



ST RAPHAEL'S PARISH

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MASSES–Weekends:

Saturday: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm (vigil),

Sunday: 9:00 am (Italian), 10:30 am

Weekdays:

Tues: 4pm, **Wed, Thurs, Fri:** 8:30 am

Face masks are optional but are recommended.

Let us protect our parish community together.

LIVE STREAMING of MASSES

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses are live streamed from St Raphael's Church and these will be available for live viewing or downloading afterwards on:

<https://bit.ly/StRaphaelsMass>

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: 1st Friday of every month, the next one being Friday 6 May 2022 at the 8:30am Mass.

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP (LGPG): Wednesdays at 1:30pm.

ADORATION: Every Friday - 9am to 11am.

BAPTISMS: please contact parish to arrange. Baptisms normally take place following the 10:30am parish Mass each Sunday.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 9:30am.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Anointing of the sick – Fri 6/5 at 8:30am Mass

Mothers Day – Sunday 8 May

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The parish office is attended by volunteer staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You may contact the office at any time and leave a message on **9470 2586** and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parish Bulletins

The current Parish bulletin can be viewed on the parish website:

www.straphaelswestpreston.org.au

Bulletin printed: Thursday - 28/4/2022

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C Sunday 1 May 2022

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

“It is the Lord” St John cries out in this Sunday’s Gospel reading [John 21:1-14]. In the words of Pope St John Paul II: “This exclamation of the apostle John emphasises the intense emotion experienced by the disciples on recognising the risen Jesus (and) since then, these same sentiments enliven the Church.....The great message of the resurrection fills the hearts of the faithful with inner joy and renewed hope”.

Whilst the Easter liturgies were very exhausting for me, it was a great joy to see the church full at every event. Like the appearance of Jesus to His disciples after the resurrection, this fills our hearts with joy and hope following more than 2 years of the pandemic crisis. During that period not one single Mass has been cancelled in this parish, and almost all Masses have been live streamed for the benefit of those unable to come into the church. While I am present in the parish I am happy to maintain the parish Mass schedule. However, when I am not here that cannot continue to be the case. On the evening of Sunday 8 May 2022 I go on my first period of annual leave since January 2020. While I am away there will be Mass in our parish church every day from Tuesday to Sunday, six days a week. However, the only Mass on Saturdays will be the 9am Mass, and the only Mass on Sundays will be the 10:30am parish Mass in which the first reading will be in Italian to accommodate the needs of our very faithful Italian Mass community. The normal Sunday Mass schedule will resume at 6pm on Saturday 2 July. On Sunday 3 July there will be the 9am Italian Mass and then the 10:30am parish Mass.

Whilst away I will be making pilgrimages to many Holy places including the Basilica of the Madonna di Pompei near Naples and the Church of Santa Maria della Salute in Venice. I also, God willing, plan to visit the village of San Lupo which many of our Italian parishioners come from. I will be maintaining close contact with the parish while I am travelling and hope to provide a weekly report for the parish bulletin.

With every prayer for God’s richest blessings to be upon you and your families.

*Fr Simon Grainger
Pax et Gratia*

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers
23-Apr-22	Lucy Triulcio	Vilay Khautakoun
29-Apr-22	Nikki Daniele	Maureen O'Dwyer
07-May-22	Amato Puli'uvea	Vilay Khautakoun
	9:00AM Italian Mass Ministers of Communion	9:00AM Italian Mass Readers
24-Apr-22	Bruna D'Alessandro Carmela Molinaro	Anna Sisinni
01-May-22	Bruna D'Alessandro Carmel Colosimo	Melinda Di Prospero
08-May-22	Carmel Colosimo Carmela Molinaro	Anna Sisinni
	10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion	10:30AM Mass Readers
24-Apr-22	Jennifer Singam Parker Maloney	Nika Cseh
01-May-22	Amitu'anai To'oto'o Katalina To'oto'o	Giulia Digiglio
08-May-22	Ferenc Cseh Jennifer Singam	Nikki Daniele

CHURCH CLEANING:

LAWN MOWING:

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We pray for the sick:

Giuseppina, Cabrini, Dorothy, Sebastiana, Lina, Amalia, Marie, Kristian, Raffaella, Rob, Flavio, Antonietta, Charleez, Claudia, Matthew, Elijah, Cesarina, Alfio, Annunziata, Luana, Karol, Lily, Wilma, Pauline, Carmela, Noah, Luca, Patrick

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fernalda & Erminio Tarantelli (Sun 1/5 at 9am)
William Tilley (2nd Anniv. Sun 1/5 at 10:30am)
Maria De Fazio (1 month Sat 7/5 at 6pm)

...for the comfort and consolation of their families.

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✠ **Baptism Congratulations** ✠

The community of St Raphael's congratulates

Vincent Schenk

for his Baptism on 1 May 2022.

