm—9pm  
Solemnity of St Joseph

*The partnered Parishes offer the following program as  
our participation in Mercy Melbourne,  
along with Parishes across  
the Archdiocese of Melbourne.*

7pm Mass / Eucharistic Adoration / Reconciliation  
*St Gabriel's Reservoir & St Raphael's Preston West*

### 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

#### LAETARE

Fresh Roast Mobile Café  
Sunday 10 March 10am Mass  
*St Gabriel's*

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
**FOR ALL FUTURE  
GENERATIONS**



## 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  
Email: [reservoir@cam.org.au](mailto:reservoir@cam.org.au)