

**Partnered Parishes St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East
St Raphael Preston West, St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North**

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**St Gabriel's Church
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**St Stephen's Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073**

**St Raphael's Church
17 Hardy St Preston West 3072**

**St Joseph the Worker Church
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073**

**6th Sunday of Easter Yr C
25 May 2025**

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Gabriel's Church

9am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

St Stephen of Hungary Church

9.30am Tuesday

St Joseph the Worker Church

9.15am Wednesday & Thursday

St Raphael's Church

9.15am Friday

**HOLY ROSARY &
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays of May 8.30am

St Gabriel's & St Joseph the Worker churches

Fridays of May 8.30am

St Raphael's Church

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday **4pm Reconciliation**
5pm Vigil Mass
1st Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass
Maltese Reservoir North

Saturday **6.30pm Vigil Mass**
Reservoir East
Reconciliation on request

Saturday **6.30pm Vigil Mass**
Preston West

Sunday **9am Mass English/Italian**
Reservoir North

Sunday **8am Reconciliation Reservoir**
9am Mass Reservoir

Sunday **10.30am Mass Preston West**
English/Italian

**Thanksgiving & Clergy support
by direct debit**

St Gabriel's & St Stephen's Church
BSB: 083-347 Account: 639372585
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BSB: 083-347 Account: 643968007
St Joseph the Worker Church
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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. Parishioners are invited to provide small bread rolls for the blessing of bread at each of our churches weekend 14-15 June.

St Raphael's parishioners are invited to host morning tea after 10.30am Mass Sunday 15 June to mark the anniversary of the first Mass at St Raphael's (16 June 1964) and the consecration of St Raphael's church (25 June 1989).

***If you would like to help, please contact
St Gabriel's Parish office 0487 116 154
St Joseph the Worker Parish office 9460 3013***

Joy pervaded the air at the **blessing and rededication** of St Stephen / Gaudete Yr 8 Campus Reservoir East last Sunday (18/5). Principal Brian Hanley OAM and School Advisory Council Chair Mario Bernadi recalled that the original inspiration for a secondary college in this part of Melbourne began with a vision for Catholic life and education shared by priests and families in 1958. In 1964 St Monica's College opened its doors, administered by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. In its 61st year, the College "came home" to Reservoir, with a yr 8 Campus offering an innovative program, concentrating on numeracy and literacy over 2 terms. St Stephen's Church was given a deep clean in readiness for last Sunday's celebration. A joyful Mass, blessing of school buildings and a festive lunch made for an historic day in the life of our Partnered Parishes, the wider region, and St Monica's College.

We specially acknowledge Principal Brian Hanley OAM; Executive Deputy Principal Paula Di Maria; Deputy Principal Bernadette Harris assembled a display of historic materials; campus director Alicia Xerri; campus leader Damian Monaghan; Steven Walsh; Deacon Ferdinand Correya; musicians and choir; St Monica's College students & families.

*Parishioners are invited to help at a **working bee** in the grounds of St Gabriel's church Reservoir Saturday 31 May 9am—11am. Enquiries & contact: Ange 0401 858 717.*

Srs Josefina OP and May Flor OP accompanied young parishioners to the Catholic Historic Melbourne Marian Pilgrimage Saturday 17 May. The Sisters will begin to look after St Raphael's church, sacristy, preparation for Mass and weekend arrangements, stepping into the shoes of sacristan Nick Cachia for the next few weeks. The Sisters have also introduced liturgical music at Friday 9.15am Mass.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room 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.
- Members of our Partnered Parishes are warmly invited to join the Society in its mission of charity and outreach.

Contact Conference president Andrew Dos Santos
reservoir.conf.pres@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

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

Wednesdays 1.30pm
St Raphael's Church Preston West
Enquiries: Marijana 0422 340 675

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Auditions: Sunday 31 August 6pm
Rehearsals commence 31 August
Enquiries: Judy judeome@hotmail.com

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CATHOLIC MEN FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am
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ALPHA

St Luke's Lalor
commences Friday 2 May
12 weeks
melbcatholic.org/s/lalor

St Francis Assisi Mill Park
commences Thursday 8 May
10 weeks
melbcatholic.org/s/millpark



Young Parishioners meet NEXT Sunday 1 June St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am—12noon lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / student. Our own Dominican Sisters introduce their religious congregation and their foundress Venerable Rosaria of the Visitation OP.

St Raphael's landline will soon be disconnected. Now that the Sisters have made their home at St Raphael's, all enquiries must be made to **St Gabriel's Parish Office 0487 116 154** reservoir@cam.org.au.

