



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 and 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.

6th Sunday of Easter - Year C Sunday 22 May 2022

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you." Jesus tells His disciples in this Sunday's Gospel reading from St John [14:23-29]. Jesus' gift of peace is a very great treasure. It is Jesus' "own peace", that peace which could find serenity even on the cross. When we confront the sad tragedy of war, not least the fraternal conflict in Ukraine, we are utterly repulsed and bewildered. And yet Jesus promises us the gift of peace, His "own peace", and we may readily find that peace in our hearts and homes. Let the search for peace be unceasing.

On Sunday I had the very great pleasure of visiting the little hill town of San Lupo to the north of Benevento. I had visited the small city of Benevento and I was greatly impressed by its elegance and charm. The trip to San Lupo was quite an adventure made possible with the assistance of a friend from Rome who did all the driving, Principessa Philippa Torlonia. We drove up into the steep hills and through beautiful valleys on a perfect Spring day and arrived at the piazza of San Lupo in plenty of time to chat with some of the locals. Sam Di Palma's cousin Lupo came to welcome us, followed by the young parish priest, Don Massimiliano. In the church is the magnificent 1708 original statue of San Lupo the copy of which we have here at St Raphael's parish. The congregation was full of relatives of our parishioners at West Preston. I concelebrated the 11.00am Mass and joined parishioners for a drink and for pranzo (lunch) afterwards. It really was a very memorable experience for me to visit the home town of so many parishioners.

The sad and inexcusable war in Ukraine continues and its senselessness and aimlessness is exposed every day. Let us continue to pray for relief to be brought to the people of Ukraine and that justice be granted them in their sad travail.

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

*Fr Simon Grainger
Pax et Gratia*



	10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion	10:30AM Mass Readers
15-May-22	Bruna D'Alessandro Lucy Triulcio	Maria Sanciollo-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 Sanciollo-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:

Rosa Simionato RIP 9/5 (Funeral Fri 27/5 at 10am)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Basile (1st Anniv. Sun 22/5 at 10:30am)

Gina Marasco (Tues 24/5 at 4pm)

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

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‡ **Baptism Congratulations** ‡

The community of St Raphael's congratulates

Charlotte Bruno

for her Baptism on 22 May 2022.

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Welcome Fr Fayez Assaf and Fr Vel Maglica

Whilst Fr Simon is away on annual leave, we welcome Fr Fayez Assaf and Fr Vel Maglica.

Fr Fayez will be celebrating Masses on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturday Mornings and the Sunday 10:30am Parish Masses.

Fr Vel will be celebrating Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please make them both feel welcome.



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



Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption. May He open our hearts to sharing, heal us from rigidity and turning in on ourselves, and inspire us to follow Him wherever He wants to lead us.

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

Tuesday 24 May *Our Lady, Help of Christians*
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesday 25 May *St Gregory VII, Pope*
St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor

Thursday 26 May *St Philip Neri, Priest*

Friday 27 May *St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

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A Vocation View:

It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Thanksgiving: \$745

Presbytery: \$516

Our Lady of Pompeii: \$550

Many thanks to all our contributors

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

During the weekend Masses, please check to see if there are parishioners with walking disabilities in the church and please go to them to give them communion.

Thank you.

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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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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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Stewardship Reflection

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
(JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

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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**

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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.

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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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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☺ ☺ SHARE A JOKE ☺ ☺

While walking to work a Member of Parliament is hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven where he is greeted by St Peter.

"Welcome to heaven," says St Peter. "Before you settle in, there's a problem. We seldom see a top official around here, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"Just let me in," says the politician.

"Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. So, we'll have you spend one day in hell and one day in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

St Peter escorts him to the elevator and the MP goes down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a lush green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians he had known. Everyone is smiling. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of other people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who is a friendly and jovial bloke who dances and cracks jokes. They are having such a good time that before too long it's time to go. Everyone gives the politician a hearty farewell as the elevator heads skyward. The door soon opens and St Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven," declares St Peter.

A day passes with the politician joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realises it, the 24 hours have gone by and St Peter returns.

"You've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity," says St Peter.

The MP reflects for a minute, then answers: "Heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St Peter escorts him to the elevator and the politician descends to hell. When the doors open, he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the rubbish and putting it in black bags. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

"I don't understand," stammers the MP. "Yesterday there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, danced and had a wonderful time. Now there's just a wasteland and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil smiles and says,

"Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted."

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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;

proclaim to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has freed his people, 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 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and

taught the brothers, 'Unless you have

yourselves circumcised in the tradition of

Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to

disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas

had had a long argument with these men it

was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and

others of the church should go up to

Jerusalem and discuss the problem with

the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to

choose delegates to send to Antioch with

Paul and Barnabas; the whole church

concurred with this. They chose Judas

known as Barsabbas and Silas, both

leading men in the brotherhood, and gave

them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers,

send greetings to the brothers of pagan

birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We

hear that some of our members have

disturbed you with their demands and

have unsettled your minds. They acted

without any authority from us; and so we

have decided unanimously to elect

delegates and to send them to you with

Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect

who have dedicated their lives to the name

of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

The Response Is:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us

and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth

and all nations learn your saving help.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the nations be glad and exult

for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples,

you guide the nations on earth.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing

till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top

of an enormous high mountain and

showed me Jerusalem, the holy city,

coming down from God out of heaven. It

had all the radiant glory of God and

glittered like some precious jewel of

crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it

were of a great height, and had twelve

gates; at each of the twelve gates there

was an angel, and over the gates were

written the names of the twelve tribes of

Israel; on the east there were three gates,

on the north three gates, on the south three

gates, and on the west three gates. The city

walls stood on twelve foundation stones,

each one of which bore the name of one of

the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city

since the Lord God Almighty and the

Lamb were themselves the temple, and the

city did not need the sun or the moon for

light, since it was lit by the radiant glory

of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch

for it.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will

come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,

and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,

to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

