



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

*Commencing the weekend of 14 & 15 May there will be NO Saturday 6pm vigil Mass and NO Sunday 9am Italian Mass up to and including the weekend of 25 & 26 June.

Face masks are optional but are recommended.

Let us protect our parish community together.

LIVE STREAMING of MASS

Sunday Mass is live streamed from St Raphael's Church and 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 3 June 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 3 June at 8:30am Mass

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

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

5th Sunday of Easter - Year C *Sunday 15 May 2022*

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

“I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you.” Jesus tells the Apostles in this Sunday’s Gospel reading from St John [13:31-35]. Jesus great commandment to “love one another”, to love your neighbour as yourself, is the bedrock of our faith as Christians. Living out that commandment is both the pleasure and the challenge of our Christian lives. Yet, for all its difficulties, Jesus makes clear that: “By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples”. It is a very big responsibility.

Whilst my travel to Rome went without a hitch my first days here have been overshadowed by the very sad loss of members of our parish family. The day before I left Domenico Palermo passed away very peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Upon my arrival in Rome I received the shocking news of the sudden death of Rosa Simionato and of Flavio Zordan. I have spoken to their families to express my sorrow. This morning I offered up Mass for each of these three people.

On Monday upon my arrival in Rome I attended Mass in San Pietro presided over by Cardinal Gambetti. Today I was fortunate to see Pope Francis at his weekly Audience. He was quite well and his blessing to all at the Audience passes on to all of you in the parish.

*Please pray for me on my travels as I pray for you.
God bless.*

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

*Fr Simon Grainger
Pax et Gratia*

*Love one another as
I have loved you!*

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



	10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion	10:30AM Mass Readers
15-May-22	Bruna D'Alessandro Lucy Triulcio	Maria Sanciolo-Bell Vitale To'oTo'o
22-May-22	Jennifer Singam Rosetta Macri	Melinda Di Prospero Mary Finn
29-May-22	Amitu'anai To'oto'o Katalina To'oto'o	Anna Sisinni Nika Cseh
05-Jun-22	Bruna D'Alessandro Ferenc Cseh	Maria Sanciolo-Bell Rosetta Macri
12-Jun-22	Jennifer Singam Parker Maloney	Melinda Di Prospero Giulia Digiglio
19-Jun-22	Lucy Triulcio Rosetta Macri	Anna Sisinni Josephine Knight
26-Jun-22	Ferenc Cseh Parker Maloney	Melinda Di Prospero Terri Crisafi

The above roster is for the 7 weekends that Fr Simon is away on annual leave.

The 1st reading is read by the 1st rostered reader in Italian. The Responsorial Psalm, 2nd reading, Alleluia and prayers of the faithful are all read by the 2nd rostered reader in English.

CHURCH CLEANING:

LAWN MOWING:

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We pray for the sick:

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

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Domenico Palermo –RIP 7/5 (Rosary Tues 17/5 at 6:30pm, Requiem Mass Wed 18/5 at 10:30am Mass)
Rosa Simionato RIP 9/5
Flavio Zordan RIP 9/5 (Funeral Fri 20/5 at 11am)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Leopoldo "Palmino" Russo(1st Anniv. Sun 15/5 at 10:30am)
Martha Grainger (26th Anniv. Tuesday 17/5 at 4pm)
Salvatore (Sam) Miceli (2nd Anniv. Wed 18/5 at 8:30am)
Domenico Carino (1st Anniv. Fri 20/5 at 8:30am)
Idria Zampaglione (3rd Anniv. Sat 21/5 at 9am)
Maria Basile (1st Anniv. Sun 22/5 at 10:30am)

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

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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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May 15 is International Day of Families

Sunday May 15 is the United Nation's International Day of Families. This year's theme is Families and Urbanisation for All. The theme focuses on how sustainable urbanization should empower families and help them live a better life.

Prayer for families

*Heavenly Father,
Please bless our families with Your love and protect us from harm. Give us grace to forgive, strength to overcome the difficulties we face, and keep us together when the world tries to pull us apart.
In Jesus Name,
Amen*

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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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



A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing. The elderly and grandparents are signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours its grandparents!

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

Wednesday 18th May St John I, pope
Friday 20th May St Bernadine of Siena
Saturday 21st May Ss Christopher Magallanes and companions

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A Vocation View: Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

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Fertility Awareness - a Holistic Medical Approach live webinar

Join us for an engaging live conversation with Lynne Anderson, CEO of Billings Life™ Australia, and Dr Mary Walsh, General Practitioner and Chair of AIRRM (Australasian Institute for Restorative and Reproductive Medicine), at 7:30pm (AEST) on Thursday, 19th May 2022.

