

## Processional Hymn

*Chorus:* May the Spirit of Christ  
Be our hope through the day,  
Be our guard through the night,  
Our companion on the way.

Christ be ever before us,  
Christ be ever behind us,  
Christ be ever within. *Chorus*

Christ upon our left hand watching,  
At our right hand guiding,  
Christ above, beneath us guarding,  
Near to us abiding. *Chorus*

Christ be in each holy silence,  
Christ be in our speaking,  
Christ in ev'ry work we offer,  
Ever in our seeking. *Chorus*

## Liturgy of the Word

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Hebrews 5: 7-9 John 12: 20-33



*Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.*

## Psalm Response

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Preparation of the Gifts

Lay your hands gently upon us,  
Let their touch render your peace,  
Let them bring your forgiveness and healing,  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

*Chorus:* You were sent to free the broken-hearted,  
You were sent to give sight to the blind,  
You desire to heal all our illnesses,  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

Lord, we come to you through one another,  
Lord, we come to you in our need,  
Lord, we come to you seeking wholeness,  
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

## Holy Communion 1

Take and eat, come have your fill now.  
Take this bread, come as you will.  
For the life of the world, be, be not afraid.

Take this cup, take and be filled now.  
Take and drink, come as you are.  
For the life of the world, be, be not afraid.

Take my song, come be refreshed now.  
Take and live, take and be free.  
For the life of the world, be, be not afraid

## Holy Communion 2

*Chorus:*  
Unless a grain of wheat fall to the ground and die,  
It remains a single grain.  
But if it die it will yield a rich harvest.  
In his own body, by his own wounds,  
He brought our sins to the cross, and suffered for you;  
Poured out his life-blood upon the tree,  
Poured our hid life-blood for you and for me. *Chorus*

Do not draw back now, do not be shy.  
Turn not away from him who paid the price.  
Come to his table, sit by his side.  
There he awaits you; the Lord of Life. *Chorus*

## Recessional Hymn

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*

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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

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

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www.stgabrielsreservoir.org

**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

## 5th Sunday of Lent Yr B 17.03.2024

### MASS & RECONCILIATION

**Tuesday Mercy Melbourne**  
6—9pm Reconciliation Eucharistic Adoration  
7pm Mass *St Gabriel's*

**Wednesday St Gabriel's**  
8.30am Mass

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

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

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

**Friday Italian Mass and Via Crucis  
at St Stephen's Reservoir East is cancelled**

**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 7pm,  
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.***



Melbourne Parishes host **Mercy Melbourne**—a night of Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation, Tuesday 19 March—the Solemnity of St Joseph. St Gabriel's and St Raphael's Churches will be open 6pm-9pm. Jesus Christ in the Eucharist invites our silent prayer, adoration, time and love. Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation offers his mercy, the love of his Sacred Heart. 7pm Mass for the feast of St Joseph at both St Gabriel's and St Raphael's Churches.

**Commencing weekend 6-7 April  
the following Masses will be provided:**

**St Stephen's Reservoir East  
& St Raphael's Preston West Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass**

**St Raphael's Preston West  
Sunday 9am *Italian*, 10.30am**

**St Gabriel's Reservoir  
Sunday 9am Mass**

At Sunday 10am Mass today our RCIA group undergo the **Third Scrutiny** made up of Intercession, Exorcism and anointing with the Oil of Catechumens. We pray for our 6 candidates that, as God searches their hearts, they will hear his call to Catholic life, the gift of repentance and mercy, and the joy of the Gospel. Our parish RCIA meets each Thursday 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.

Parishioners are invited to help out with **gardening at St Gabriel's** Saturday 23 March 9am—11am. Contact Ange 0401 858 717.

The **Easter Offering** provides extra support for our Bishops and Priests. Easter Offering envelopes are included in the Thanksgiving series and at the entry of St Gabriel's and St Stephen's Churches. Thank you for your generous support of our Pastors in the weekly collection and at Christmas and Easter.



## 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 Holy Week Missal \$10  
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35  
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90  
St Christopher medals, rosary beads, devotional items

## WALK WITH MARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne  
TODAY Sunday 17 March 2pm  
www.thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com

## 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

## 2024 PATRICK ORATION

Presented by Archbishop Comensoli  
Monday 18 March 7.30pm  
TV Channel C31 youtube.com/archmelb

## PARISH YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday 7 April  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre  
10.30am—12noon lunch included  
\$10 working \$5 non working / student  
*We will view the new film 'Cabirini'*

## MENS DINNER

Darebin RSL 402 Bell St Preston  
Tuesday 9 April 6.30pm  
Register: Tim Rebbechi  
0412 799 845 tim.rebbechi@gmail.com

## GLORY OF EUROPE

Immerse yourself in rich history and profound spirituality on a tour from Lisbon to Rome with Chaplain Fr Simon Grainger. \$5300 exclusive of airfare. The tour commences 21 September 2024.  
Enquiries / booking:  
0459 726 360 nativitytoursau@gmail.com

## THE THIRD SCRUTINY

These rites complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.  
RCIA 75

After the Homily, the candidates and their sponsors come forward and stand before the Celebrant.