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A REMINDER... The donation box for the decoration of our altar is at the rear of the church. *Many thanks for those who contribute.*

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Two special Masses as we emerge from COVID

Two special Masses will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli in May to recognise and remember some of those whose lives have been especially affected by the COVID pandemic:

**Mass of Thanksgiving for Health and Aged-care Workers
Sunday 1 May 2022** (Feast of St Joseph the Worker and May Day),
11am at St Patrick's Cathedral

Employees in the aged- and health-care service sectors are invited to attend this Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, with hospitality to follow.

Mass to commemorate those who have died during the COVID pandemic

Sunday 22 May 2022, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral

This Mass will be offered for all the departed who could not be mourned properly or whose lives could not be celebrated suitably because of pandemic restrictions.

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Please take the bulletin home

Parish Prayer:

Generous God,

We give our thanks to you for the gifts you have given to us – our life, our family and friends – time, talents and material possessions.

Above all we are grateful for the Father's unconditional love, for Jesus Christ our Savior and for the Holy Spirit who nourishes us with every spiritual gift.

All we have comes from you. May we remember this always and rejoice in your generosity.

Sustain us on our Christian journey, so that we may constantly renew our relationship with you and all people of our parish community.

Grant us the strength and courage to become better followers of Jesus: to be disciples and to live the Christian Way of Life. Amen

St Raphael healer and guide protect us.

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LAST RITES

Fr Simon is available at anytime to give the Last Rites at homes, nursing homes and hospitals in the area.

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Envelopes for requests for Masses to be offered for deceased / unwell loved ones

Please note: Written requests for Masses to be offered must be given to Fr Simon at least 4 days before the Mass is requested to be offered.

Those who have requested a Mass to be offered will need to speak with Fr Simon at least 5 minutes before the commencement of that Mass so that Fr Simon knows that they are present.

Please find at the back of the Church, envelopes for your use when requesting a Mass to be offered for deceased/unwell family members.

Envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets.

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THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



If the young open themselves to gratitude for what they have received, and if the elderly take the initiative of relaunching their future, nothing can stop the flourishing of God's blessings among peoples!

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Thanksgiving: \$ 829

Presbytery: \$575

Good Friday Appeal \$580

Easter Raffle \$460

Many thanks to all our contributors

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† † † **FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK** † † †

Monday 2nd May

St Athanasius

Tuesday 3rd May

Ss Philip and James, apostles

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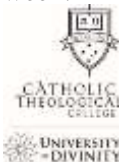
Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Sunday 8 May 2022

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.



Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.

Donate via our website:

<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>



FESTA DELLA MADONNA DI POMPEI

Domenica 1 Maggio 2022

Nella chiesa di San Raffaele
17, Hardy St West Preston



Il Programma

Ore 2.00 pm - Santo Rosario

Ore 2:30pm - La Santa Messa

Celebrerà Padre Fr Aurelio Fragapane con il coro di Sant'Antonio, e la Benedizione con il Santissimo Sacramento.

Segue poi un rinfresco alla conclusion di questa festa.

Si avverte che per causa della pandemia tante cose sono state cambiate.

Per ulteriori informazioni telefonare ai seguenti numeri:

Mario Ciarlo Tel 9470 1725

Felice Comito Tel 9478 8556

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Requests for past parish priests or visiting priests to conduct funerals at St Raphael's parish church

Parishioners are welcome to request past parish priests or visiting priests to undertake funeral Masses at St Raphael's church.

However, they must understand that once they have made such a request Fr Simon will not be available to undertake the funeral if that priest is not available or becomes unable to conduct the funeral. Parishioners should also be aware that it is a colossal imposition for Fr Raymond to come to do funerals at St Raphael's involving him in 3 hours of travel.

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Piety Stall

The piety stall stocks small gifts and cards for all Sacraments as well as various religious items at reasonable prices. Please take the time to have a look after any of the weekend Masses. Thank you

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Movies Change People

MAN OF GOD is an award-winning feature screening in cinemas from 2 June.

Synopsis:

Exiled unjustly, convicted without a trial and slandered without cause, St. Nektarios of Aegina's life was one of persecution and prosecution. A priest of the common people, St. Nektarios' popularity provoked the jealousy of the clergy in Alexandria and, as a result, he was defrocked and expelled from Egypt. In contrast to his religious "superiors", Nektarios cared for the poor, taught peasant girls to read and write, and performed miracles. Even his last moment on earth was used to help another: upon his death, Nektarios' garment was removed, and as it fell upon a paralysed man in the hospital bed next to him, the lame man miraculously arose to walk.

Despite the efforts of the religious establishment to discredit him and dismantle his good works over decades, St. Nektarios has become one of Greece's most renowned saints, and his life of devotion and perseverance continues to uplift and inspire people from all over the world.

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Catholic Theological College

Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

Engaging Your Faith

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session, running 3 to 28 May 2022. Booking, payment & more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



An Invitation for young adults

Do you hunger for something more?

