

Processional Hymn CWB 601

Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy He has shown us,
his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

Refrain: Come, then, all you nations,
sing of the Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread He has broken,
new life he now gives to all. *Refrain*

Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing
praise God till the end of days. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 17:8-13 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8

Psalm Response

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart

Preparation of the Gifts AOV 37

Refrain: Come to me, all who labour
and are heavy burdened,
and I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Lord is my Shepherd,
I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows
where he gives me rest. *Refrain*

Holy Communion AOV 49

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and you who eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
You shall live for ever. *Refrain*

I am the resurrection
I am the life.
You who believe in me, even if you die,
You shall live for ever. *Refrain*

CWB 515

I will be your God who walks with you!
You will be always within My hand!
Take your heart and give it all to Me!

Refrain: Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in ev'ry land!
Should you call, then you will truly know: *Refrain*

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover me! *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn AOV 114

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come follow me,
and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters, in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you all
because of me, blessed, blessed are you! *Refrain*

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Partnered Parishes of St Gabriel Reservoir & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 16.10.2022

**Please hand sanitise
at entry & Holy Communion
Face masks
recommended indoors**

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*
Wednesday *St Stephen's*
9am Holy Rosary 9.30am Mass
Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*
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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday *St Stephen's*
5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday *St Gabriel's*
9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Mysteries of the Rosary are recited
at 9am each Wednesday of October
St Stephen's Church Reservoir East

Thanksgiving and Clergy support offering by direct debit

St Gabriel's Church
BSB: 083-347
account: 639372585

St Stephen's Church
BSB: 083-347
account: 145763498



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

PARISH THANKSGIVING RENEWAL

At Mass this weekend we are asked to provide updated details for our Parish database. Cards will be distributed for us to complete. This personal information will be respected as confidential: it will never be handed on to the diocese or any others. Our Parish Thanksgiving Renewal will take place on weekends November 5-6, 12-13.

WORLD MISSION DAY WEEKEND 22-23 OCTOBER

This year's Catholic Mission Appeal continues our support for the people of Ethiopia. Many communities members struggle to earn stable income to provide for their families, lacking skills, opportunities, secure work. Fr Habte and the local church have begun to build a centre to provide agricultural training and jobs. Through this year's appeal Catholic Mission invites us to support the community of Emdibir. *The World Mission Appeal will be taken up next weekend. Envelopes will be provided with the parish bulletin. Support can also be given on line: catholicmission.org.au*

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Pope Francis calls young people 16-35 to Lisbon Portugal in 2023. Join the Holy Father and the million others at this life-changing event. Melbourne Archdiocese is organising a Pilgrimage to Lisbon. Young parishioners are invited to attend an information session at St Patrick's Cathedral Thursday 27 October 7.30pm. We can travel together by train. Please speak to Fr Pritchard or email the Parish office reservoir@cam.org.au

SAFEGUARDING

Sincere thanks to all parish volunteers who have obtained a Working with Children Check and provided this to the parish office. The Archdiocese requires priests to maintain a Sacristy Register at each Church, recording the celebrant's name, date and celebration. Our parish and West Preston will form a joint Safeguarding Committee to set standards for the safety of all parishioners, including children. New Victorian Child Safe Standards were mandated on 1 July 2022.

- Weekly meetings for our RCIA candidates Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre
- Parish office Thursday 20 October 9am—3pm *Closed Friday*
- Sausage Sizzle after 10am Mass Sunday 30 October.
- Parishioners are invited to join the Altar Linen roster, maintaining the church linens: training provided. Contact Parish office 9460 6036

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
'A light into the city'

