

PROCESSIONAL HYMN CWB 244

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
and let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty Guest may come.

For you are our Salvation, Lord,
Our Refuge, and our great Reward.
Without your grace we waste away,
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let your light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

To God the Son all glory be
Whose advent sets your people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

Psalm Response

Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

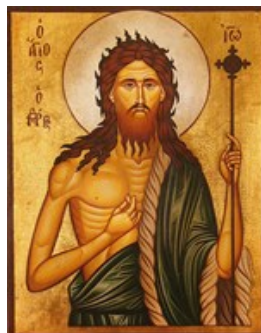
John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of his coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with John the Baptist who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent.

Compendium 102

Next weekend 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11



Preparation of the Gifts CWB 251

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; keep watch, take heart.

Holy Communion CWB 552

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

RECESSIONAL HYMN CWB 232

Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free!
from our fears and sins release us,
in your heart our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope to all you shall impart;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born, your people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever,
now your gracious kingdom bring:

By your own eternal Spirit
rule in our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne.

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**May the faithful departed
see the salvation of God
in his Kingdom**

**Anniversary of Death
William & Marie Ahern**



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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 04.12.2022

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday *St Stephen's*

9am Holy Rosary 9.30am Mass

Thursday *St Gabriel's*

8.30am Holy Rosary 9am Mass

Friday 9am *St Gabriel's*

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday *St Stephen's*

5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday *St Gabriel's*

9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

*At Christmas we provide extra support
to our Bishops and priests, retired and sick priests.*

*The Christmas offering envelope
is included in our parish Thanksgiving envelopes.
Christmas offering envelopes are also available
at St Gabriel's & St Stephen's churches.*

Thanksgiving and Clergy support offering by direct debit

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



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

**Please hand sanitise
at entry & Holy Communion
Face masks optional**

PARISH THANKSGIVING RENEWAL

**Please collect your new series
of Parish Thanksgiving envelopes.
Parishioners who give by direct debit
are asked to collect an envelope
and complete the enclosed
request and agreement.**

PARISH RCIA

Our weekly meetings take place Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre. We break on Thursday 15 December, and resume Thursday 2 February 2023. We welcome our candidates and their sponsors at Sunday 10am Mass. Today they become *catechumens*, embraced by the Church our Mother, and affirmed on their path to the Easter Sacraments.

ADVENT

- Our St Vincent de Paul Parish conference asks our support for their outreach to needy families at this time. The Christmas Appeal envelope can be placed in the weekend collection.
- A coffee truck will provide hot coffee after 10am Mass Sunday 4 December (St Gabriel's)
- Registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2023 can be made by phone or email to the Parish office.
- Fr Pritchard will be absent next weekend, attending a meeting in Adelaide of clergy members of the Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy. Fr Pritchard is the Chairman of this national association of bishops, priests and deacons. Fr Hoctor will celebrate Masses next weekend 10-11 December, and Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's* and Wednesday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass *St Stephen's*.

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Congratulations to all involved with this year's musical production *Peter Pan*. Many months rehearsal and practice have been rewarded with a quality presentation, singing and acting, enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Up to 13 young parishioners from Reservoir-Reservoir East and Preston West will attend WYD Lisbon 2023. We will commence preparation with the diocese, and a local program early in the New Year. Our parish will also embark on fundraising to support our pilgrims. \$5900 per person includes a visit to Fatima, WYD Lisbon and Melbourne retreat.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

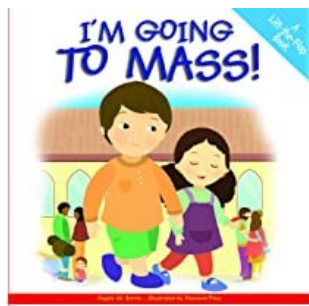
- Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre.
New members are always welcome.
Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330
- Donation boxes are below statue of St Joseph in St Gabriel's Church, and near baptismal font in St Stephen's Church.
- **Vinnies 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

Veritatis Calendar 2023 \$10
Magellan Christmas Cards \$7.50 (packet of 10)
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
Journey to Bethlehem Advent Wreath \$100



Here is a book that will help young children join in the celebration of Mass! Little hands will enjoy lifting the flaps to discover what happens next, whether its singing with the choir or shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. At home or at Mass, *I'm Going to Mass* will engage toddlers and preschoolers with its colourful illustrations and simple language. For ages 2 to 5. \$15

PIONEERS MASS

Sunday 11 December 2pm
Magnificat House
456 Queensberry St North Melbourne
Enquiries Patrick 0425 712 213

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

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

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS

*After the Sign of the Cross, all sit.
The candidates step forward and formally request
life in the Catholic Church and the Gospel.
Their sponsors and Parish family
affirm their request:*

Celebrant:

Sponsors, you now present these candidates to us; are you, and all who are gathered here with us, ready to help them to find and follow Christ?