Intercessions for the Elect  
Prayer of Exorcism  
Laying on of hands  
Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens  
Profession of Faith

*Today is not the first time in John's Gospel that Jesus uses the image of being "lifted up" to describe his crucifixion. Earlier, Jesus compared Moses' lifting of the serpent in the desert to himself being "lifted up". Then, speaking to the religious leaders, he said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM".*

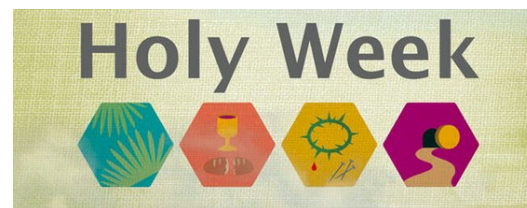
*Of course, after Jesus was nailed to a cross, he was physically lifted up. But John's repeated use of the phrase goes beyond that. Jesus' crucifixion, as horrible and painful as it was, was also an exaltation. That's because through his cross and resurrection, Jesus saved the world. It was a victory over sin, Satan, and death.*

*This is the paradox of the cross. It was through Jesus' suffering and death that he was glorified - and brought glory to his Father's name. It was by becoming that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that Jesus was able to produce "much fruit". That "fruit" - our salvation - is why we reverence the cross. It is also why Jesus could talk of his impending death as a lifting up. It was truly a triumph of love over death.*

*Jesus also promised to "draw everyone" to himself. This, too, was the fruit of his sacrifice. The cross removed the barrier of sin that blocked our relationship with the Father. Now, forgiven and made blameless through Jesus' blood, we have become sons and daughters of God. Drawn into the heart of the Trinity, we can enjoy eternal life with God, both now and forever.*

*Today at Mass, gaze at the crucifix above the altar and let it speak to you of God's infinite love for you. Then praise and thank Jesus for his willingness to suffer and die so that you might live.*

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Next weekend  
Palm / Passion Sunday  
Year B

Mark 11: 1—10  
Isaiah 50: 4—7  
Philippians 2: 6—11  
Mark 15: 1 – 39

## ESAME DI COSCIENZA

*Consiste nell'interrogarsi sul male commesso e il bene ommesso: verso Dio, il prossimo e se stessi.*

### Nei confronti di Dio

Mi rivolgo a Dio solo nel bisogno?

Partecipo alla Messa la domenica e le feste di precetto?

Comincio e chiudo la giornata con la preghiera?

Ho nominato invano Dio, la Vergine, i Santi?

Mi sono vergognato di dimostrarmi cristiano?

Cosa faccio per crescere spiritualmente?  
Come? Quando?

Mi ribello davanti ai disegni di Dio?

Pretendo che egli compia la mia volontà?

### Nei confronti del prossimo

So perdonare, compatire, aiutare il prossimo?

Ho calunniato, rubato, disprezzato i piccoli e gli indifesi?

Sono invidioso, collerico, parziale?

Ho cura dei poveri e dei malati?

Mi vergogno della carne di mio fratello, della mia sorella?

Sono onesto e giusto con tutti o alimento la "cultura dello scarto"?

Ho istigato altri a fare il male?

Osservo la morale coniugale e familiare insegnata dal Vangelo?

Come vivo le responsabilità educative verso i figli?

Onoro e rispetto i miei genitori?

Ho rifiutato la vita appena concepita?

Ho spento il dono della vita?

Ho aiutato a farlo? Rispetto l'ambiente?

Nei confronti di sé Sono un po' mondano e un po' credente?

Esagero nel mangiare, bere, fumare, divertirmi?

Mi preoccupo troppo della salute fisica, dei miei beni?

Come uso il mio tempo? Sono pigro?

Voglio essere servito? Amo e coltivo la purezza di cuore, di pensieri e di azioni?

Medito vendette, nutro rancori?

Sono mite, umile, costruttore?

*Mio Dio, mi pento e mi dolgo con tutto il cuore  
dei miei peccati,  
perché peccando ho meritato i tuoi castighi,  
e molto più perché ho offeso te,  
infinitamente buono  
e degno di essere amato sopra ogni cosa.  
Propongo col tuo santo aiuto  
di non offenderti mai più  
e di fuggire le occasioni prossime di peccato.  
Signore, misericordia, perdonami.*

# 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 27 10am

St Gabriel's Reservoir Sundays 9am  
Tuesday 19 March 6-9pm  
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