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

The **Annual Mass Count** concludes this weekend. This annual Mass count is important for diocesan and Pastoral planning, provision of clergy and services.

On the **Sundays of May** Seminarians Nicholas Calandra and Rohan Prince share their vocation story

Fr Chris Alar MIC from the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in America, is back with his Grace with the Sacraments and Divine Mercy Tour. St Patrick's Cathedral Saturday 31 May 9.15am Rosary, Mass, presentation. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith as you learn more about the Sacraments of the Church from one of the most prolific Catholic speakers in the world.
Information & bookings trybooking.com/DAKOU

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Annual Mission Dinner Sunday 15 June 1pm at Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Hall 154 Cotham Rd Kew. Proceeds assist the missions. Bookings close 6 June. Tickets \$45 per person. Bookings: phone 9817 3715

St Bernadette and the Living Water Pray and Paint, hosted by the Catholic Women's League Saturday 14 June 9am to 12.15pm Our Lady of Lourdes church & hall 631 High St East Prahran. Includes Mass, morning tea, short talk and painting. RSVP 10 June. \$30.
trybooking.com/DATEX



First Reconciliation

St Gabriel's Friday 16 May 9.30am
St Raphael's Friday 23 May 9.45am
St Joseph the Worker Friday 30 May 10am

First Holy Communion

St Joseph the Worker Saturday 21 June 11am
St Raphael's Saturday 21 June 6.30pm
St Gabriel's Saturday 21 June 6.30pm at St Raphael's

St Stephen/Gaudete Year 8 Campus

The old adage, *'time flies when you are having fun'* certainly comes to mind when reflecting on the first term at St Stephen/Gaudete Campus. I would, however, suggest that this familiar turn of phrase be adapted slightly to read *'time flies when you are having fun learning and discovering new things'*. Staff and students alike have thoroughly enjoyed their time becoming acquainted with the College's fourth campus and delving into new and exciting curriculum areas.

The *Gaudete* spirit of the campus calls us all to celebrate what it means to be Monican and to embrace the learning opportunities available. While it is clear to see this spirit during events such as the shared Pancake Breakfast on Shrove Tuesday, students are also seen rejoicing when a Numeracy concept finally 'clicks' for them in the classroom or as they relax on the picnic rugs on the front lawn with their group of friends.

It is remarkable to think that we have only been on campus for one term, and yet the cohort already seems so settled and are certainly thriving in this new environment.

Since the first assembly of the year, students have been encouraged to embrace change with a positive mindset and to view their semester at St Stephen/Gaudete Campus as an opportunity to try new things and challenge themselves academically. We want our students to step outside their comfort zones during their time in Reservoir and foster new relationships, participate in activities, and approach new subject areas with enthusiasm and curiosity. Students are most certainly taking advantage of this opportunity and have been working on becoming more responsible for their own learning. Viewing their learning journey in this way will not only place them in good stead for success in Year 8 but for many years to come.

It is often said that school is not just about academic learning in the classroom but also about the life lessons and personal growth along the way. This responsibility is one that we take very seriously as a proud Catholic secondary school – we see it as our responsibility to nurture the development of the whole person. It is hoped that our Year 8 students will learn a lot about themselves during their time in Reservoir and that these discoveries are further explored upon their return to Dalton Road Campus in Semester 2. In particular, we hope that our students further develop their sense of resilience over the course of the year. Doing so will enable them to face challenges with confidence in 2025 and beyond and bounce back from setbacks. Resilient learners are more likely to stay motivated, solve problems independently, maintain positive mental health, and succeed both academically and personally.

On Tuesday 4 March a significant moment in the life of St Monica's College took place as we celebrated the first-ever Mass at St Stephen/Gaudete Campus, bringing together the students of Year 8 Blue and the parishioners of St Stephen of Hungary, marking a new chapter in our journey of discovery. Fr Gregory Pritchard led the Eucharistic celebration with reverence and joy. The presence of students and parishioners highlighted the strong bond between the school and the local faith community. The liturgy was enriched by the active participation of students through prayer, readings and procession of the gifts. As we continue our journey at St Stephen/Gaudete Campus, this Mass serves as a powerful reminder of our shared mission to live out the Gospel, strengthen our faith, and build a vibrant community of learning and prayer. We give thanks for this milestone and look forward to many more faith-filled celebrations in the future.

The Monican May 2025

May is the month of Mary
Hope of the poor, Confidence of the humble,
Support of the marginalized, Defender of the innocent,
Courage of the persecuted, Comfort of exiles,
pray for us!