All: We are

Celebrant:

Father of mercy, we thank you for your servants. You have sought and summoned them in many ways and they have turned to seek you. You have called them today and they have answered in our presence: we praise you, Lord, and we bless you.

All: We praise you, Lord, and we bless you.

*The candidates are then marked
with the Sign of the Cross*

Celebrant:

Receive the cross on your forehead. It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love. Learn to know him and follow him.

All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*After the Homily, the new catechumens receive a
book containing the Holy Gospels (Sunday Missal)*

Celebrant:

Jessica, Isaac, Awais, Ruben
receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*All participate in the
Intercessions for the Catechumens.
The Profession of Faith concludes
the Liturgy of the Word.*

Celebrant:

Jessica, Isaac, Awais, Ruben, although you cannot yet participate fully in the Lord's Eucharist, stay with us as a sign of our hope that all God's children will eat and drink with the Lord and work with the Holy Spirit to re-create the face of the earth.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2022

HOLY ROSARY

Wednesdays of Advent
9am Rosary 9.30am Mass
St Stephen's



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

Thursday 8 December *St Gabriel's*
8.30am Holy Rosary 9am Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekend 3-4 December
Sunday 10am Mass *St Gabriel's*
Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens
Coffee cart after Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Stephen's
Saturday 3 December 5pm
Saturday 10 December 5pm
Saturday 17 December 5pm
Wednesday 21 December 10am

St Gabriel's

Sunday 4 December 9am
Sunday 11 December 9am
Sunday 18 December 9am
Tuesday 20 December 9.30am, 7pm
Wednesday 21 December 7pm
Thursday 22 December 9.30am, 7pm
Friday 23 December 9.30am, 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 24 December
6pm *St Stephen's*

8pm *St Gabriel's*

Sunday 25 December
10am *St Gabriel's*

CHRISTMAS SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

Register: Parish office 9460 6036
email reservoir@cam.org.au

Examination of Conscience for Advent

*This Advent, Jesus is inviting you to prepare your heart for his coming—not just his first one, in Bethlehem, but his second, when he comes again in glory. He wants you to know the joy of being one with him and of playing your part to build his kingdom on earth. He is ready to remove every barrier, big or small, so that you can say and live a deeper yes and receive more of his life. And so he invites you to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify areas of your life that need God's healing and loving touch. Take time to reflect, and use the following questions as a starting point. Ask Mary to pray for you, too. She is your mother, after all, and she longs to see you traveling the narrow road that will end with Jesus' welcome, "Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).*

Yes to Love of God

Am I loving and serving God with my whole heart, mind, and strength? Where could I do better? Am I waiting and watching for the Lord through daily prayer? Am I learning to meet him and listen to him in his word? Have I sought him through faithful Mass attendance and the sacraments?
Have I used my gift of speech in a way that honours God and builds up his people? Is there anything about it that needs cleaning up—foul language, gossip, complaining, verbal abuse? Do both my mouth and my actions say, "yes, Lord!"
Does God hold first place in my life, or has something or someone else weaselled in? Is he the Lord of my time, money, and other resources? Have I been using these gifts to build his kingdom? Has desire or anxiety over money and material things affected my decisions and distracted me from God? Can I honestly say I trust God with every part of my life?

Yes to Love of Neighbour

How am I doing in my relationships with family members, friends, co-workers, neighbours, parishioners? Have any of my words, attitudes, or actions caused disunity? Am I harbouring anger, resentment, or hatred toward someone? Is there anyone I need to forgive? Is there anyone whose forgiveness I need to ask? Do I give appropriate respect to parents, teachers, employers, and all legitimate authority? Do I accept correction from them or from others, or have I sometimes pridefully insisted on my own way? Have I done violence to anyone or treated them with disrespect? Have I used or taken advantage of anyone? Am I helping to build a world where every human being is valued and seen as having dignity? Am I more focused on building myself a cosy, comfortable life than on caring for others? Is God inviting me to say "yes" to some service to people in need? How am I working for the coming of Christ's kingdom of justice and peace? Am I sinning by omission in any of these areas?

*Mother Mary,
help me to surrender my whole life and self to God,
with complete confidence
in both his love and his power
to transform me.*

*Let everything about me echo your own total gift of self:
"Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).*

*Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry
and the respect due to people
every confessor, without any exception
and under very severe penalties,
is bound to maintain "the sacramental seal"
which means absolute secrecy
about the sins revealed to him in confession.
Compendium 309*