### **Processional Hymn AOV 39**

Refrain: Come to set us free,

come to make us your own.

Come to show the way to our people,

your chosen.

Open our lives to the light of your promise.

Come to our hearts with healing, come to our minds with power. come to us and bring us your life.

You are light which shines in darkness, Morning Star which never sets. Open our eyes which only dimly see,

the truth which sets us free. Refrain You are hope which brings us courage,

you are strength which never fails. Open our minds to ways we do not know, Refrain

but where your Spirit grows.

You are promise of salvation, you are God in human form. Bring to our world of emptiness and fear the Word we long to hear.



# Liturgy of the Word

Wisdom 11:22-12:2 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10

#### **Psalm Response**

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life Alleluia!

Great wealth had not brought happiness to Zacchaeus, a despised tax collector in prosperous Jericho. Having wandered away from God, he was lost. Then he met Jesus, the rabbi who consorted with sinners; and his life was never to be the same again. We are called to Zacchaeus in his repentance and Jesus in his merciful love.

# Preparation of the Gifts AOV 89

I will never forget you, my people; I have carved you on the palm of my hand, I will never forget you; I will not leave you orphaned. I will never forget my own.

Does a mother forget her baby? Or a woman the child within her womb? Yet even if these forget, yes, even if these forget, I will never forget my own

## Holy Communion AOV 58

Refrain: In the breaking of the bread we have known him; we have been fed. Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord, be our companion; be our hope.

Bread for the journey, strength for our years, manna of ages of struggle and tears. Cup of salvation, fruit of the land,

bless and receive now, the work of our hands. Refrain

Bread of the promise, people of hope, wine of compassion, life for the world. Gathered at table, joined as one body.

Sealed in the spirit, sent by the Word. Refrain

#### **AOV 136**

Like a shepherd I will feed you;

I will gather you with care.

I will lead you and hold you close to my heart.

Refrain: We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength, and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

I am strength to the weary, to the weak I am new life.

Though the young may grow weary;

I will be their hope.

Refrain

Lift up your eyes, and see who made the stars. I lead you, and I know you,

I call you each by name.

Refrain

Fear not, I am with you; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you;

uphold you with my hand.

Refrain

## Recessional Hymn AOV 182

Refrain: Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, vet the love of the Lord will stand as a shelter for all who will call on his name. Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you? Could the Lord forget His love? Though a mother forsake her child, he will not abandon you.

Refrain

Should you turn and forsake him, he will gently call your name. Should you wander away from him,

He will always take you back. Refrain

Go to Him when you're weary; he will give you eagle's wings.

You will run, never tire,

for your God will be your strength.

Refrain

As he swore to your Fathers, when the flood destroyed the land.

He will never forsake vou: he will swear to you again.

Refrain

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

Parish Priest: Fr Gregory Pritchard

Parish Office: 1 Viola Street Reservoir 3073 Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm THURSDAY 9am—3pm

**Phone:** 9460 6036 Email: reservoir@cam.org.au www.stgabrielsreservoir.org

St. Gabriel's Church 1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

30.10.2022

Please hand sanitise

at entry & Holy Communion

Face masks recommended indoors

**ALL WEEKDAY MASSES** 

AT ST GABRIEL'S

All Saints Day

Tuesday 1 November

Mass 9am

All Souls Day

Wednesday 2 November

Mass & Indulgence Prayers 9am

Thursday 9am St Gabriel's

Friday 9am St Gabriel's

Funeral Mass

Concetta Polito Mon 10.30am St Gabriel's

Lucia Di Nello Wed 10.30am St Stephen's

**WEEKEND MASS** 

Saturday St Stephen's

5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday St Gabriel's

9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

Thanksgiving and Clergy support

offering by direct debit



St Stephen's Church

# **ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION**

71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Gabriel's Church was consecrated on 29 October 2000 Sausage sizzle after Sunday 10am Mass

#### PARISH THANKSGIVING RENEWAL

Our Parish Thanksgiving Renewal will take place on weekends November 5-6, 12-13.

Our Parish Thanksgiving Renewal will set us on a path together, building on a long tradition of Parish life in Reservoir and Reservoir East, and Archbishop Comensoli's initiative, Take the Way of the Gospel. Our Parish amalgamation comes into effect on Tuesday. New church signs and stationery have been commissioned.

### **NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME** TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD

A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, by praying the Lord's prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.

Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance.

The November Offering can be placed in the weekend collection. Envelopes are also available at the presbytery front door with the Parish bulletin. The November offering provides for Masses for our deceased parents, family members.

- World Youth Day information session Sunday 13 November 2pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre
- Weekly meetings for our RCIA candidates Thursdays St Gabriel's Parish Centre
- Parishioners are invited to join the Altar Linen roster, maintaining the church linens: training provided. Contact Parish office 9460 6036

account: 639372585 St Stephen's Church

BSB: 083-347 account: 145763498

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



## VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL 2022 13 18 12

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#### 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.
- 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

#### CALENDARS 2023

Columban Art Calendar 2023 \$9
Padre Pio Calendario 2023 \$12
Magellan Christmas Cards \$7 (packet of 10)
Catholic Mothers Planner 2023 \$55

These will soon be available from St Gabriel's Pietv Stall.