Church at a Crossroads IV

As no protocol existed for this first ever universal conference of bishops, Constantine ran the proceedings similar to the way a legislative session of the Roman senate was conducted. When the Roman senate came to a conclusion on an issue, the decision, approved by the emperor, became law. And so it would be with the First Council of Nicaea and all future ecumenical councils: Whatever the council bishops decide, in coordination with the pope, becomes Church law.

Heading the bishops that opposed Arianism was Bishop Alexander, who had previously excommunicated Arius. Alexander expressed his opinion of the Arians in a letter to his namesake, Bishop Alexander, in Constantinople: "They accordingly constructed caverns, like those of robbers, in which they constantly assemble and, day and night they there invent calumnies against the Saviour, and against us. They revile the religious doctrines of the apostles; and having, like the Jews, conspired against Christ, they deny his divinity, and declare him to be on a level with other men. They collect all those passages which allude to the incarnation of our Savior and to his having humbled himself for our salvation and bring them forward as corroborative of their own impious assertion; while they evade all those which declare his divinity, and the glory which he possesses with the Father. ... They have had the audacity to rend the seamless garment of Christ, which the people dared not divide".

Accompanying Alexander to Nicaea was a young deacon named Athanasius, who would later become the bishop of Alexandria and the greatest defender of Christ's divinity - an unwavering opponent to Arianism.

Early in the council, Arius was called to express his beliefs regarding the relationship of Jesus with God; the majority of bishops concluded that the beliefs proclaimed were heretical, and they condemned Arius and several of his followers.

For the bishops, agreeing to condemn the blasphemous Arian teachings was not their only challenge. They needed to define and defend Church dogma regarding the divinity of Christ and do so in such a way that would be affirmed by all the bishops and clearly understood by the faithful.

The bishops chose to reveal their convictions through a creed. Creeds, also called symbols, were often used in churches to express a profession of faith, such as at a baptism. Several existing creeds were examined in an effort to document what the bishops had decided. Eventually a draft proposal for consideration was put forth. The draft read much like the final adopted creed with one serious exception.

Agreement among the bishops seemed to be forthcoming, but then Constantine, likely prompted by his religious advisers, asked that the Greek word *homoousios*, meaning consubstantial or of the same substance, be inserted, so the creed read: "We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God; the only begotten, begotten of the Father, that is, of the substance of the Father; God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made, of the same substance (*homoousios* as the Father; through whom all things were made, both those in heaven and those on earth; who for us men, and our salvation, came down, took flesh, and was made man, suffered, and rose up on the third day, ascended into heaven, and will come to judge the living and the dead. And in the Holy Spirit."

Arius and certain of his followers were sent into exile, and Constantine ordered that all of Arius' writings be burned. Those opposing Arius had won the battle but not the war. Arianism did not end at Nicaea. From his exile, Arius continued to spout his profane doctrine and found many more followers from across the empire, especially in the barbaric tribes migrating to Europe. His biggest opponent would be Athanasius.

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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.

FIRST READING

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

**R: O God,
let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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 14: 23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

NICENE CREED

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

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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Giovanni Sinni, Concetta Arnardi,
Giuseppina Pugliese, Patrice Stella,
Giuseppe Butera, Maria Berton

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Felice Taranto, Powell Paul
Anthony & Carmen Cassar,
Fiorentino Cesario, Maria Bonaddio,
Pompeii Brunetti, Olga Santinon,
Sipontina Nardella

Next weekend Ascension of the Lord C

Acts 1:1-11
Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53



Processional Hymn CWB 348

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! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, we are open to all that you say,
ready to listen and follow your way,
you are the potter and we are the clay:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord,
God will protect us from fire and sword,
fill us with love and the peace of his word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Liturgy of the Word

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23 John 14:23-29

Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

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Preparation of the Gifts GA 378

Veni sancta Spiritus;
Veni sancta Spiritus;
Veni, veni sancta Spiritus;
Veni sancta Spiritus.

Holy Communion CWB 552

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



Recessional Hymn

Mary, you now reign on high,
far beyond the earth and sky;
queen endowed with royal grace,
highest honour of our race. Alleluia!

Now enthroned with Christ your Son,
resurrection victory won;
Help of Christians, Star of Sea,
Mary, Mother - hear our plea. Alleluia!

Patron of our wide brown land,
guide us with your gentle hand,
where the Southern Cross shines bright,
home to Christ the one true light. Alleluia!