



# 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~~ (resumes Friday 8 July 2022)

**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](http://www.straphaelswestpreston.org.au)

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

## *The Ascension of the Lord - Year C* *Sunday 29 May 2022*

*My dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*“And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised.” Jesus tells His disciples in this Sunday’s Gospel reading from St Luke [24:46-53]. Jesus ascends, is lifted up, is taken to that dimension of divine existence in which God the Father dwells in eternity, that promised homeland won for us by our Baptism into faith in Jesus Christ. And Jesus having ascended, does not abandon us but promises to send down upon us what we most need, the Holy Spirit. As Pope Benedict XVI has said: the ascended Jesus “is near to each of us and guides our Christian journey.”*

*I have spent the past week in Venice in superb Spring weather. I am staying in the presbytery of the church of San Simone Piccolo opposite the railway station where one arrives in Venice. I have been much focused in praying for the late Flavio Zordan and for all of those who are sick from our parish's Venetian paesani. I have visited Santa Maria della Salute to pray the rosary and last evening attended vigil Mass in the astonishingly beautiful Basilica of San Marco. However every day I am greatly privileged to say my daily Masses at the high altar of San Simone where I pray for our dear parish of St Raphael in West Preston. You are all very much present in my thoughts and prayers each day of my journey. This coming Sunday focuses us on the Ascension of Jesus. Let us look to the higher things and allow our spirits to be lifted up to the sublime. As we pray for the people of Ukraine let us focus our prayers on achieving peace through diplomacy which overcomes the egos of individuals and looks to the lasting good of all not just in Ukraine but in all the world.*

*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 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, 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)  
Alfio Scavera RIP 21/5 (Rosary 11am, Requiem Mass 11:30am – both Thurs 2/6)  
Fr Eric John Hodgens PE (RIP 25/5)

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

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**Welcome Fr Fayeze Assaf and Fr Vel Maglica**

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

Fr Fayeze 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.

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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.*

**Please take the bulletin home**

**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**



*Rich in wisdom and humour, elderly people do so much good for the young! They save young people from the temptation of a knowledge of the world that is sad and devoid of the wisdom of life.*

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

Tuesday 31 May *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Wednesday 1 June *St Justin, Martyr*  
Thursday 2 June *Sts Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs*  
Friday 3 June *St Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs*

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**A Vocation View:**

Our Spiritual Life is a Journey - following the Call of the Master to "Go and teach all people my Gospel." Say "Yes" over and over again.

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**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:**

**Thanksgiving:** \$771

**Presbytery:** \$505

Many thanks to all our contributors

**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](mailto: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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### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** **ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**



**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE/ Mercy Works Ltd.** is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. The training day is in July.

**Email:** [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)

**Website:** [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

**Tel:** 9326 1895

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### **Catholic Theological College**

Online Open Day Information Session

**Tuesday 21 June at 7pm (AEST)**

Register via our website: [ctc.edu.au/open-days](http://ctc.edu.au/open-days)

For more information contact:

[jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

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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 16 June 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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### **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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### **Melbourne's Synod report**

Among the many events taking place in the life of the Church is the Synod on Synodality, a global and collective discernment on how the Church can become more "synodal" in character around three themes: Communion, Participation and Mission. As part of the local archdiocesan initiative, Catholics in Melbourne were invited to make submissions for consideration, an opportunity to express thoughts, ideas, and even discontents, about the current trajectory of the Church.

After the closing date, these submissions were collated and examined by a working group made up of three lay persons, a priest and an auxiliary bishop. The task of this working group was to identify prominent themes and synthesise the ideas into a report that could be handed to the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, before being handed to Rome.

This report has now been published for general viewing and can be accessed at <https://melbournecatholic.org>

### **SHARE A JOKE**

The manager of a local grocery store overheard a cashier tell a female customer, "We haven't had that for a while, and I doubt we'll be getting it soon."

The manager walked over and quickly assured the customer that they would have whatever it was she wanted by next week. Nothing was too big an ask.

After the woman left, the manager read the cashier the riot act. "Never tell a customer we're out of anything. Tell them we'll have it next week. We can always deliver."

"Now, what did she want?"

The cashier looked at her manager strangely and said, "Rain."

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### **Children's activity pages**

Please find in the foyer of the Church an activity box with activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



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

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven

will return as you saw him go, 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 1:1-11*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt  
with everything Jesus had done and taught  
from the beginning until the day he gave  
his instructions to the apostles he had  
chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was  
taken up to heaven. He had shown himself  
alive to them after his Passion by many  
demonstrations: for forty days he had  
continued to appear to them and tell them  
about the kingdom of God. When he had  
been at table with them, he had told them  
not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there  
for what the Father had promised. 'It is'  
he had said 'what you have heard me  
speak about: John baptised with water but  
you, not many days from now, will be  
baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him,  
'Lord, has the time come? Are you going  
to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He  
replied, 'It is not for you to know times or  
dates that the Father has decided by his  
own authority, but you will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and  
then you will be my witnesses not only in  
Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and  
Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the  
earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they  
looked on, and a cloud took him from  
their sight. They were still staring into the

sky when suddenly two men in white were  
standing near them and they said, 'Why  
are you men from Galilee standing here  
looking into the sky? Jesus who has been  
taken up from you into heaven, this same  
Jesus will come back in the same way as  
you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9*

*The Response Is:*

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a  
blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must  
fear,

great king over all the earth.

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a  
blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a  
blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

God is king of all the earth,  
sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a  
blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 1:17-23*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Father of glory, give you a spirit of  
wisdom and perception of what is  
revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of  
him. May he enlighten the eyes of your  
mind so that you can see what hope his  
call holds for you, what rich glories he has  
promised the saints will inherit and how  
infinitely great is the power that he has  
exercised for us believers. This you can  
tell from the strength of his power at work  
in Christ, when he used it to raise him  
from the dead and to make him sit at his  
right hand, in heaven, far above every  
Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or  
Domination, or any other name that can be  
named not only in this age but also in the  
age to come. He has put all things under  
his feet and made him, as the ruler of  
everything, the head of the Church; which  
is his body, the fullness of him who fills  
the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel  
Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the  
world.

***Alleluia!***

## GOSPEL

*Luke 24:46-53*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'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.

'And now I am sending down to you what  
the Father has promised. Stay in the city  
then, until you are clothed with the power  
from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the  
outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his  
hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed  
them, he withdrew from them and was  
carried up to heaven. They worshipped  
him and then went back to Jerusalem full  
of joy; and they were continually in the  
Temple praising God.

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

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

