

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN AOV 184

*Refrain:* All the earth proclaim the Lord,  
Sing your praise to God.

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness.  
Come into his presence singing for joy! *Refrain*

Know that the Lord is our creator.  
Yes, he is our Father; we are his own. *Refrain*

We are the sheep of the green pasture,  
For we are his people; he is our God. *Refrain*

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,  
O enter his courts while singing in praise. *Refrain*



## Liturgy of the Word

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

### Psalm Response

Lord, come and save us

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

*Many of the Jewish people did not expect a Messiah like Jesus. Many wondered: 'Are you the one who is to come?' Jesus came not to exercise sovereignty and power over the people but to bring blessing to the poor and needy. Let us celebrate his birth this Christmas by being good news for the poor*

## Preparation of the Gifts CWB 241

*Refrain:*

O Emmanuel Come into our hearts.  
O Emmanuel We're waiting for your light.  
O Emmanuel God is with us now.  
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

We your people are waiting for you, Lord,  
Waiting all throughout the earth.  
We your people are waiting for you, Lord,  
waiting to celebrate your birth. *Refrain*

We your people are longing for you, Lord,  
longing with hope and with joy.  
We your people are longing for you, Lord,  
longing for the sign to rejoice. *Refrain*

We your people are ready for you, Lord,  
ready to change and repent.  
We your people are ready for you, Lord,  
ready for you to come again. *Refrain*

## Holy Communion GA 279

Word we long for, Alleluia,  
Word we thirst for, Maranatha!

Key of David, Alleluia,  
Son of Mary, Maranatha!

Promised Saviour, Alleluia,  
True Messiah, Maranatha!

Cry of prophets, Alleluia,  
Hope of ages, Maranatha!

Light of nations, Alleluia,  
Light in darkness, Maranatha!

Risen Saviour, Alleluia,  
Lord of glory, Maranatha!

You we long for, Alleluia,  
You we thirst for, Maranatha!

Here among us, Alleluia,  
Living in us, Maranatha!

## AOV 160

*Refrain:* Like a shepherd he feeds his flock  
And gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully close to his heart,  
leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice:  
Jerusalem, here is your God. *Refrain*

I myself will shepherd them,  
for others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
and pasture them giving them rest. *Refrain*  
Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,  
and take my yoke upon your shoulders.  
I will give you rest. *Refrain*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN AOV 57

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*Refrain:*

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free. *Refrain*

God is light; in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.  
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.  
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth. *Refrain*

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice!  
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice! *Refrain*

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## Parish of St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East

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## 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 11.12.2022

### WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday *St Stephen's*

9am Holy Rosary 9.30am Mass

Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*

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

Thank you to all in our Parish for a generous response to our Parish Thanksgiving Renewal. We have all been called to make a new commitment to parish life – to ensure we have resources for vibrant liturgy, quality pastoral care and outreach to the needy, as well as honouring our rich history, maintaining our two churches and other parish facilities. Your support and participation in our Thanksgiving Renewal is very much appreciated.

The new Parish Thanksgiving commitment took effect last weekend. Remaining Thanksgiving envelopes can be collected at St Gabriel's Church, at Our Lady Shrine. Parishioners who contribute by Direct Debit will have received a form in the mail. Please return these in the weekend collection or to the Parish Office by Friday 16 December.

A complete report on our Parish Renewal will be included in next weeks Parish bulletin. A quarterly report of Parish income / expenditure and special collections 2022 will be published in the Parish bulletin weekend 4-5 February 2023.

## PARISH RCIA

Our Parish RCIA meets this Thursday 15 December 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre. This is our last meeting for this year. We resume Thursday 2 February 2023.

## ADVENT

*We welcome Fr Hctor for weekend Masses  
as well as morning Mass Tuesday St Gabriel's  
and Wednesday St Stephen's.*

*St Gabriel's & St Stephen's MACS P-6  
will attend Wednesday 9.30am Mass St Stephen's.*

- 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.
- Registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2023 can be made by phone or email to the Parish office.
- Thank you to Parishioners for help with last Sunday's coffee truck and morning tea, and Sandra Fresh Roast Coffee Mobile Café.



## 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](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved)  
[volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto: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



## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

We will commence preparation with the diocese, and between Reservoir - Reservoir East and West Preston 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.

