

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

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

21.04.2024

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Friday

9am Mass *St Gabriel’s*

Wednesday

9.30am Mass *St Stephen’s*

THURSDAY 25 APRIL ANZAC DAY

Masses

8.30am *St Raphael’s*

9am *St Gabriel’s*

Dawn Service

Reservoir RSL

5.30AM Edwardes Street Cenotaph.

Darebin RSL

6am All Nations Park Separation St Northcote

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Parishioners are warmly invited to join priests and semi-narians at **Holy Hour** today at 7pm St Gabriel’s Church Reservoir. This special time includes Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

MARIAN REFLECTION

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia will lead us in a **Marian Reflection** Sunday 5 May 10.30am—1pm St Gabriel’s Parish Centre. The Sisters will provide 2 talks, with time for reflection, concluding with Holy Rosary. Light lunch. \$5.
*Please register at St Gabriel’s parish office 9460 6036
reservoir@cam.org.au*

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Monday 13 May St Gabriel’s Church Reservoir

7pm Holy Rosary 7.30pm Holy Mass

8.30pm Procession 9pm Benediction.

Sincere thanks to parishioners who welcome the **statue of Our Lady of Fatima** to their homes for Rosary leading up to 13 May. Please fell welcome to come to these homes and St Gabriel’s Church to pray the Rosary:
Monday 22 April 3pm Unit 5/465 Murray Rd Preston
Tuesday 23 April 3pm 14 Leonard St Preston
Wednesday 24 April 3pm 10 Hardy St Preston
Thursday 25 April 2pm 18 Collins St West Preston
Friday 26 April 2pm 24 Bartlett St Preston
Saturday 27 April 3pm 8 Halsey St Reservoir
Sunday 28 April 3pm St Gabriel’s Church Reservoir

The **Easter Offering** provides extra support for our Bish-ops and Priests. Thank you for your generous support of our Pastors in the weekly collection.

Parish RCIA continues with **Mystagogia** Thursdays at St Gabriel’s Parish Centre. This year we present Bishop Robert Barron’s DVD series *Catholicism*.
6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration & Night Prayer
St Gabriel’s Church
7pm *St Gabriel’s Parish Centre*

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

Fr Pritchard met with MACS officials, Brian Hanley (Principal) and School leaders St Monica’s College and St Gabriel’s School on Wednesday and Thursday to finalise the closure of **St Stephen’s school Reservoir East**. St Monica’s College will open Year 8 Campus for 200+ stu-dents commencing Term 1 2025. Works will commence on the St Stephen’s site soon.

FESTA DELLA MADONNA DI POMPEI

Chiesa di San Raffaele Preston West
Domenica 5 Maggio
2pm Santo Rosario 2.30pm Messa
Enquiries Mario 9470 1725 Felice 9478 8556

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

ALPHA

St Francis of Assisi Hall Childs Rd Mill Park
Thursday 11 April (10 weeks) 7—9.30pm
trybooking.com/CPYNW

CDF COMMUNITY FUND

St Stephen's: Saturday 27 April 6pm Mass
St Gabriel's : Sunday 28 April 9am Mass
St Raphael's : Sunday 5 May 10.30am Mass

CDF Community Fund offers competitive interest rates. The Community Fund supports and grows Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and initiatives in the life of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

GLORY OF EUROPE

With Fr Simon Grainger. Departing Lisbon 22 September concludes in Rome 3 October. Shrines of Our Lady Fatima & Lourdes; Sainte Chapelle Paris; Padua: shrine of St Anthony, tomb of St Luke; Assisi: St Francis, St Clare, Bl Carlo Acutis. Audience with Pope Francis. Excellent hotels. Booking: Liza Powell 0459 726 360
nativitytoursau@gmail.com

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Prayerful Easter greetings !

May the Risen Christ bless you and the parishioners of St Raphael 's, St Stephen's and St Gabriel's with abundant blessings of joy, peace and love this Easter season.

*I would like to acknowledge the financial gift you sent us last Christmas and this Easter.
On behalf of all the Sisters,
I would like to express our deep gratitude and appreciation for your generosity and thoughtfulness .
We are truly happy and thankful for sharing with us your blessings .*

You are all being remembered in our prayers and Masses during this Easter Season at our Motherhouse in Iloilo .

Looking forward to visit you again with the Sisters who will be assigned there to assist you to serve the community at the partnered parishes.