Re-Generation is excited to announce its next event: **'Be Filled'**: A night of food, faith and fellowship'. Our culture promises love and happiness but often leaves us feeling empty and alone. **We invite young adults** to come and taste the food that truly satisfies: the eternal love of God. Be inspired by sound, teaching, uplifting music and meaningful connections. An evening not to be missed!

Saturday April 30, 7pm-9pm Our Lady Help of Christians Hall, (entrance off Barkly Street) East Brunswick

Register now: www.trybooking.com/BYONZ

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One of the weirdest stories from the Book of Acts Teleportation? (Acts 8:26-40)

The book of Acts records countless miracles. God was clearly working in powerful, public, and surprising ways. We've read in the stories of St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) the phenomenon of bi-location, of being in two places at once. But teleportation?

Apparently that's something that happened as well.

The apostle Philip was instructing someone in their understanding of the Scriptures, and after seeing the truth of Jesus Christ they wanted to be baptised. At which point, this happens:

But after they had come up out of the water again Philip was taken away by the Spirit of the Lord, and the eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Philip found that he had reached Azotus and continued his journey proclaiming the Good News in every town as far as Caesarea.' (v.39-40).

Note the word 'again'. Apparently this had happened to Philip before!

WRITTEN BY Melbourne Catholic

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☺☺ SHARE A JOKE ☺☺

A newly ordained deacon was asked to hold a gravesite service for a parishioner who had just passed away and who had no family or friends.

It was his first official assignment so he readily accepted.

Taking his duties very seriously, the deacon left early the next morning for the cemetery. However, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he finally arrived he was more than an hour late. The hearse was nowhere to be seen and the two workmen were eating lunch nearby.

The young deacon got out of his car, quickly threw on his vestments and hurried over to the freshly dug grave. Looking down into the hole, he saw that the lid was already in place. With a huge sigh, he took out his prayer book and recited a few chosen words.

After he had departed one of the workmen said to the other, "Maybe we should have told him he just blessed a septic tank."

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A warm welcome to new parishioners to St Raphael's
Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

Are you new to our Parish? _____

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? _____

Please complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

To existing parishioners: if you would like to contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes, please complete the above. Thank you.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I
have done and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth
peace to people of good will. / We praise
you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we
glorify you, / we give you thanks for your
great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O
God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father, / you take away the
sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you
take away the sins of the world, / receive
our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand
of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you
alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the
Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus
Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory
of God the Father. / Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation
of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal
warning' he said 'not to preach in this
name, and what have you done? You have
filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and
seem determined to fix the guilt of this
man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the
apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes
before obedience to men; it was the God of
our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it
was you who had him executed by hanging
on a tree. By his own right hand God has
now raised him up to be leader and saviour,
to give repentance and forgiveness of sins
through him to Israel. We are witnesses to
all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God
has given to those who obey him.' They
warned the apostles not to speak in the
name of Jesus and released them. And so
they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad
to have had the honour of suffering
humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

The Response Is:

***I will praise you, Lord, for you have
rescued me.***

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued
me and have not let my enemies rejoice
over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the
dead, restored me to life from those who
sink into the grave.

***I will praise you, Lord, for you have
rescued me.***

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour all
through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with
dawn.

***I will praise you, Lord, for you have
rescued me.***

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning
into dancing:

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

***I will praise you, Lord, for you have
rescued me.***

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an
immense number of angels gathered round
the throne and the animals and the elders;
there were ten thousand times ten thousand
of them and thousands upon thousands,
shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is
worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom,
strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then
I heard all the living things in creation –
everything that lives in the air, and on the
ground, and under the ground, and in the
sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on
the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise,
honour, glory and power, for ever and
ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen';
and the elders prostrated themselves to
worship.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 21:1-14

Jesus showed himself again to the
disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and
it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas
called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in
Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more
of his disciples were together. Simon Peter
said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied,
'We'll come with you.' They went out and
got into the boat but caught nothing that
night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus
on the shore, though the disciples did not
realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out,
'Have you caught anything, friends?' And
when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw
the net out to starboard and you'll find
something.' So they dropped the net, and
there were so many fish that they could not
haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to

Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is
the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically
nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him
and jumped into the water. The other
disciples came on in the boat, towing the
net and the fish; they were only about a
hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that
there was some bread there, and a charcoal
fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said,
'Bring some of the fish you have just
caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and
dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish,
one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in
spite of there being so many the net was not
broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have
breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold
enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew
quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then
stepped forward, took the bread and gave it
to them, and the same with the fish. This
was the third time that Jesus showed
himself to the disciples after rising from the
dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus
Christ, his only Son, our lord, / who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the
Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius
Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried;
/ he descended into hell; / on the third day
he rose again from the dead; / he ascended
into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty; / from there he
will come to judge the living and the dead.
/ I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy
catholic Church, / the communion of saints,
/ the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection
of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

