



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 MASSES

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses are live streamed from St Raphael's Church and these 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

Mothers Day – Sunday 8 May

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

Bulletin printed: Thursday - 5/5/2022

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

4th Sunday of Easter - Year C

Sunday 8 May 2022

Good Shepherd Sunday / Mother's Day

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." Jesus tells His followers in this Sunday's Gospel reading from St John [10:27-30]. This Gospel reading marks Good Shepherd Sunday in which we particularly pray for vocations to the priesthood in this Archdiocese of Melbourne, that good men come forward prepared to make the commitment to be formed for the holy priesthood in our Catholic Church. The sad truth is that the need for us to consider alternative approaches to our present model of parish is driven in no small part by the decline in religious vocations in the past four decades. I am convinced that if the Church was more serious about mature age vocations then many more men would come forward to offer themselves for priesthood. I have placed before this parish the challenge to provide three men to come forward to study for the priesthood in the period from 2020 to 2030. We have a former parishioner now in the seminary. I urge others to give serious thought to the question of priestly vocation. It is a hard life but it is essential for the provision of the Sacraments and pastoral care to the people.

On Sunday evening I expect to be leaving Australia for my accumulated 2 years annual leave. I hope to be in Rome on Monday and at Mass in St Peter's Basilica on Tuesday morning. Next weekend I hope to visit San Lupo. I will send messages each week and will keep you in my constant prayers.

To all the mothers and expectant mothers in our parish:

Happy Mother's Day

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, Flavio, Antonietta, Charleez, Claudia, Matthew, Elijah, Cesarina, Alfio, Annunziata, Luana, Karol, Lily, Wilma, Pauline, Carmela, Noah, Luca, Patrick

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria De Fazio (1 month Sat 7/5 at 6pm)
M. Teresa Lamberti, Caterina Doria, Elisabetta Spanò (all Sun 8/5 at 9am)
Rocco Sisinni (Sun 8/5 at 9am)
Maria Bonora (2nd Anniv. Sun 8/5 at 9am)
Nestora A Gamas (1st Anniv.) & Manuela Z Argayoso (27th Anniv.) – both Sun 8/5 at 10:30am

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

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✠ **Baptism Congratulations** ✠

The community of St Raphael's congratulates

Harvey Russo

for his Baptism on 8 May 2022.

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✠ **1st Eucharist Congratulations** ✠

The community of St Raphael's congratulates

Vincent Schenk

who received for the first time the most Sacred Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday 8 May 2022

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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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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Thanksgiving: \$ 643

Presbytery: \$361

Many thanks to all our contributors

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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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LAST RITES

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

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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



In this month dedicated to the Virgin Mary, let us learn from her that prayer is the best weapon of Christian life; without persistent prayer, no victory over evil is possible.

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

Monday 9th May (St Louise de Marillac)
Tuesday 10th May St John of Avila
Thursday 12th May Ss Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras
Friday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday 14th May St Matthias, apostle

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Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Sunday 8 May 2022

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.

Donate via our website:

<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>



A Vocation View: On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

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 will be going 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.

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 can be collected from the Church foyer.

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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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Catholic Theological College

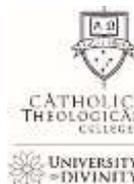
Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

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Booking, payment & more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



🎀 SENIORS LUNCH 🎀

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

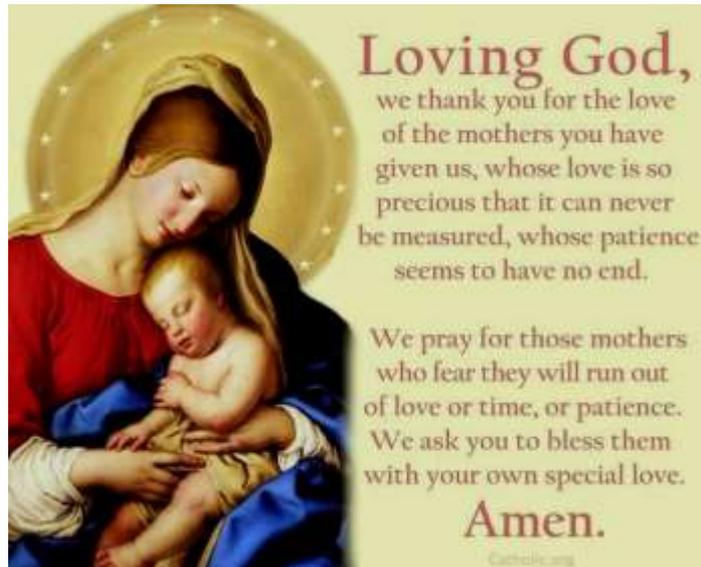
🎀 ST RAPHAEL'S COMMUNITY LUNCH 🎀

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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😊😊 SHARE A JOKE 😊😊

A woman had just arrived home from Mass on Mother's Day when she noticed her front door slightly ajar.

She quietly entered her house and walked into the kitchen where she discovered an intruder. Since she had no weapon to scare him off, she raised her hand and shouted "Acts 2:38!"

The burglar froze allowing the woman time to pull out her smart phone and call the police.

The police arrived soon after with the burglar still not moving. He was frozen stiff and white as a ghost.

The two officers asked her, "What did you say to him?"

She said she had just quoted scripture to him, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven."

As the police put the intruder into the back of the divvy van, they asked him why the scripture verse scared him so much?"

"Scripture," exclaimed the burglar, "I thought she said she had an axe and two 38s."

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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;

by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from
Perga till they reached Antioch in
Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on
the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews
and devout converts joined Paul and
Barnabas, and in their talks with them
Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain
faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next Sabbath almost the whole town
assembled to hear the word of God.
When they saw the crowds, the Jews,
prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies
and contradicted everything Paul said.
Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out
boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of
God to you first, but since you have
rejected it, since you do not think
yourselves worthy of eternal life, we
must turn to the pagans. For this is what
the Lord commanded us to do when he
said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear
this and they thanked the Lord for his
message; all who were destined for
eternal life became believers. Thus the
word of the Lord spread through the
whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the
devout women of the upper classes and
the leading men of the city and
persuaded them to turn against Paul and
Barnabas and expel them from their
territory. So they shook the dust from
their feet in defiance and went off to
Iconium; but the disciples were filled
with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

The Response Is:

***We are his people, the sheep of his
flock.***

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the
earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

***We are his people, the sheep of his
flock.***

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

***We are his people, the sheep of his
flock.***

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

***We are his people, the sheep of his
flock.***

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible
to count, of people from every nation,
race, tribe and language; they were
standing in front of the throne and in
front of the Lamb, dressed in white
robes and holding palms in their hands.
One of the elders said, 'These are the
people who have been through the great
persecution, and because they have
washed their robes white again in the
blood of the Lamb, they now stand in
front of God's throne and serve him day
and night in his sanctuary; and the One
who sits on the throne will spread his
tent over them. They will never hunger
or thirst again; neither the sun nor
scorching wind will ever plague them,
because the Lamb who is at the throne
will be their shepherd and will lead them
to springs of living water; and God will
wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to
my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from
me.

The Father who gave them to me is
greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

