

**Partnered Parishes St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East
St Raphael Preston West,
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
Clergy: Fr G Pritchard, Fr A Fragapane, Dcn F Correya**

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

St Joseph the Worker Church
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073

Please note: both Parish Offices are closed.

*St Gabriel's reopens
Wednesday 15 January 2025 9am-1pm*

*St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
reopens Wednesday 29 January 2025 9am –5pm*

BAPTISM OF THE LORD & 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Yr C 12 & 19.01.2025

**TUESDAY WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY FRIDAY
JANUARY 13-24
9am Mass St Gabriel's**

NO SATURDAY MORNING MASS 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 8am Reconciliation
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
St Raphael's Church
BSB: 083-347 Account: 643968007
St Joseph the Worker Church
BSB: 083-347 Account: 645772382



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 bid farewell to Fr Aurelio Fragapane and wish him well in his new assignment. We thank him for his good work in our Partnered Parishes, Masses, devotions, schools, aged care homes and family ministry.

***We welcome
Fr Jossy Kuriakose***

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST LUKE II

St Luke's account is arguably the most elegantly written of the four Gospels and contains many unique details, particularly in its infancy narrative of the Birth of Christ and of his cousin, St John the Baptist.

St Luke's Gospel is alone in describing the Annunciation, the Visitation, the prophecies of Sts Simeon and Anna at the time of the Presentation of Christ, the finding of Christ in the Temple, and the songs of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Zechariah. St Luke is the sole Evangelist to report the parables of the Good Samaritan and of the Prodigal Son.

St Luke's overriding theme is the catholicity of the Gospel message. Although Christ came to preach to the Jews first in fulfillment of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, his invitation to faith, repentance, and salvation extends to all people. Within this mission, Christ issued a special call to the least members of society; the marginalized, the poor, the oppressed, the sick, the unclean, and to all sinners.

Amid the patriarchal society of his day, Christ elevated women. St Luke records the reception of the Gospel by several women including Sts Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene, and the sisters Mary and Martha. In particular, his highlighting of the person of the Blessed Virgin Mary inspires much of the Marian piety and theology that has developed since the earliest days of Christianity.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout with out fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30

Response: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good. But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! John said:

He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10

Response: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 2: 1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