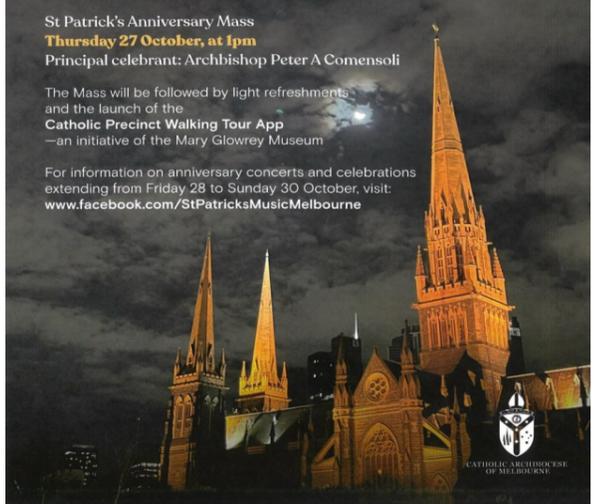
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION
 1897-2022

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, warmly invites you to join in the celebration of the

St Patrick's Anniversary Mass
Thursday 27 October, at 1pm
 Principal celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and the launch of the Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App - an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum

For information on anniversary concerts and celebrations extending from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October, visit: www.facebook.com/StPatricksMusicMelbourne



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre. *New members are always welcome.* Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330
- Donation boxes are below statue of St Joseph in St Gabriel's Church, and near baptismal font in St Stephen's Church.
- **Vinnies Reservoir 10 Edwardes St Reservoir** 1300 736 933 vinnies.org.au/getinvolved volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au

LEGION OF MARY

- Our Parish praesidium (group), dedicated to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, meets every Monday 1.30pm Bethany Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre. *New members are always welcome.*
- Our Parish Legion of Mary invites families to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week of family prayer.
- *Enquiries Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520*

ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

- Daily Mass Book \$24
- St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
- St Paul's Weekday Missal \$60
- New Order of Mass \$7
- My Simple Mass book \$8 (children)
- My Little Missal \$8 (children)
- Baptism Candles & Stoles \$15

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Parish 17 Hardy St, Preston West
 Wednesdays 1.30pm
 Contact: Nikki Daniel 9470 5840



Do you want a summary of today's readings? Keep praying! You may need support, like Moses in the first reading, but keep praying! You may need to persevere, like the widow in the Gospel, but keep praying! Why? Because our God is far better than the unjust judge. Our God loves us; he desires our good and promises to answer us.

It sounds so simple: if we just pray hard enough, with enough faith, God will act. He will bring healing or reconciliation or victory over sin - and all will be well. But let's be honest; sometimes it doesn't work that way. Sometimes God is "slow to answer" (Lk 18:7). And sometimes it seems that he doesn't answer us at all.

So how do we handle unanswered prayers? This is one of life's hardest questions. Even Jesus prayed that his "cup" of suffering would pass-and it didn't (Mt 26:39). He prayed for all believers to be one-and we aren't (Jn 17:21). Even so, Jesus tells us to pray always and not grow weary because in the end, God will see that justice is done (Lk 18:1, 7).

Perhaps there's more to persisting than praying hard until we get our answer. Maybe it also means clinging to God when he seems distant. Maybe it means praying for a miracle while also surrendering to God's mysterious plan. Maybe persisting looks like Jesus in Gethsemane.

So like Jesus, we can keep bringing our prayers to God. Like him, we can hold on to God's love and trust him. And like Jesus, we can persist in surrendering to God's ways, even when we don't understand. "Not as I will, but as you will" (Mt 26:39).

Jesus knows that none of this is easy. But the God who sent angels to comfort Jesus will strengthen you. And one day he will bring you into his presence. So until then, keep praying. Trust and hope in the Lord who will make all things new. wau.org

From Moses we learn that "praying" means "speaking with God". At the burning bush God entered into a real conversation with Moses and gave him a assignment. Moses raised objections and asked questions. Finally God revealed to him his holy name. Just as Moses then came to trust God and enlisted wholeheartedly in his service, so we too should pray and thus go to God's school.

