

**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

Please note both Parish Offices are closed

St Gabriel's Reservoir reopens Wednesday 15 January 2025 9am-1pm
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
reopens Monday 27 January 2025 9am –5pm

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

**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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CHRISTMAS MASSES
Tuesday 24 December**

St Stephen's Reservoir East
6pm Vigil Mass

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
5.30pm Carols 6pm Vigil Mass

St Gabriel's Reservoir
7.30pm Carols 8pm Mass

St Raphael's Preston West
8pm Mass

Wednesday 25 December

St Gabriel's Reservoir 9am Mass

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
9am Mass English/Italian

St Raphael's Preston West

THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

9am Mass St Luke's Church
1A David St, Lalor

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

A statue of **St Anthony of Padua**, gift of generous donor, will be blessed at Sunday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*.

On 24 December Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica to formally inaugurate the **Holy Year Pilgrims of Hope 2025**. We want to bring the joy of the Jubilee Year of Hope to our Partnered Parishes beginning with lighting the Jubilee candle at Christmas Masses.

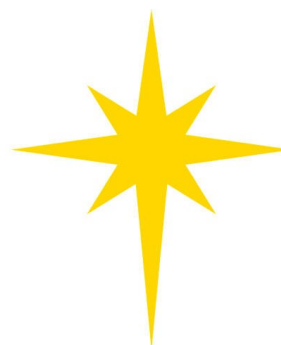
During January **St Raphael's church** will be deep cleaned, focusing on dust, cobwebs, organ gallery. Leadlight glass will be inspected by Archdiocese of Melbourne Property & Infrastructure. External security lights will also be looked at.

During **January** the priests will take some time off and Deacon Correya will take annual leave. Daily Mass will be available at St Gabriel's Tuesday to Friday. Mass times will be advertised in the bulletin and posted at church doors. The full weekend Mass program at our 4 churches remains the same.

The **Parish offices at Reservoir and Reservoir North** will also be closed. January is a quieter time in Australia and in Parish life. We recharge our batteries for the New Year which includes the Jubilee of Hope, Bethany Way, festas and active Parish life.

Fr Fragapane has announced that he will conclude his service among us on Wednesday 15 January. Archbishop Comensoli has appointed Fr Jossy Kuriakose assistant priest to our Partnered Parishes from that date.

All year we have prepared the **St Stephen/ Gaudete Year 8 Campus** Whitelaw St Reservoir East, commencing 2025. Praise to all who have dreamt this new dream for the College, where literacy and numeracy will be highlighted and emphasized, where the Gaudete experience of joy will ring out daily, when a new adventure becomes a reality. This project has taken courage, effort and enormous planning. It will be a stupendous success, the opportunity of a lifetime for Year 8 Monicans now and into the future.
The Monican December 2024



At Christmas we provide extra support to our Bishops and priests, retired and sick priests. The Christmas offering envelope is included in our parish Thanksgiving envelopes. Christmas offering envelopes are also available at each of our churches

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above,
you heavens, and let the clouds rain
down the Just One; let the earth be
opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

Response:
*Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face
and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim
throne. O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine
your right hand has planted. **R**

May your hand be on the man you
have chosen, the man you have
given your strength. And we shall
never forsake you again; give us life
that we may call upon your name. **R**



SECOND READING

Hebrews 10: 5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: *You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'* Notice that he says first: *You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1: 39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
**All: Praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ**

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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

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive
and bear a son;
and his name will be called
Emmanuel.

Recovery to Health

Giuseppina, Cabrini, Dorothy, Marie, Raffaella, Claudia, Cesarina, Pauline, Graeme, Patrick, Luana, Gitti, Coradina, Angela, Tanya, Narelle, Trish, Grace, Marelle, Peter, Isidoro, Anne, Kevin, Daniella, Nelson, Adam, Joseph, Grazie, Frances, Mariana, Kristiana, Melvin

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Anniversary & Remembrance

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Augusto Da Silva, Francesco Cirillo,
Nenad Pericic, Maria Peic, Luigi Cavedon,
Carmela Buhagiar, Sabrina Midiri,
Santo Portelli, Franco Orrico,
Giuseppina Barba,
Frank, Bartolo & Giuseppina Rando,
Bartolmeo & Giovanna Lagreca,
Michele, Carlo, Robert, Bruno,
Lillo & Nadia Valentino,
Pasquale & Michael Butera

Processional Hymn CWB 241

Chorus: O Emmanuel come into our heart.
O Emmanuel we're waiting for your light.
O Emmanuel God is with us now.
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

We your people are waiting for you Lord,
Waiting all through-out the earth
We your people are waiting for you Lord,
Waiting to celebrate your birth. *Chorus*

We your people are longing for you Lord,
Longing with hope and with joy
We your people are longing for you Lord,
Longing for the sign to rejoice. *Chorus*

We your people are ready for you Lord,
Ready to change and repent
We your people are ready for you Lord,
Ready for you to come again. *Chorus*

Liturgy of the Word

Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

Psalm Response

Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 253

Word we long for, Alleluia,
Word we thirst for. Maranatha!

Key of David, Alleluia,
Son of Mary, Maranatha!

Promised Saviour, Alleluia,
True Messiah, Maranatha!

Cry of prophets, Alleluia,
Hope of ages, Maranatha!

Light of nations, Alleluia,
Light in darkness, Maranatha!

Risen Saviour, Alleluia,
Lord of glory, Maranatha!

You we long for, Alleluia,
You we thirst for, Maranatha!

Here among us, Alleluia,
Living in us, Maranatha!

Holy Communion

This is holy ground
We're standing on Holy Ground,
For the lord is present
And where he is, is holy (Repeat)

These are holy hands,
He's given us holy hands
He works through thee hands
And so these hands are holy (Repeat)

These are holy lives
He's given us holy lives.
He speaks through these lives
And so these lives are holy (Repeat)

St Anthony of Padua

Praise to Jesus Christ our Saviour,
Who did give Saint Anthony
Grace to preach with zeal and boldness,
Giving truth new charity.
Men, once lost, who heard the Gospel
From the lips of Francis' son
Came to know God's grace and favour,
And the life which Christ had won.

Recessional Hymn

Chorus: Glory to God in the highest and
peace to God's people on Earth

We sing praises to you God of life,
God of wonder,
Hearts filled with Joy,
let our voices be thunder and sing *Chorus*

Sing to Jesus the Christ,
Word of Life to the nations.
Raised up in glory
as our hope of salvation O sing *Chorus*

In the Spirit we come,
for the feast and the stories,
seeking our God
in the pain and the glory. O sing *Chorus*

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Next weekend

Holy Family Jesus Mary & Joseph

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52