

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, Wed: 4pm, **Thurs, Fri:** 8:30 am

Please note:

Wednesday Masses are now at 4pm



Face masks are optional and are recommended.

Let us protect our parish community together.

LIVE STREAMING of MASS

Sunday 10:30am 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 March 2023 at the 8:30am Mass.

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

(LGPG): Resumed 1 February 2023.

All Welcome

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:

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.

The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) *Sunday 5 February 2023*

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

“You are the light of the world...your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven”, Jesus tells the disciples in this Sunday’s gospel reading from St Matthew [5:13-16]. What a beautiful commission Jesus gives to His disciples and to each of us baptised into faith in Him, to be the light of the world. And how our present world needs that light. Let our hearts be filled with joy as we take up that challenge to be beacons of God’s light to those around us.

On Christmas Day I flew to Kochi in Kerala, India for the Baptism of Kaitlyn, daughter of Melvin and Liza Thomas of our parish. It was a great experience, especially to see the great devotion of the local Catholic community there in their many beautiful churches all adorned with magnificent Christmas light displays.

We move into a very busy year in the parish as we continue the process of working more closely with our partner parishes, St Gabriel and St Stephen in Reservoir. We have many joint projects underway, not least sending a group of young people to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in late July/early August.

In the next weeks we will commence our preparation of parish and state school children for Confirmation on Saturday 18 March in our church. In early March we will begin a First Eucharist program with the First Eucharist at the 10:30am Easer Sunday mass (9 April). A steady stream of Baptisms lies happily before us in the coming months.

And of course, Lent approaches, with Ash Wednesday on 22 February.

So let us put our Covid fears behind us and take up the challenge to be “the light of the world” in our small community of St Raphael’s.

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

*Fr Simon Grainger
Pax et Gratia*

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers
04-Feb-23	Angela De Fazio	Kinga Harding
11-Feb-23	Amato Puli'uvea	Paul Smith
18-Feb-23	Lucy Triulcio	Josephine Knight
	9:00AM Italian Mass Ministers of Communion	9:00AM Italian Mass Readers
05-Feb-23	Carmel Colosimo Carmela Molinaro	Anna Sisinni
12-Feb-23	Bruna D'Alessandro Carmel Colosimo	Melinda Di Prospero
19-Feb-23	Bruna D'Alessandro Carmela Molinaro	Maria Sanciolo-Bell
	10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion	10:30AM Mass Readers
05-Feb-23	Jennifer Singam Parker Maloney	Terri Crisafi
12-Feb-23	Amitu'anai To'oto'o Katalina To'oto'o	Josephine Knight
19-Feb-23	Jennifer Singam Rosetta Macri	Vitale To'oto'o

CHURCH CLEANING:

LAWN MOWING:

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We pray for the sick:

Giuseppina, Cabrini, Dorothy, Sebastiana, Lina, Marie, Raffaella, Charleez, Claudia, Cesarina, Pauline, Graeme, Patrick, Luana, Bruna, Gitti, Grace, Keith, Glen, Josephine, Angelina, Peter, Chiara, Rob, Coradina, Alice, Stella, Carla

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ed Gollow (RIP 30/1. Sat 4/2 at 6pm)
Dora Decaro (RIP 23/12 in Italy. Sun 5/2 at 9am)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anne lhalage (1st Anniv. Sun 29/1 at 10:30am)
Maria Argenzio (1st Anniv. Sun 5/2 at 10:30am)
Charles Marchitto (1st Anniv. Thur 9/2 at 8:30am)
Michael Ceravolo (1st Anniv. Sun 12/2 at 9am)
Giovanni Galofaro (1st Anniv. Sun 12/2 at 9am)

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

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☪ Welcome before Baptism ☪

The Parish introduces to St Raphael's community
Patrick Farley,
in preparation for his Baptisms on 26 February.

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: 29/1/2023

Thanksgiving: \$768

Presbytery: \$481

Many thanks to all our contributors

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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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A Vocation View:

Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

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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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†† LAST RITES ††

Fr Simon is available at any time to give the Last Rites at homes, nursing homes and hospitals in the area.

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THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us pray together that parishes, placing communion – communion among individuals and ecclesial communion – at the centre, might increasingly become communities of faith, of fraternity and of welcoming the most in need.

