

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 Hours:

St Raphael's 17 Hardy St Preston West 9470 2586
prestonwest@cam.org.au Monday 9am—1pm

St Gabriel's 1 Viola St Reservoir 3073 9460 6036
reservoir@cam.org.au
Wednesday & Thursday 9am—1pm Friday 9am—3pm

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

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
07.04.2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY Sunday 7 April St Patrick's Cathedral
2pm Eucharistic Adoration
Holy Rosary / Reconciliation
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet / Mass

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

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

Friday *St Gabriel's*

Saturday *St Stephen's*
5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday *St Gabriel's*
8am Reconciliation 9am 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 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
St Raphael's Church
BSB: 083-347 Account Number: 643968007



Our Partnered Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of everyone including children and vulnerable adults. Please make sure children are supervised at all times within church buildings and on church grounds.

Sincere thanks to all who assisted with our celebration of Lent, Holy Week and Easter In our partnered parishes

- Palm / olive branches: Gianna Spina, Calogero Pitinga, Anglican Parish, Numurkah—Nathalia
- Altar servers, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Music Ministry, Colin Jenkins
- Sacristy: Ange & Ofelia Braysha, Nick Cachia, Parker Maloney
- Parish Office: Gracie Forde, Hung Chau, Bonnie Wilson, Liza Powell, Carol Hawkesford
- Easter Candles: Moira Mullan
- Flowers: Cory Medilo, lillypadweddings.com.au
- Altar Cloths: St Gabriel's linen roster:
- St Stephen's: Helene Nowak, John & Lucy Lilburne, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion
- St Gabriel's RCIA: Gabriel Borg; Joseph, Lucas & Martese Gutterres; Giuseppe Saia; Diane Yuri. Sponsors. RCIA team
- St Raphael's RCIA: Damon Mark Beeby; Augustine Mehrdad Shoeiby; Samuel Thinh Tran. Sponsors. 4 children received First Holy Communion: Leonard Adams; Basil Merlino; Ava & Olivia Villagrasa
- Baptism garments & candles: nancycreations.com.au
- Mission: Love Real Estate reservoir@lovere.com.au
- Relics of Sts Thomas Aquinas, Gerard Magella and Pius X: Estate of Monsignor Diamond RIP, Albert Maatouk
- Mercy Melbourne: Legion of Mary

Parish Young Adults meet next 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 'Cabrini'*

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

The **Parish office** is open Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am to 1pm and Fridays 9am to 3pm. The Parish office is happy to manage enquiries about Baptism and Funerals, Parish administration, etc. A message can be left on voicemail or sent by email outside office hours. *We welcome parish secretary Liza Powell.*

The **Easter offering** provides extra support for our Bishops and Priests. Thank you!

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be placed in baskets at St Gabriel's, St Stephen's & St Raphael's.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Northern Region Festival
St Stephen's Church & Hall Reservoir East
Saturday 18 May 6pm

- 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*

PIETY STALL

St Gabriel's & St Raphael's Churches

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35

St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90

St Christopher medals, rosary beads, devotional items

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

Wednesdays 1.30pm

St Raphael's Church Preston West

Inquiries: Marijana 0422 340 675

GLORY OF EUROPE

Fr Simon Grainger will accompany a wonderful tour to the great Holy Places of Europe. Departing Lisbon 22 September concludes in Rome 3 October. Highlights: shrines of Our Lady Fatima & Lourdes; Crown of Thorns Sainte Chapelle Paris; tomb of St Mark Venice; Padua: shrine of St Anthony, tomb of St Luke; Assisi: St Francis, St Clare, Bl Carlo Acutis; Rome: St Peter, St Paul, Audience with Pope Francis. Excellent hotels.

Enquiries / booking: Liza Powell 0459 726 360
nativitytoursau@gmail.com

ST RAPHAEL'S PARISH LUNCHEON

Darebin RSL 402 Bell St Preston

Thursday 11 April 12noon

ALPHA

St Francis of Assisi Hall Childs Rd Mill Park

Thursday 11 April (10 weeks) 7—9.30pm

trybooking.com/CPYNW



The Church honours Christ's resurrection with utmost solemnity. The oldest, longest, and most festive season, Easter is the high point of the liturgical year. The resurrection is the turning point in history. Above all other seasons it is a time of great Christian joy and hope, the celebration of what we are now and of what we too will be some day. God draws us into the paschal mystery of his beloved Son who has conquered the forces of sin and death and now lives in us, the Church.

