

# ST RAPHAEL'S PARISH, West Preston



In partnership with St Gabriel's and St Stephen of Hungary,  
Reservoir and Reservoir East

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## Joint Parish Priests:

Fr Greg Pritchard (Moderator) and  
Rev. Dr Simon Grainger

## Asst Priest:

Fr Aurelio Fragapane

**Parish staff:** Carol Hawkesford and Liza Powell

**A School Principal:** Rosalba Squarci

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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:** 4:00pm **Thurs, Fri:** 8:30 am

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**ROSARY:** every Wednesday at 3:30pm

Please join us in Our Lady's Chapel.

## 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 5 April 2024 after the 8:30am Mass.

## LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

**(LGPG):** Wednesdays at 1:30pm.

All Welcome

**BAPTISMS:** please contact parish to arrange. Baptisms normally take place following the 10:30am parish Mass each Sunday.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 9:30am.

## 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.

## ***EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD***

***31 March 2024***

*My dear brothers and sisters*

*"There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here", the angel tells the women who come to the tomb in this Sunday's Gospel reading from St Mark [16:1-7]. We are all, or ought to be, looking for Jesus, our risen Lord and Saviour. He has risen so that he may be everywhere, present and available to all of us through the power of prayer and the Holy Spirit. In a world which is increasingly an uneasy place to dwell in, filled with falsity and distortions of facts, with war and hostility, the need to be open to the truth and reality of the risen Christ is greater than ever. As the late Pope Benedict XVI once said: "The Risen Christ himself is Light, the Light of the world. With the resurrection, the Lord's day enters the nights of history. Beginning with the resurrection, God's light spreads throughout the world and throughout history. Day dawns. This light alone - Jesus Christ - is the true light".*

*This is the last separate newsletter for St Raphael's Parish. From next week there will be a single joint newsletter for all the partner parishes of this area. It will be essential to contact Liza Powell at the parish office, open on Mondays from 8 April between 9.00am and 1.00pm, if you have anything you wish mentioned in a newsletter.*

*This Sunday at the 10.30am Mass will be my formal farewell from the parish before I go on extended pre retirement leave. At 7.00pm on Tuesday evening there will be a Mass for the one year anniversary of Pasquale Tomasiello at which I will say farewell to the San Lupo community in the parish. On Sunday 7 April at the 9.00am Italian Mass I will say farewell to the whole Italian community of the parish. I would like to thank all of the parishioners for their great kindness and courtesy to me during my time as the parish priest of West Preston. Although exhausting and stressful it has been a great pleasure to be able to serve you as your parish priest for more than six years. I commend Fr Pritchard and Fr Fragapane to you as your ongoing parish priest and assistant priest and Liza Powell as your new parish secretary. Please be grateful to them for what they are doing and be patient as the parish transitions to a new way of operating, in partnership with Reservoir and Reservoir East. Later in the year the Dominican Sisters will arrive to take up residence in the presbytery which will then be both parish office and convent of the Sisters. Fr Fragapane moves out of the presbytery in the coming week to reside in a house across the road in Hardy Street.*

*At the Vigil Mass on Easter Saturday there will be one adult baptism and three adult Confirmations. On Easter Sunday at the 10.30am Mass there will be four children making their first Communion. We warmly welcome and congratulate each of these people on their important steps forward in their life of faith in Jesus Christ. Also at the 10.30am Sunday Mass I will present the Living Parish Treasure Award to our co-sacristan, Parker Maloney, who with his dear wife Anne prepares to leave the parish for their retirement home at Parkville. I thank Parker and Anne most warmly for their many years of generous service to this parish.*

*Let us carry joyfully on our lips the ancient Easter greeting: "Christ is Risen; He is Risen indeed, Allelujah!" With every prayer for God's richest blessings to be upon you and your families.*