Do you ever have doubts? Every- one does, even John the Baptist. Herod had thrown John into prison and kept the threat of execution hanging over him. Sitting in that cell, John began to wonder if he had laboured for nothing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus a question: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Mt 11:3).

Why would John ask such a pointed question? Probably because Jesus' ministry didn't fit John's idea of what God's kingdom should look like. Unlike John, Jesus wasn't a fire- and-brimstone preacher. He seemed more concerned with healing sick people than with overthrowing Herod. He wasn't popular with many Jewish leaders either. So doubts about Jesus began to creep in.

Rather than rebuking John's disciples, Jesus described his ministry: the sick are healed, the dead are raised, and the poor hear the good news (Mt 11:5). John's disciples would have recognized these as signs of the Messiah foretold by Isaiah (35:6).

Jesus wasn't put off by John's doubts. Quite the opposite, he praised John as the greatest of all those "born of women" (Mt 11:11). Jesus knew John; he loved him and understood the trial he was enduring. Knowing what John was going through, he treated him with compassion. And he will do the same for you.

You may have doubts. Bring them to Jesus. Ask him to help you recall his work in your life: when you experienced his forgiveness, knew his love, or felt his presence. Let him reassure you that he knows you and loves you. Let him strengthen your faith. As Isaiah proclaims in another prophecy, "A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench" (Is 42:3). With his love, Jesus can set your doubts to rest and fan your smouldering faith into a blazing fire. [wau.org](http://wau.org)

## Next weekend

## 4th Sunday of Advent

## Year A

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24



## May our dead find eternal rest

### Anniversary of Death

Marie Patricia Hctor  
Augusto Da Silva  
Sam Bainy  
Bainy & Malkoun Family  
Frank Napolitano

*Let us not hesitate to help those who have died  
and to offer our prayers for them.*

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2022

## HOLY ROSARY

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



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### St Stephen's

Saturday 10 December 5pm  
Saturday 17 December 5pm  
Wednesday 21 December 10am

### St Gabriel's

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](mailto:reservoir@cam.org.au)

## ESAME DI COSCIENZA

*Consiste nell'interrogarsi sul male commesso e il bene omesso: verso Dio, il prossimo e se stessi.*

### Nei confronti di Dio

Mi rivolgo a Dio solo nel bisogno?

Partecipo alla Messa la domenica e le feste di precetto?

Comincio e chiudo la giornata con la preghiera?

Ho nominato invano Dio, la Vergine, i Santi?

Mi sono vergognato di dimostrarmi cristiano?

Cosa faccio per crescere spiritualmente?

Come? Quando?

Mi ribello davanti ai disegni di Dio?

Pretendo che egli compia la mia volontà?

### Nei confronti del prossimo

So perdonare, compatire, aiutare il prossimo?

Ho calunniato, rubato, disprezzato i piccoli e gli indifesi?

Sono invidioso, collerico, parziale?

Ho cura dei poveri e dei malati?

Mi vergogno della carne di mio fratello, della mia sorella?

Sono onesto e giusto con tutti o alimento la "cultura dello scarto"?

Ho istigato altri a fare il male?

Osservo la morale coniugale e familiare insegnata dal Vangelo?

Come vivo le responsabilità educative verso i figli?

Onoro e rispetto i miei genitori?

Ho rifiutato la vita appena concepita?

Ho spento il dono della vita?

Ho aiutato a farlo? Rispetto l'ambiente?

Nei confronti di sé Sono un po' mondano e un po' credente?

Esagero nel mangiare, bere, fumare, divertirmi?

Mi preoccupo troppo della salute fisica, dei miei beni?

Come uso il mio tempo? Sono pigro?

Voglio essere servito? Amo e coltivo la purezza di cuore, di pensieri e di azioni?

Medito vendette, nutro rancori?

Sono mite, umile, costruttore?

*Mio Dio, mi pento e mi dolgo con tutto il cuore  
dei miei peccati,  
perché peccando ho meritato i tuoi castighi,  
e molto più perché ho offeso te,  
infinitamente buono  
e degno di essere amato sopra ogni cosa.  
Propongo col tuo santo aiuto  
di non offenderti mai più  
e di fuggire le occasioni prossime di peccato.  
Signore, misericordia, perdonami.*