Sincerely yours, Mother Nemia OP

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS vocations@cam.org.au

Heavenly Father, help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life and assist them to prepare for it. For your greater glory, and for the service of your people, call many to be Priests and Religious. Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May Christ the Good Shepherd gather the Faithful departed

Tamika recently deceased

Anniversary of death

Domenico, Ferrentino, Luigi Maraso,
William Maurie & Marie Therese Ahern,
Wenifrede Eligedo



Next weekend 5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15: 1-8

PROCESSIONAL HYMN CWB 348

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God who does wondrous things,
let all the people God's praises now sing,
All of creation in splendour shall ring: Alleluia! *Refrain*

See how salvation for all has been won,
up from the grave our new life has begun,
life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia! *Refrain*

Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
shine in the faces of all of us here,
fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia! *Refrain*

Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,
wanting to see you in all that we do,
we would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia!

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Psalm Response

The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I
am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

PREPARATION OF GIFTS CWB 619

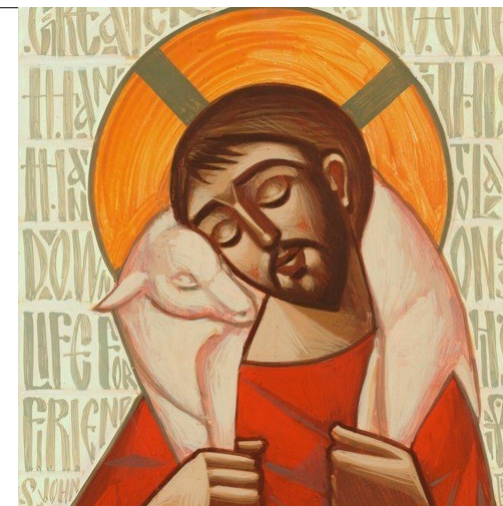
The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Refrain

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey
to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains
we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

Refrain



HOLY COMMUNION CWB 651

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ out poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *Refrain*

RECESSIONAL HYMN CWB 357

Good Shepherd, you know us, you call us by name.
You lead us; we gladly acknowledge your claim.
Your voice has compelled us; we come at your call.
And none you have chosen will finally fall.

Good Shepherd, you warn us of robbers and thieves,
the hireling, the wolf who destroys and deceives.
All praise for your promise on which we shall stand,
that no one can snatch us away from your hand.

Good Shepherd, you lay down your life for the sheep.
Your love is not fickle, your gift is not cheap.
You spend your life freely, you take it again.
You died, so we live; we are healed by your pain.

At one with the Father, you made yourself known:
'I am the Good Shepherd', at one with your own.
You loved us before we had heeded or heard;
by grace we respond to your life giving word.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1st READING Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the key-stone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

2nd READING 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 10: 11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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

Anniversary Masses at St Raphael's
Sunday 21 April 2024 9am
Luigi Maraso

St Raphael's Parish Office
Mondays 9am — 1pm
Telephone : 9470 2586
Email: prestonwest@cam.org.au

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

"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." What moved us about this image is the feeling of security we have. His sheep are just as important to this shepherd as his own life-even more important. At the critical moment he does not run away, does not abandon his charges in order to keep himself safe and save his own skin. Anyone with a shepherd like that knows he is safe.

How badly we all need people like that, people who do not think only about themselves and their own comfort. How very much do children need such parents, workers such bosses, and believers such priests and bishops. How very much we need people who undertake their tasks, not merely as a job, but as pastoral care.

The good shepherd does not abandon his flock when "things get hot", when the wolf became a threat to the flock. Part of a pastor's task is being prepared to stand up in person to evil, to what may hurt people—not to let things run their course so as to avoid taking unpleasant steps.

Parents are good shepherds whenever they do not simply let everything pass, when they protect their children from negative influences. And Christ, the "Chief Shepherd", expects the shepherds of the Church, the pastors, to have the courage not just say "yes" and "Amen" to everything, merely to avoid rubbing people the wrong way. Jesus set an example of how the shepherd has to protect those who belong to him, even at the cost of being unpopular.

"I know my own and my own knows me." The shepherd knows his flock, and his flock knows him. We usually know pretty quickly whether a "shepherd" is concerned for us or for himself. Children are hurt, not by their parents being strict, but by the feeling that they do not matter to their parents. We are deeply moved when we meet people who are good shepherds. And God be thanked, they are there: in the family, in professional life, in politics, and in the Church. They impart what we need so much, a feeling of care and security. We should be grateful to them. Yet no one is more of a shepherd, in that sense, than Jesus himself. No one loves us as he does. Only he is wholly and completely "the good shepherd"

Cardinal Christoph Schonborn OP



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