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☪ **Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week** ☪

Monday 6th February St Paul Miki and Companions
Wednesday 8th February St Josephine Bakhita, St Jerome Emiliani
Friday 10th February St Scholastica (Blessed Aloysius Stepinac)
Saturday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of Prayer for the Sick

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☪ **ST RAPHAEL'S COMMUNITY LUNCH** ☪

The next lunch will be on Thursday 16 February 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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menALIVE Dinner

Founder of menALIVE Robert Falzon will visit Melbourne in March.

Priests and Parish men are invited to dinner with Robert at Reservoir RSL to 251 Spring Street Reservoir Tuesday 7 March 7pm.

Robert will speak about menALIVE and what it offers Australian Catholic men. Brunswick-Moreland Mission will offer a menALIVE weekend in April.

Please advise your attendance at this special event by Friday 3 March to St Gabriel's Parish office reservoir@cam.org.au

Remember to provide your name, mobile number and email. Thank you

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Please take the bulletin home



Triumph - Daily Lenten reflections 2023

We are now taking orders for Triumph —Lenten Program 2023 costing \$8.00 per copy!

Triumph is an 88-page full colour booklet (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions. If you wish to purchase Triumph you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance.



Cost \$8 each. To Order please place your money with your name, phone number and quantity required in an envelope and hand it to the presbytery or give it to Father by Sunday 12 February. Thank you



2023 Confirmation Preparation for State School children

The program will run as follows:

Tuesday 14 February

4pm Mass followed by Confirmation class

Tuesday 21 February

4pm Mass followed by Confirmation class

Tuesday 28 February

4pm Mass followed by Confirmation class

Tuesday 7 March

4pm Mass followed by Confirmation class

Tuesday 14 March

4pm Mass followed by Confirmation class (rehearsal)

Saturday 18 March

3:00m – Confirmation Mass

If you are wanting your child or grandchild to take part in this program, please phone 9470 2586 by Friday 10 February to discuss this program with Fr Simon.



2023 First Eucharist & First Reconciliation Preparation for State School children

The program will run as follows:

Wednesday 8 March

4pm Mass followed by First Eucharist & Reconciliation class

Wednesday 15 March

4pm Mass followed by First Eucharist & Reconciliation class

Wednesday 22 March

4pm Mass followed by First Eucharist & Reconciliation class

Wednesday 29 March

4pm Mass followed by First Eucharist & Reconciliation class

Wednesday 5 April

4pm Mass followed by First Eucharist & Reconciliation class, 1st Reconciliation and

Rehearsal for First Eucharist

Easter Sunday 9 April

10:30am – First Eucharist at Easter Sunday Mass

If you are wanting your child or grandchild to take part in this program, please phone 9470 2586 by Friday 3 March to discuss this program with Fr Simon.



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

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.



CatholicCare

Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. **Please give generously.**

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



😊😊 SHARE A JOKE 😊😊

Morris and his wife Esther went to the local fair every year and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in a helicopter."

And Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is one hundred dollars, and one hundred dollars is one hundred dollars."

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride in that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Esther replied, "Morris the helicopter ride is one hundred dollars and one hundred dollars is one hundred dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the ride and not say a word, I won't charge you. But if you say one word, it's one hundred dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "Gee whiz, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm Impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, one hundred dollars is one hundred dollars."

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 come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who
made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and do not turn from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the
dawn and your wound be quickly
healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 111(112):4-9

The Response Is:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;

his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was
not with any show of oratory or
philosophy, but simply to tell you
what God had guaranteed. During my
stay with you, the only knowledge I
claimed to have was about Jesus, and
only about him as the crucified Christ.
Far from relying on any power of my
own, I came among you in great 'fear
and trembling' and in my speeches
and the sermons that I gave, there
were none of the arguments that
belong to philosophy; only a
demonstration of the power of the
Spirit. And I did this so that your faith
should not depend on human
philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the
Lord; the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are
the salt of the earth. But if salt
becomes tasteless, what can make it
salty again? It is good for nothing, and
can only be thrown out to be trampled
underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city
built on a hill-top cannot be hidden.
No one lights a lamp to put it under a
tub; they put it on the lamp-stand
where it shines for everyone in the
house. In the same way your light
must shine in the sight of men, so that,
seeing your good works, they may
give the praise to your Father in
heaven.'

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

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by
your Cross and Resurrection you have
set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good
things.

You are
• THE LIGHT •
of the world
— — — — — & — — — — —
• THE SALT •
of the earth
— — — — —