

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 Church 1 Viola St Reservoir 3073
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	St Raphael's Church 17 Hardy St Preston West 3072

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B
05.05.2024

May is the month of Mary

Holy Rosary

Wednesdays May 8,15,22,29
9am St Stephen's Reservoir East
3.30pm St Raphael's Preston West

Festa della Madonna di Pompei

Chiesa di San Raffaele Preston West
Domenica 5 Maggio
2pm Santo Rosario 2.30pm Messa

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Mass St Gabriel's

Wednesday St Stephen's

9am Rosary 9.30am Mass

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 8.30am Saturday 9am
Friday 9.15am St Raphael's School
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: 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.

We welcome the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia
who lead us in a Marian Reflection
TODAY 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.

Catholic Care Victoria works with individuals, families
and communities to build strength, resilience, and em-
powerment to reach their full potential. Your generous
donation will help the most vulnerable members of our
community— those facing unemployment and homeless-
ness, those experiencing mental health challenges, fam-
ilies struggling with relationship problems, people in
hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and
those experiencing grief and trauma.

You can donate to Catholic Care Victoria using the ap-
peal envelope, online catholiccarevic.org.au.
Donations \$2+ are tax deductible.

The annual mass count is conducted
Weekends May 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26
This annual Mass count is important for diocesan and
pastoral planning, provision of clergy and services.

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved at our three
churches in the tabernacle at the Mass altar. The Tab-
ernacle is one of the most venerable places in every
church. We genuflect before any tabernacle. Certainly,
anyone who is really following Christ will recognize him
in the poorest of the poor and serve him in them. But he
will also find time to spend in adoration before the tab-
ernacle and offer his love to our Eucharistic Lord.
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On Thursday 9 May 6.30pm there is Eucharistic Adora-
tion at St Gabriel's church Reservoir. At 7pm Liturgy of
the Word with a homily given by Ray El-Fakhry, a semi-
narian for the Maronite diocese. Our RCIA group and
others then meet in St Gabriel's Parish Centre, includ-
ing Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series Catholicism.

The Easter Offering provides extra support for our
Bishops and Priests. Thank you for your generous sup-
port of our Pastors in the weekly collection.

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.
- Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference is now responding to welfare calls from Preston West. Members of our Partner Parishes are warmly invited to join the Society in its mission of charity and outreach.

Contact Conference president Andreu Dos Santos
reservoir.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

- **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

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

ANNUAL MASS

Friday 24 May 7.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

WOMEN'S RETREAT

'The Seeker of Souls'

St Peter's Church 581 Toorak Rd Toorak

Saturday 1 June 9am—12.15pm

Mass Eucharistic Adoration Reconciliation/Presentation
by Fr Trevor Tibbertsma

Registration: trybooking.com/CQACG



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 feel welcome to come to these homes to pray the Rosary:

Sunday 5 May 3pm 503/10 Linh Ave Preston

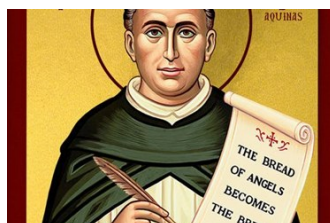
Monday 6 May 2pm 23 Reidford Ave Preston

Tuesday 7 May 2pm 1141 Gloucester St Preston

Wednesday 8 May 10am 6 Fetting St Preston

Thursday 9 May 2pm 18 Crispe St Reservoir

Friday 10 May 9.15am Mass St Raphael's Preston West



RELICS OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS

May 18-19 Preston West

Weekend May 25-26 Reservoir-Reservoir East

Fr Joseph Vnuk OP 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.

Our dead called to be purified in perfect love

Recently deceased

Giacomo Milazzo, Francesco Barilaro, Salvatore Torre, Yvonne Hodgson

Anniversary of Death

Fiorentino & Anna-Maria Tomasi

Rosa Giordano

Next weekend ASCENSION OF THE LORD YR B

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20



PROCESSIONAL HYMN CWB 553

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with men, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

Refrain: Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name. *Refrain*

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law. *Refrain*

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word



Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

Psalm Response

I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them. Alleluia!

We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but do we also think of him, as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we should do two things: acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus we have both the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS CWB 443

Refrain: A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall others know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.

By this shall others know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another. *Refrain*

HOLY COMMUNION CWB 469

Christians, let us love one another,
as we share the true living bread.
Jesus is our God and our brother;
with his flesh and blood we are fed
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

We who break this bread are one body,
we who share this cup are all one,
children of our Father in heaven,
sharers of the life of God's Son.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

We who eat and drink at this table
die and rise again with our Lord,
drawing from our rock living water
for all men who thirst for accord.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

Wheat and grape incarnate a mystery;
Jesus is the true living bread.
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,
trusting in the word he has said.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

Jesus is the vine, we the branches;
we are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.
Those who eat this bread live for ever,
one with Christ, our Lord and our head.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

RECESSIONAL HYMN CWB 99

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

We welcome Fr Cameron Forbes

CDF COMMUNITY FUND
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 Melbourne.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

1st READING Acts 9:26-31
As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days. The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 97(98):1-4
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2nd READING 1 John 4:7-10
My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Any-one who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.
The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 17:11-19
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.' The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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, Alice, Tina Forte

Anniversary Masses
Sunday 5 May 2024 10.30am
Elisa Sou-Li Savic-Wong
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.

Festival Mass

2024 PRESTON REGIONAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL MASS AND GATHERING

WHEN: Saturday 18th May, 6pm
WHERE: St Stephen's Catholic Parish Hall
71 Whitelaw St, Reservoir

This inspiring event—which celebrates our year in service—will include:

- Mass
- Commissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Presidents.
- Commissioning and recommissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Members, Associate Members and Volunteers.
- Presentation of long service badges and acknowledgment of Emeritus Vincentians.
- Social gathering with light supper provided.

"[Festivals] encourage and maintain unity of both spirit and action among members and volunteers." The Rule

Everyone is encouraged to invite family, friends and parishioners to come along.

We look forward to seeing you there!