Fr Simon Grainger  
Pax et Gratia

**God bless and Happy Easter**  
**Buona Pasqua**



	<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>		<b>Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers</b>	
16-Mar-24	Melvin Thomas		Paul Smith	
24-Mar-24 Palm Sunday Vigil	Amato Puli'uvea		Maureen O'Dwyer Josephine Knight	
30-Mar-24 Easter Vigil	Angela De Fazio Lucy Triulcio Nick Cachia		Josephine Knight Liza Powell Paul Smith	
	<b>9:00AM Italian Mass Ministers of Communion</b>		<b>9:00AM Italian Mass Readers</b>	
17-Mar-24	Bruna D'Alessandro Carmel Colosimo		Maria Sanciole-Bell	
24-Mar-24 Palm Sunday	Carmel Colosimo Carmela Molinaro		Melinda Di Prospero Vince Colosimo	
31-Mar-24 Easter	Carmel Colosimo Carmela Molinaro		Anna Sisinni	
	<b>10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion</b>		<b>10:30AM Mass Readers</b>	
17-Mar-24	Jennifer Singam Parker Maloney		Cory Medilo	
24-Mar-24 Palm Sunday	Amitu'anai To'oto'o Parker Maloney		Cory Medilo Mary Finn	
31-Mar-24 Easter	Katalina To'oto'o Parker Maloney		Dean La Fontaine	
	<b>Holy Thursday Ministers of Communion</b>	<b>Holy Thursday Readers</b>	<b>Good Friday Ministers of Communion</b>	<b>Good Friday Readers</b>
28 & 29 March	Katalina To'oto'o	Cory Medilo	Amitu'anai To'oto'o Parker Maloney	Josephine Knight Vilay Khautakoun

### WE PRAY FOR:

*That the Sick may experience the healing touch of God.  
We pray especially for:*

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

*We pray for our beloved dead, especially those we love:*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ugo Cendron (Reqm Mass Thurs 21/3 AT 11am)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Antonio Di Fazio (Sun 31/3 at 9.00am Mass)

Alberto Bettinotti (11 years Anni, Sun 31/3 at 10.30am Mass)

Pasquale Tomasiello (1 year Anni, Tues 2/4 at 7.00pm, Fr Simon's farewell Mass for the San Lupo community.)

John Michael Hardy 6 years and Michael John Lawson 34 years (on Sat 13/4 at 9am Mass)

Lino Piscioneri (Sun 14/2 at 10.30am Mass)

*that they may enter joyfully into God's kingdom.*



### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**Thanksgiving:** \$579

**Presbytery:** \$431

Many thanks to all our contributors



### ✠ Baptism Congratulations ✠

*The community of St Raphael's congratulates  
**Augustine Mehrdad Shoeibi**  
for his Baptism on 30 March.*



### 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.



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



*The roots of our faith are planted in the barren soil of Calvary, where Jesus, in death, made hope spring up. He opened the way to heaven; He gave us eternal life; He brought us salvation.*



✠ Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week ✠



### MASS & RECONCILIATION

*9am Weekday Mass at*

St Gabriel's: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

St Stephen's: Wednesday 9.30am

*Saturday St Stephen's 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass*

*Sunday St Gabriel's 9am Reconciliation 10am Mass*

### St Raphael's Preston West

**Weekend Masses:** *Saturday* 6pm Vigil Mass *Sunday* 9am

Italian and 10.30am Masses

### **Weekday Masses:**

*Tuesday & Wednesday:* 4pm

*Thursday & Friday* 8.30am

*Saturday:* 9am

*Holy Rosary:* Wednesday 3.30pm

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am



### ✠ 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Congratulations ✠

*The community of St Raphael's congratulates*

***Basil Merlino***

***Leonard Adams***

***Ava and Olivia Villagrasa***

*who receive for the first time the most Sacred Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday 31 March 2024 at 10.30 Mass*



### CONFIRMATION

*We congratulate and pray for  
**Augustine Mehrdad Shoeibi***

***Damon Mark Beeby***

***Samuel Thinh Tran***

*who received the Sacrament of  
Confirmation on Saturday*

*30 March.*



**A VOCATION VIEW:** Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world - Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!



**ATTENTION: No mass at 4pm on Tuesday 2/4. Instead there will be a Mass at 7pm. It will be Fr Simon's farewell Mass for the San Lupo community**



### Living Parish Treasure Award

At this Sunday 10.30am Mass, Fr Simon will be awarding the Living Parish Treasure Award to:

**Parker Maloney**

in grateful appreciation for the dedication and devotion that he has shown through faithful service in God's work in this parish. Parker is retiring from his position as the Sacristan where he has given a long service.



### Mass Intentions

Please bring the details of your Mass intentions eg: Anniversary Masses, names of the recently deceased etc. to the parish office no later than 1pm on Monday afternoons for inclusion (in prayers at that weekend's Masses and) in that weekend's bulletin. Thank you



### 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



### 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 Aurelio 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 Aurelio at least 5 minutes before the commencement of that Mass so that Fr Aurelio 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.



