

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN CWB 242

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, true wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
in ancient times on Sinai's height  
you gave your chosen tribes the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

O come, O branch of Jesse, free  
your children from all tyranny  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

## Liturgy of the Word

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

## Psalm Response

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A virgin will give birth to a son; his name  
will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

*Joseph was a "righteous man," a faithful Jew who knew the history of his people. He knew that God had miraculously freed the Israelites from slavery and had rescued them time and again over the centuries. He knew the many signs that God had performed and the many battles he had won for them.*

*So when an angel told Joseph that it was through the Holy Spirit that his wife, Mary, had conceived a child, he must have recalled the many great things God had done in the past. If God could do all that, then surely this was possible as well.*

*Joseph was able to trust because he believed in God's power and goodness. Though he probably considered himself an ordinary man, Joseph knew that God could act just as marvellously in his own life as he had in the lives of his forefathers. That helped him believe that God had brought him and Mary together for a special purpose, one that would unfold day by day. So he agreed to take Mary into his home and prepare to be a father to her child.*

*Trust: this is our call as well. It's not easy, especially when there is no angel or dream to guide us! But unlike Joseph, we know the purpose behind God's great plan for us: Jesus, God incarnate, died and rose from the dead so that he could give us new life.*

*This knowledge can be our strong foundation when we are tempted to doubt. When we are walking in the dark, when we don't see a way forward or a way out, we can choose to believe that God will find a way for us. He has a good plan for us, and he will carry it out in his own perfect time. And when our trust is flagging, let's remember Joseph, the righteous man whose trust in God helped bring salvation to the world.*

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## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS CWB 241

Go to Joseph, son of David,  
All your needs to him entrust.  
God the Son did once obey him,  
His protector, pure just.  
Now in Heaven, O what glory!  
Close to Mary, Virgin blest.  
Intercede for us, St. Joseph,  
Your compassion manifest.

At the birth of our Redeemer  
Songs of glory filled the night.  
Shepherds went with haste to worship  
Christ the Lord, the source of light.  
And they found God's greatest treasures,  
His own Son and Heaven's Queen,  
In the loving care of Joseph  
Where the Church has ever been.

In the Gospel he is silent,  
From St. Joseph not a word.  
In his heart would he consider,  
No complaint was ever heard.  
Wise and faithful, humble, gentle  
Preaching loud without a sound,  
May we learn from his example,  
May his way in us be found.

## HOLY COMMUNION 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 all our hearts alone;  
by your all-sufficient merit  
raise us to your glorious throne

## RECESSIONAL HYMN CWB 242

O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by your advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind.  
Bid ev'ry sad division cease,  
and be yourself our Prince of Peace. *Refrain*

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## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 18.12.2022

### MASS & RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5pm Reconciliation *St Stephen's*

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass *St Stephens's*

Sunday 9am Reconciliation *St Gabriel's*

Sunday 10am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Reconciliation 9.30am, 7pm *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday *St Stephen's*

9am Holy Rosary 9.30am Mass

10am Reconciliation

7pm Reconciliation 7pm *St Gabriel's*

Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Reconciliation 9.30, 7pm *St Gabriel's*

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## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Saturday 24 December**

6pm Mass *St Stephen's*

7.30pm Christmas Carols

8pm Mass *St Gabriel's*

**Sunday 25 December**

10am Mass *St Gabriel's*

## FUNERAL MASS

Wednesday 11am Rosa Montaperto RIP

*St Stephen's*

Tuesday 10.30am Connie Lynch RIP

*St Gabriel's*

*May the prayers of  
Our Lady and St Joseph  
help the faithful departed*

## Recently Deceased

Fr Joseph Patrick Hynan PE

Connie Lynch

Rosa Montaperto

## Anniversary of Death

Joseph Georges

Dean Sutherland, Greg Nelson



## PARISH THANKSGIVING

We completed a successful renewal  
of Parish Thanksgiving on weekends  
November 5-6, 12-13.

The results at 9 December include:

99 Pledges (16 new)

79 Envelopes

20 Direct debit / Credit

Average \$11

\$1090 weekly pledge

Presbytery Pledge \$335 per week

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

At Christmas we provide extra support to our Bishops  
and priests, retired and sick priests. The Christmas of-  
fering envelope is included in our parish Thanksgiving  
envelopes. Christmas offering envelopes are also avail-  
able at St Gabriel's & St Stephen's churches.

## THANKSGIVING & CLERGY SUPPORT BY DIRECT DEBIT

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



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, Sunday 18 December  
3pm. Traditional and modern Christmas music present-  
ed by Cathedral Schola and Cathedral Brass.  
[Trybooking.com/BRYBS](http://Trybooking.com/BRYBS)

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office closes 3pm Friday 23 December and  
will reopen Friday 20 January 2023 9am –12noon  
Phone & emails will be checked regularly

Fr Pritchard will attend international clergy meetings in  
Rome and Fatima in January 2023.  
Fr Hoctor will celebrate weekend Masses.  
Weekday Mass is available at St Raphael's West Pres-  
ton.

***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***