

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

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER 14.04.2024

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday
9.30am Mass *St Stephen's*

**Bishop Terry Curtin will administer
the Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday 17 April 5.30pm St Gabriel's**

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.***

We are pleased to announce a **new Parish Secretary** and **extended Parish Office hours.**

Liza Powell has been appointed Parish Secretary to serve our Partnered Parishes.

The Parish office at **St Raphael's** is open each Monday 9am—1pm

The Parish office at **St Gabriel's** is open Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am—1pm and Fridays 9am—3pm.

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

Parish RCIA continues with **Mystagogia** Thursdays 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.

Next weekend is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Parishioners are warmly invited to join priests and seminarians as Holy Hour Sunday 21 April 7pm St Gabriel's church. This special time includes Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

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

10 young Parishioners watched the DVD *Karol: a man born to be Pope* Sunday 7 April. **9 men** enjoyed dinner at Darebin RSL Tuesday 9 April.

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.

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima will visit homes for Rosary 13 April—9 May. Please register your full name, address, mobile number and suggested time to frfragapane@gmail.com

*Please invite friends, family, neighbours
to share this special time with you.*

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

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Thursday 25 April

- Reservoir RSL
5.30AM Edwardes Street Cenotaph.
- Darebin RSL
6am All Nations Park Separation St Northcote

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

Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. What's made Sunday 1 to Sunday 7 was this once-for-all event of Jesus rising from the dead. That distinguishes this day from all the other days of the week.

The way Christians understand it, Sunday is not the "weekend", but the first day of the week. For a new era, a new life, starts with the Resurrection.

When, on the evening of the day of his Resurrection for the tomb, this first of all Sundays, Jesus suddenly appeared in the midst of his Apostles, their spontaneous reaction was not one of peace and joy; they were in doubt, and only powerful evidence such as being able to touch his body, watching while he ate something before their eyes, would allow joy to well up within them.

The first difficulty, which still persists, is this: Why a bodily resurrection? Do we not survive beyond death in any case (in some way or other)? Why should we be given a body again and if we are, then what kind of body can it be? It is not surprising that so many people who entirely accept the idea of life beyond death cannot see the point of the resurrection of the body.

Yet it was precisely this to which the apostles are said to have witnessed at the time, and all Christians since then. Jesus's wish was that this good news be carried to all peoples.

The Cross was no accident; it was not an unfortunate working of chance; it was the way God himself had chosen in order to grant as a gift to all men freedom from the burden of their sins.

On Easter morning Jesus rose from the grave. God confirmed that his death on the Cross was no meaningless annihilation. His suffering was not in vain. Yet in that case, my suffering, too, may be for me the passage to my resurrection. Jesus, open my eyes, that I may understand! Cardinal Christoph Schonborn OP

May Christ bring the dead to eternal glory

*Recently deceased
Reg Hockey*

Anniversary of death

Bartolo, Giovanna & Antonio La Greca
Sera Trantino, Salvatore De Simone,
Pasquale Di Palma

Next weekend 4th Sunday of Easter Year B

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



**ST GABRIEL'S & ST STEPHEN'S
PARISH FINANCE REPORT
JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024**

	T/G ENV	T/G D.Debit	TOTAL
JAN	2487	1075	3562
FEB	2702	1420	4122
MAR	3252	1125	4377
TOTAL	8441	3620	12061

CHURCH INSURANCES	42246
DIOCESAN QUOTA (PER QUARTER)	5199
YARRA VALLEY WATER	1845
ELECTRICITY	708
ENERGY AUSTRALIA - GAS	767
CITY OF DAREBIN - RATES	102
PHOTOCOPY / STATIONERY	2,219
TELEPHONE / INTERNET	970
SECURITY / FIRE EQUIPMENT	16662
CLEANING / GARDENING	10515
REPAIRS / MAINTENANCE	15727
CHURCH SUPPLIES	11282
CHURCH EXPENSES	6022
DOMINICAN SISTERS EASTER GIFT	250
ACCOUNTING FEES	2178