#### THEOLOGY AT THE PUB

How Islam led me back to Christ
Speaker: Charbel Raish
European Bier Café
Level 1 120 Exhibition St Melbourne
Monday 7 November 7.30pm
theologyatthepub.com.au

#### LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Parish 17 Hardy St, Preston West Wednesdays 1.30pm Contact: Nikki Daniel 9470 5840 God sure does think differently than we do, doesn't he? Especially when it comes to sin. How many times have we been deeply offended by someone's sins? Even if we aren't the one being sinned against, our sense of justice is aroused. We respond with anger. We may even imagine just the right retort or act of vengeance that we would deliver to the offender. We can be just as harsh when it comes to our own sins as well. We are often our own worst judge, jury, and executioner!

But that's not God's way. Today's first reading tells us that he chooses to "overlook" our sins and give us time to turn back to him. Or he may decide just to "rebuke (us) little by little" in the hope that we will ultimately repent (Wisdom 11:23; 12:2).

Today's Gospel reading shows us this approach in practice. Seeing Zacchaeus up in that sycamore tree, Jesus said nothing about whatever sins Zacchaeus might have committed. He didn't even tell him to leave his job as a tax collector. And if Zacchaeus was corrupt, as many people believed, Jesus didn't command him to repent. All he did was... invite himself to dinner (Lk 19:5).

It turns out, that's all Zacchaeus needed. Moved by Jesus' love and openhearted approach, Zacchaeus took it upon himself to make restitution. He promised to do whatever was necessary to maintain his new relationship with the Lord. And Jesus affirmed that Zacchaeus' acts were signs that "salvation" was indeed his (Lk 19:9).

It may be hard to believe, but Jesus is not up in heaven keeping track of your offenses and devising your punishment. He's standing before you, asking you to welcome him. He knows that if you do, his perfect, unending, personal love for you will bring you to a repentance that will bear sweet, abundant fruit.

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# Does the Church need places in order to celebrate the liturgy?

Worship "in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:24) of the New Covenant is tied exclusively to any place because Christ is the true temple of God. Through him Christians and the whole Church become temples of the living God by the action of the Holy Spirit. Nonetheless, the people of God in their earthly condition need places in which the community can gather to celebrate the liturgy.

#### What are sacred buildings?

They are the houses of God, a symbol of the Church that lives in that place as well as of the heavenly Jerusalem. Above all they are places of prayer in which the Church celebrates the Eucharist and worships Christ who is truly present in the tabernacle.

# What are the privileged places inside sacred buildings?

They are: the altar, the tabernacle, the place where the sacred Chrism and other holy oils are kept, the chair of the bishop (cathedra) or the chair of the priest, the ambo, the baptismal font, and the confessional.

Compendium 244, 245, 246

# THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IV

So how does all this impact our lives as Catholic Christians? Can't we just go to Mass, toss an envelope in the collection basket, and consider our work done?

Well, actually, no. A critically important part of Catholic social teaching is right in the middle of its name: *social*. We are called through our baptism not only to be people of faith and belief but also to be active in the world. To be engaged with the struggles and sufferings of those around us. By extension, that means we strive to live in imitation of Christ.

It is important to remember that the Gospels repeatedly show us that Jesus was not merely a teacher or a man of prayer. He was a doer, a man of action. He journeyed, healed, touched, blessed; he calmed storms and drove out demons and money changers. He engaged with the world. In particular, he engaged with those on the margins the poor, the sick, the outcast, the despised. He cared for the smallest and weakest of God's children and, as we read in St Matthew's Gospel, he identified with them the most: "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me".

The tenets of Catholic social teaching are woven into the Gospels, into Christ's teachings, and into the very fabric of our faith. They are not optional, and the reason they are not optional is because they ultimately come down to one simple word: love.

Pope Benedict XVI said as much: "Charity is at the heart of the Church's social doctrine".

"God is love." This is really at the heart of Catholic social teaching-and at the heart of our lives as Catholic Christians.

Love. For the vulnerable, the outcast, the forgotten.

Deacon Greg Kendra wau.org

# St Gabriel's Theatre Group Rehearsals

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



# Next weekend 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5 Luke 20:27-38

May our dead know the mercy of God who created them.

Recently Deceased
Concetta Polito
Christine (Dowling) Smith

Anniversary of Death Mary Rebbechi

### ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION ST GABRIEL'S CHURCH (2000)

(Saturday 29 October)

# COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

(Wednesday 2 November)

A plenary indulgence can be gained on each of these days by visiting St Gabriel's Church (weekend 29-30 October) or any church (Wednesday 2 November).

On All Souls Day the Plenary indulgence may only be

applied to the faithful departed.

The indulgence is obtained by reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Creed and fulfilling the usual conditions: the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and

prayer for the Pope's intentions (within 7 days either side of the feast).

## The 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: the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence he shall 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

# Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, who chose your servant Francis in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through Christ. Our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.