The Bible mentions Moses' name 767 times—so central is he as the liberator and lawgiver of the people of Israel. At the same time Moses was also a great intercessor for his people. In prayer he received his commission; from prayer relationship with God: "Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend". Before Noses acted or instructed the people, he withdrew to the mountain to pray. Thus he is the original example of contemplative prayer. YOUCAT 472

THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING II

Years ago, in the wake of 9/11, a member of the local police precinct came to our parish in New York City to give a presentation about how to be best prepared for an emergency. He asked us to think of our responsibilities as a set of concentric circles. "First off," he said, "there's the smallest circle: your immediate family, the people in your house. Make sure your immediate family is safe. Then go to the next circle just outside. Check on your neighbours. After that, widen the circle to look at those beyond your neighbourhood. But your priority has to be that smallest circle, those closest to you. One person, or one family."

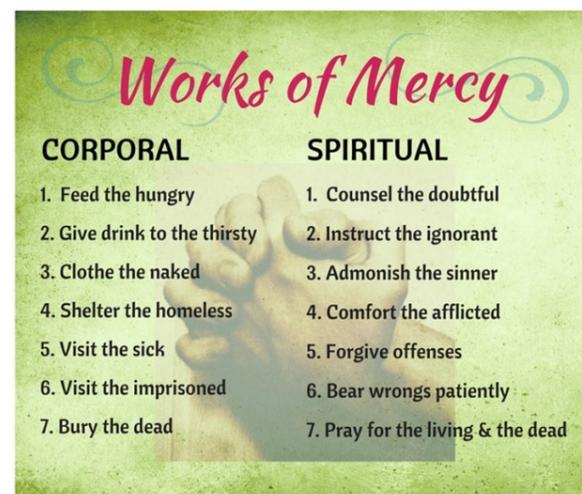
I think that model can also help us look at Catholic social teaching as well. It starts with the person, just one solitary soul, and then expands to the community, and ultimately, it embraces the whole world. Let's break it down.

This shouldn't be a surprise. Every Catholic knows: life matters. Respect it. Embrace it. Cherish it. Fight for it, from conception until natural death. As the bishops explain, "We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person."

Out of this central idea flows our respect for the poor and vulnerable, our concern for the rights and dignity of workers, and our compassion for the poor and marginalized. We believe this in our bones: everyone, no matter his or her station in life, is made in the image and likeness of God-whether it's the grocer in the supermarket or the homeless person on the street.

This also means that we are responsible for one another. Each of us realizes that, yes, I am my brother's keeper. Remember the parable of the Good Samaritan. It begins when someone asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbour?" and concludes with Jesus tasking his listeners, "Go and do likewise" (Lk 10:29, 37). We are called to "do likewise" for those in need. We're all in this together!

Deacon Greg Kendra wau.org



Works of Mercy

CORPORAL	SPIRITUAL
1. Feed the hungry	1. Counsel the doubtful
2. Give drink to the thirsty	2. Instruct the ignorant
3. Clothe the naked	3. Admonish the sinner
4. Shelter the homeless	4. Comfort the afflicted
5. Visit the sick	5. Forgive offenses
6. Visit the imprisoned	6. Bear wrongs patiently
7. Bury the dead	7. Pray for the living & the dead

St Gabriel's Theatre Group
Rehearsals

2022 production *Peter Pan*
 Sunday 11am & 4pm
 St Gabriel's Parish Hall
 Enquiries: Judy 0488 580 145



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Next weekend
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-18
 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

May our deceased be cleansed in the mercy of Christ

Recently Deceased
 Betty Hoffmann, Maria Capello

Anniversary of Death
 Gordon Pritchard, George & Alice Masterson

When we celebrate the liturgy, we are drawn into the love of God, healed, and transformed.

The sole purpose of all liturgies of the Church and all her Sacraments is that we might have life and have it abundantly.

When we celebrate the liturgy, we encounter the

One who said about himself,

"I and the way, and the truth, and the life".

Someone who is forsaken and goes to Mass receives protection and consolation from God.

Someone who feels lost and goes to Mass finds a God who is waiting for him or her.

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