- Good Friday Holy Places collection \$1150
- Reservoir/Reservoir East and Preston West financial administration remains separate in the Partnership.
- Finance Officers: Hung Chau Reservoir-Reservoir East; Carol Hawkesford Preston West
- The Diocesan Quota is a levy imposed on each Parish to assist or sustain agencies and activities including Proclaim: Office for Mission renewal, Aboriginal and Tertiary Education Ministry, Catholic Vocations, Migrant Chaplaincy, Presbytery Support and Pastoral Associates, as well as St Patrick's Cathedral, Clergy Support and Safeguarding.
- CAM IT will audit and review Parish communication systems and provide advice for both Reservoir-Reservoir East and Preston West going forward.
- Archbishop Comensoli acknowledges the generous support of Melbourne Catholics for the Ukraine appeal last Advent. The Archdiocese has forwarded \$150,000 to Bishop Mykola to directly support Ukrainian families during this time of social trauma and displacement.
- With the demise of Catholic Church Insurance new insurers have been appointed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Insurances on Churches and Parish properties have increased significantly.
- Sincere thanks to all parishioners for your continued loyal and generous support in Parish Thanksgiving and the Clergy collection. All of us are asked to try to double our Clergy support to assist our 2 priests, bishops and retired clergy.
- We acknowledge Parish accountants Maurizio Mazza (Reservoir-Reservoir East); Vince Colosimo (Preston West)

OUR KIDS HAVE BEEN REWIRED BY PHONES

Humanity has engaged in the "rewiring of childhood" in an experiment with the smartphone that began in the early 2010's and has left children suffering from unprecedented levels of addiction, mental damage and social deprivation, warns American social psychologist Jonathan Haidt in his new book.

"There's never been anything this big that we've done to children," Haidt says from New York. "It's affecting the majority of children, not just in the United States, but in all the English speaking countries and in Scandinavia. "And while I cannot say that growing up on a smartphone is as bad as being lead poisoned or sent to work in a factory when you're young, what I can say is that as a choice we made about how to raise our children thinking it was OK, this is the biggest blunder we have ever made."

In his book *The Anxious Generation*, Haidt documents how childhood has been transformed in a few short years from a play based to a phone based existence. Once online, there is no threshold age at which more rights are granted. On the internet, every one is on the same page.

Haidt said giving adolescents smartphones in the 2010s meant the Big Tech companies were able to use techniques "all day long, training them like rats during their most sensitive years of brain rewiring."

The companies developed additive apps "that sculptured some very deep pathways into our children's brain." The impact of the smartphone meant "social patterns, Role models, emotions, physical activity and even sleep patterns were fundamentally recast".

Haidt documents in surveys showing an escalation in adolescent anxiety, depression, self harm, mental damage, social deprivation and attention fragmentation coinciding with the entry of the smartphone. Childhood was rewired.

In the tech company business model, Haidt explains that children are not clients— they are the product. He said children's attention in this commercial world "is more valuable than oil". The advertisers compete desperately to get that attention.

"The business model developed by Facebook and other companies required by psychological manipulation and engineering to grab hold of eyeballs and onto them as long as possible," he said.

Haidt warns it is urgent to reverse this trend because "we are losing a generation". Gen Z began socially distancing as soon as it got smartphones. He says of social media platforms: "They are the most efficient conformity engines ever invented. They can shape an adolescent's mental models of acceptable behaviour in a matter of hours, whereas parents can struggle unsuccessfully for years to get their children to sit up straight or stop whining."

The good news is that Haidt is an optimist. "Sadly, there is a lot of despair," he says. But he rejects the most frequent response he gets: "I agree with you, but it's too late." "I believe there is now a majority of parents who want their kids to have a more phone-free childhood. There is a very large majority teachers and heads of schools who want to go phone-free. Nobody's arguing against me. Nobody's saying I'm wrong." The key is collective action: each parents and school that acts makes it easier for other parents and school to act. His prescription: more unsupervised play, no smartphones before high school (but allowing basic phones to age14), no social media before 16, and phone free schools.

Weekend Australian 30-31 March 2024.

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 4:2, 4, 7, 9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me,
O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me!

Lord, let your face shine on us.

It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me
whenever I call him.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

'What can bring us happiness?'
men say.
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning; but if anyone
should sin, we have our advocate
with the Father, Jesus Christ, who
is just; he is the sacrifice that takes
our sins away, and not only ours,
but the whole world's. We can be
sure that we know God only by
keeping his commandments. Any-
one who says, 'I know him', and
does not keep his commandments,
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what
he has said, God's love comes to
perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.' The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; In his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, 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, Tamika

Anniversary Masses at St Raphael's

Sunday 14 April 10.30am

Sera Trantino

Wednesday 17 April 4pm

Salvatore De Simone 7 years

Sunday 16 June 10.30am

Pasquale Di Palma 1 year

St Raphael's Parish Office

Mondays 9am — 1pm

Telephone : 9470 2586

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