The conversation will include how the Billings Ovulation Method® and a medical approach to fertility can complement one another to restore a woman's health and fertility.

Places are limited for this **free** webinar, so please register early to secure your spot.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fertility-awareness-a-holistic-medical-approach-live-webinar-tickets-336841932287>

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Thanksgiving: \$711

Presbytery: \$472

Project Compassion: \$2,410

Good Shepherd Appeal: \$370

Many thanks to all our contributors

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Please take the bulletin home

MAY MASS COUNT. During the month of May, the Archdiocese organises this survey during the weekends so as to know how Catholics are faring in their church attendance and to organise better the pastoral needs of the parishes.

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Whilst Fr Simon is away...

On the evening of Sunday 8 May 2022, Fr Simon went on annual leave. While he is away there will be Mass in our parish church every day from Tuesday to Sunday, six days a week. However commencing the weekend of 14 and 15 May, 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.

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New Roster for whilst Fr Simon is away

Your new rosters for the 10:30am Sunday Mass for while Fr Simon is away i.e. 14/15 May up to and including 25/26 June 2022 will be printed on a weekly basis in the bulletin.

A roster for when Fr Simon returns which will cover all 3 weekend Masses will be prepared and issued midway through June.

This will be for 2 July to end of October 2022.

Please let me know by email (prestonwest@cam.org.au) or leave a message on 9470 2586 your availability for this time at your earliest convenience. Thank you,

Rachel Costa

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Mass to commemorate those who have died during the COVID pandemic

Sunday 22 May 2022, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

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. All welcome.

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Stewardship Reflection

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."
(ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

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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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SENIORS LUNCH

Seniors lunches have returned for 2022 under the new name of:

ST RAPHAEL'S COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next lunch will be on Thursday 19 May at 12:00 Mid-day at: Darebin RSL, 402 Bell St, Preston. Please let us know if you will be attending the lunch by writing your name on the form in the foyer.

All are welcome.

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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/

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SmartLoving Breakthrough

An Online Course for spouses in troubled marriages

If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course.

Identify your conflict triggers.

Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument.

Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

smartloving.org/breakthrough

Divine Mercy Sale 50% Off (ends May 31)

Use coupon code: **DivineMercy**

SHARE A JOKE

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made and the floor was spotless. Then he saw an envelope on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad." With trembling hands the father opened the envelope and slowly read the letter.

"Dear Dad. It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing to you. I've eloped with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you. I love my family but I've fallen in love with a girl called Monica. She is so nice but I knew you would not approve of her because of her body piercings, the many tattoos, motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am. But it's not only about the passion, dad. We're expecting a baby in the summer. Monica believes we will be very happy together. She owns a caravan in the bush and has plenty of firewood for the approaching winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Don't worry, dad. I know I'm only 15 but I can take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll come back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Much love, your son, Josh."

The father went white then saw the P.S. at the bottom of the letter.

"Dad, none of the above is true. I'm actually over at Pete's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table.

Call me when it's safe to come home."

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

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, 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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through
Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They
put fresh heart into the disciples,
encouraging them to persevere in the
faith. 'We all have to experience many
hardships' they said 'before we enter the
kingdom of God.' In each of these
churches they appointed elders, and with
prayer and fasting they commended
them to the Lord in whom they had
come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached
Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the
word at Perga they went down to Attalia
and from there sailed for Antioch, where
they had originally been commended to
the grace of God for the work they had
now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the
church and gave an account of all that
God had done with them, and how he
had opened the door of faith to the
pagans.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):8-13a

The Response Is:

***I will praise your name for ever, my
king and my God.***

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

***I will praise your name for ever, my
king and my God.***

All your creatures shall thank you, O
Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your
reign

and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty
deeds

and the glorious splendour of your reign.

***I will praise your name for ever, my
king and my God.***

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

***I will praise your name for ever, my
king and my God.***

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new
earth; the first heaven and the first earth
had disappeared now, and there was no
longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and
the new Jerusalem, coming down from
God out of heaven, as beautiful as a
bride all dressed for her husband. Then I
heard a loud voice call from the throne,
'You see this city? Here God lives
among men. He will make his home
among them; they shall be his people,
and he will be their God; his name is
God-with-them. He will wipe away all
tears from their eyes; there will be no
more death, and no more mourning or
sadness. The world of the past has
gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne
spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of
creation new.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been
glorified,

and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,

and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:
love one another;

just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my
disciples.'

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

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