Easter Time is a period of 50 days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. These seven weeks are celebrated as one "great Sunday": a week of weeks, with Pentecost as the 50th day, the grand finale of Easter (7 x 7 +1). We are now commissioned to: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to all creation" (Mk 16:15).

The Easter season is the overflow of the Paschal Triduum, the Christian Passover. At the sacred Easter Vigil the Church keeps watch, awaiting Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Vigil's climax is the most solemn Eucharist of the entire year. In the paschal mystery of Christ, made present and active in the liturgy, we "become partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pt 1:4). On this night of our redemption and gladness, heaven is joined to earth and divine realities are joined to earthly ones (Rev 21:1-8). Easter Sunday - Sunday of the Resurrection - signifies the first day of creation, and Easter's final Sunday, Pentecost, the eighth Sunday, is the first day of the new creation.

When the liturgy of eight Easter Sundays is allowed to speak for itself in all its symbolic richness, it has the power to form and nourish our Catholic Christian identity.

The great symbol of the Easter candle proclaims and honours the presence of the risen Lord of life: "Christ is risen, Alleluia!" It is lit in the octave of the first eight days celebrated as a solemnity of the Lord, and in all liturgies through to the solemnity of Pentecost. Baptism calls us to walk as children of this light. It is lit at Mass for those who have died in Christ, gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

The rite for blessing and sprinkling of water as a memorial of Baptism may be used in place of the penitential rite. Singing is an expression of joy and an expression of love. The Gloria and Alleluia are sung. We praise God with Alleluias on our lips,

All the readings of this one great Sunday are from the New Testament: the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of John. The second reading consists of excerpts from 1 Peter, 1 John and Revelation.

The Eucharistic Prayer offers a choice of five Easter prefaces. Poignantly, each concludes: "Overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory... 'Holy, holy...'"

Fresh altar linens, best white or gold vestments, and fresh flowers welcome worshippers with a display of on-going festivity. Such attention speaks of the Ars Celebrandi, the art of proper celebration that fosters the community's full and fruitful participation: paschal joy extended (Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 38-42).

ACU Centre for Liturgy March 2024

PROCESSIONAL HYMN CWB 349

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

O sons and daughters let us sing!
The King of heav'n, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My wounded side, O Thomas, see;
behold my hands, my feet," said he;
not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied,
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
Happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe! Alleluia!

Our belief in the teachings and resurrection of Jesus prompts us to be a part of the Christian community. In turn, our experience of Christian community strengthens our faith. It was only when Thomas was with the other disciples that he met the risen Christ and came to believe in him. It is a simple truth that faith builds community and community builds faith.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS CWB 360

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pain that he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now exalted he is King, Alleluia!
and the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, now his might confess, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Spirit blest. Alleluia!

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HOLY COMMUNION CWB 162

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
masked by these bare shadows,
shape and nothing more.

See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
how says trusty hearing? that shall be believed:
what God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly, or there's nothing true.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;
this faith each day deeper be my holding of,
daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

Jesus, whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech thee send me what I long for so,
some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
and be blest forever with thy glory's sight.

RECESSIONAL HYMN CWB 366

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
Alleluia, alleluia!

when to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
Alleluia, alleluia!

those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
who with your grace our hearts possess,
Alleluia, alleluia!

that we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May the risen Christ bring the dead to share in his victory

Recently deceased

Michael McComb, PT Divasia, Anne Dodd,
Giuseppe Di Benedetto, Ugo Cendron

Anniversaries

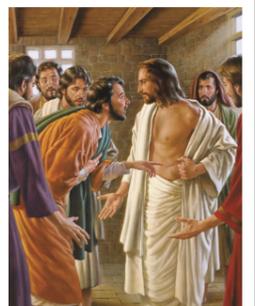
Caterina Tresca, Thi Huu Tran,
Mario Predebon, Lino Piscioneri,
John Michael Hardy, Michael John Lawson

Next weekend 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love is everlasting.**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love is everlasting.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love is everlasting.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said.

Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

May the Sick experience the healing touch of God

Giuseppina, Cabrini, Dorothy, Marie, Raffaella, Claudia, Cesarina, Pauline, Graeme, Patrick, Luana, Gitti, Coradina, Angela, Tanya, Narelle, Trish, Grace, Marelle, Peter, Isidoro, Anne, Kevin, Daniella, Aemon, Nelson, Adam, Joseph, Grazie, Frances, Mariana, Kristiana, Tamika

Anniversaries at St Raphael’s

Sunday 7 April 9am

Mario Predebon 10 years

Ugo Cendron 1 month

Saturday 13 April 9am

John Michael Hardy 6 years

Michael John Lawson 34 years

Sunday 14 April 10.30am

Lino Piscioneri

Parishioners are kindly asked to make their requests for anniversary Masses IN WRITING to St Raphael’s Parish office Mondays 9am to 1pm.



April

Thursdays April 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16
6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration / Night Prayer

St Gabriel’s Church

7pm Mystagogia Catholicism

St Gabriel’s Parish Centre

Sunday 7 April

10.30am Parish Young Adults

St Gabriel’s Parish Centre

Tuesday 9 April

6pm Mens *Dinner Darebin RSL*

Wednesday 17 April

5.30pm Celebration of Confirmation

St Gabriel’s Church

Sunday 21 April World Day of Prayer for Vocations

6pm ACCC Holy Hour *St Gabriel’s Church*

Weekend 27—28 April

CDF Community Fund Presentation

Reservoir—Reservoir East

May

Wednesdays May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Holy Rosary *St Stephen’s 9am*

St Raphael’s 3.30pm

Sunday 5 May

CDF Community Fund Presentation Preston West

10.30am Marian Reflection *St Gabriel’s Parish Centre*

Sunday 12 May Mothers Day

Monday 13 May Our Lady of Fatima

7pm Holy Rosary 7.30pm Mass 8.30pm Procession

9pm Eucharistic Adoration Benediction

Weekend 18 -19 May Pentecost

Saturday St Vincent de Paul Festival

6pm Vigil Mass *St Stephen’s*

Relics of St Thomas Aquinas *St Raphael’s*

Thursday 23 May Feast of Christ the Priest

8.45am Morning Prayer 9am Mass *St Gabriel’s*

Weekend 25—26 May Trinity Sunday

Relics of St Thomas Aquinas

Reservoir—Reservoir East

June

Weekend 1-2 June Corpus Christi

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Friday 7 June Sacred Heart of Jesus

Weekend 8-9 June

St Anthony’s Bread *Reservoir—Reservoir East*

Friday 14 June

9.30am First Reconciliation *St Gabriel’s MACS*

Weekend 15-16 June

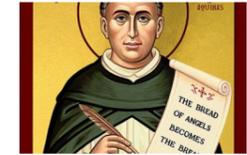
St Anthony’s Bread *St Raphael’s*

10.30am Anniversary of 1st Mass (1963)

St Raphael’s

MYSTAGOGIA

The third step of Christian initiation is followed by the final period, the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogia. The neophytes are introduced into a fuller and more effective understanding of mysteries through the Gospel message they have learned and above all through their experience of the sacraments they have received.



RELICS OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS

We welcome Fr Joseph Vnuk OP. He brings with him the Relics of St Thomas Aquinas. This year marks 750 years since the death of St Thomas, and the 800th anniversary of his canonisation in 2025. Fr Vnuk will share with us something of the life, teaching and witness of St Thomas with the opportunity for us to venerate his relics.



ST ANTHONY’S BREAD

We honour the feast of St Anthony of Padua with the blessing and distribution of St Anthony’s bread. A popular custom recalling St Anthony’s many miracles and a deeply loved saint.

CDF COMMUNITY FUND

We hear about the Catholic Development Fund and its Community Fund, offering competitive interest rates. The Community Fund supports and grows Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and initiatives in the life of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FESTIVAL

A gathering of local St Vincent de Paul Parish Conferences, Vinnies stores and special works in the Northern Region. We recognise the good works of the Society, its volunteers and the apostolate of charity.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This year’s focus is the Church in Mongolia. Catholic Mission has developed a strong relationship with this community where it is definitely a matter of quality not quantity. Mongolia has a small Catholic population (1500 people) but is very rich in faith. Catholic Mission took a lead role in the organization of Pope Francis’ recent Apostolic visit. We are very eager to share a message of hope and good news. catholicmission.org