### Children's activity pages

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



**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**

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2. On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.*



### **ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN**

**"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me." (John 14:1)**

**As we walk through life's valleys and ascend its peaks, let us carry the message of Christ's resurrection within us. Let it strengthen our resolve, uplift our spirit, and rekindle our faith. Let it remind us that in every ending, there is a beginning, in every death, there is life, and in every despair, there is hope. Let us, therefore, rejoice in the knowledge that we are not alone on our journey. For Christ has risen, and in Him, we find the courage to rise again.**

**"Lord Jesus, You conquered death and granted us eternal life. Fill us with the joy of Your resurrection. May this joy strengthen us to face life's challenges, knowing that in the end, we will rise with You. Alleluia. Amen." \_\_ Sourced from [www.majellan.media](http://www.majellan.media)**



*A priest, a deacon and the parish secretary take a shortcut through a vacant lot on their way to a meeting to discuss the upcoming Easter services when they come across an old oil lamp. The priest picks it up and rubs it with his handkerchief. To their amazement, a genie appears in a puff of smoke and offers them all one wish each. The parish secretary cries out, "I desperately need a holiday. I want to be on an island paradise on a deck chair soaking up the sun's rays." The genie waves his hand and she disappears in a puff of smoke.*

*The deacon bellows, "I want to be at the Vatican, marvelling at all the artwork in the Sistine Chapel and never have to go to another meeting as long as I live." He too disappears in a puff of smoke. Scowling, the parish priest glares at the genie, "I want those two back in time for the meeting in 10 minutes."*



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still,  
alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me,  
alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
alleluia, 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.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 10:34,37-43*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his  
household: 'You must have heard about  
the recent happenings in Judaea; about  
Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in  
Galilee, after John had been preaching  
baptism. God had anointed him with the  
Holy Spirit and with power, and because  
God was with him, Jesus went about doing  
good and curing all who had fallen into  
the power of the devil. Now I, and those  
with me, can witness to everything he did  
throughout the countryside of Judaea and  
in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that  
they killed him by hanging him on a tree,  
yet three days afterwards God raised him  
to life and allowed him to be seen, not by  
the whole people but only by certain  
witnesses God had chosen beforehand.  
Now we are those witnesses – we have  
eaten and drunk with him after his  
resurrection from the dead – and he has  
ordered us to proclaim this to his people  
and to tell them that God has appointed  
him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is  
to him that all the prophets bear this  
witness: that all who believe in Jesus will  
have their sins forgiven through his  
name.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23**

*The Response Is:*

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad.***

or

Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad.***

or

Alleluia.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad.***

or

Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad.***

or

Alleluia.

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:1-4*

Since you have been brought back to true  
life with Christ, you must look for the  
things that are in heaven, where Christ is,  
sitting at God's right hand. Let your  
thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the  
things that are on the earth, because you  
have died, and now the life you have is  
hidden with Christ in God. But when  
Christ is revealed – and he is your life –  
you too will be revealed in all your glory  
with him.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE

*Victimae Paschali Laudes*

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim*

*offer sacrifice and praise.*

*The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;*

*and Christ, the undefiled,*

*hath sinners to his Father reconciled.*

*Death with life contended:*

*combat strangely ended!*

*Life's own Champion, slain,*

*yet lives to reign.*

*Tell us, Mary:*

*say what thou didst see*

*upon the way.*

*The tomb the Living did enclose;*

*I saw Christ's glory as he rose!*

*The angels there attesting;*

*shroud with grave-clothes resting.*

*Christ, my hope, has risen:*

*he goes before you into Galilee.*

*That Christ is truly risen*

*from the dead we know.*

*Victorious king, thy mercy show!*

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*Mark 16:1-8*

When the sabbath was over, Mary of  
Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and  
Salome, bought spices with which to go  
and anoint him. And very early in the  
morning on the first day of the week they  
went to the tomb, just as the sun was  
rising.

They had been saying to one another,  
'Who will roll away the stone for us from  
the entrance to the tomb?' But when they  
looked they could see that the stone –  
which was very big – had already been  
rolled back. On entering the tomb they  
saw a young man in a white robe seated  
on the right-hand side, and they were  
struck with amazement. But he said to  
them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are  
looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was  
crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See,  
here is the place where they laid him. But  
you must go and tell his disciples and  
Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee;  
it is there you will see him, just as he told  
you."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father, the  
Almighty, Maker of all that is, seen and  
unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus  
Christ, the only Son of God, eternally  
begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial of one  
Being with the Father. Through him all  
things were made. For us men and for our  
salvation he came down from heaven, and  
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. On the  
third day he rose again 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. With the Father and the Son he is  
worshipped and glorified. He has spoken  
through the Prophets. I believe in one holy  
catholic and apostolic Church. I  
acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins. I look for the  
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the  
world to come. Amen..

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection,

until you come again.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
alleluia;

therefore let us keep the feast with the  
unleavened bread

of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.