

### Processional Hymn CWB 595

*Refrain:* Seek, O seek the Lord, while He is near;  
trust Him, speak to him in prayer,  
and he will hear.

God, be with us in our lives,  
direct us in our calling;  
break the snares the world contrives,  
keep us from falling. *Refrain*

God, increase in us the life  
that Christ by dying gave us.  
Though we faint with mortal strife  
his blood will save us. *Refrain*

Strengthen in our hearts the love  
we owe to one another.  
How can we love God above  
and not our brother? *Refrain*

### Liturgy of the Word

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

### Psalm Response

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad  
your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

*The beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching and they take up and fulfil the promises that God made starting with Abraham. They depict the very countenance of Jesus and they characterize authentic Christian life. They reveal the ultimate goal of human activity, which is eternal happiness.* *Compendium 360*

### Holy Communion CWB 456

Blessed are the poor in spirit  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,  
blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they, that hunger and thirst after justice.  
Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn  
for they shall be comforted,  
blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are you when they revile and harm you,  
and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful for mercy they will find,  
blessed are the peace-makers  
for they shall be called God's children.

### Next weekend 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16



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### Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven

### Recently Deceased

Pope Benedict XVI  
Cardinal George Pell  
Fr Tao Pham  
Peter Guglielmi, Christopher Russell, Simon Kelly,  
Judy Davis, Rosa Fragale, Santo Pascuzzi,

### Anniversary of Death

Anthony Aqualina, Charlie Farrugia, Domenica Peroni,  
Alfonso Adda, Mario Biancacci,  
Francesco & Vienna Di Giamtomasso,  
Michael & Carmena Montebello,  
Stanislaw & Irena Merchel  
Jan, Agnieska Merchel Family

### POPE BENEDICT XVI

Solemn Requiem Mass (1962)  
Tuesday 31 January 7pm  
St Mary's Star of the Sea  
33 Howard Street West Melbourne

### CARDINAL GEORGE PELL AC

Funeral Mass and Burial  
Thursday 2 February 11am  
St Mary's Cathedral Sydney  
livesstreamed on the  
St Mary's Cathedral You Tube Channel

Memorial Mass  
Friday 3 February 6.30pm  
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

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### WORLD YOUTH DAY PORTUGAL 2023 PREPARATION PROGRAM

Sunday 5 February 11.30am-1pm  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre

*At this stage 10-13 young parishioners from Reservoir / Reservoir East and Preston West will attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal 2023. All of us provide our support. Together we hope to build up a group of young adults for friendship and faith support.*

*St Gabriel's, St Stephen's & St Raphael's will provide a local program on the first Sunday of the month to prepare for World Youth Day. Anna Krohn (ANIMA Education) will provide a series of talks on the saints of Portugal and World Youth Day.*

**The first talk is on Sunday 5 February  
11.30am to 1pm  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre  
including lunch.  
Contribution \$10 (working) and  
\$5 (non-working, students).**

**Register by FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY  
reservoir@cam.org.au**



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

**Parish Priest: Fr Gregory Pritchard**  
Parish Office: 1 Viola Street Reservoir 3073  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Friday 9am—3pm  
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**St. Gabriel's Church  
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073**

**St Stephen's Church  
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073**

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 29.01.2023

### MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*  
Wednesday 9.30am *St Stephen's*

Thursday 2nd February  
Presentation of the Lord  
9am *St Gabriel's*

*This feast commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem by his parents. This feast has popularly been called Candlemas Day. At the beginning of Mass, candles are blessed with a procession, honouring Jesus as our Saviour who sheds light upon us and offers salvation to the whole world.*

Friday 9am *St Gabriel's*  
Memorial of St Blaise

*St Blaise devoted his early years to the study of philosophy and went on to practice medicine before becoming Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (Turkey). He was beheaded after terrible tortures under Licinius in 317. In the Middle Ages his cult spread widely and he is invoked against diseases of the throat.*

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 to St Gabriel & St Stephen Parish

St Gabriel & St Stephen Church  
BSB: 083-347  
Account: 639372585



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

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS THANKS

Sincere thanks to all who assisted with our Parish celebration of Advent and Christmas. Special thanks to Fr Hektor for generously assisting with Christmas and weekend Masses during December and January.

- Christmas Tree & Crib: Ange Braysha
- Music ministry: Colin Jenkins  
Phyllis Vespucci & Guitar group  
Maureen O'Dwyer, Gary O'Dwyer
- Altar Servers, Readers, Special Ministers, Collectors
- Sacristy:  
St Gabriel's Ange and Ophelia Braysha  
St Stephen's Paul & Marcia Bettin, Helene Nowak,  
Lucy Lilburne
- St Gabriel's Linen Roster
- Flowers: lillypadweddings.com.au
- Parish Office: Gracie Forde, Hung Chau,  
Bonnie Wilson
- Mission: reservoir@lovere.com.au

Our **St Vincent de Paul Conference** received \$2,223 in generous support from all in our Parish with the special Christmas appeal. Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre, commencing Monday 20 February. *New members are always welcome.*

Our Parish **Legion of Mary** 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.*  
*Enquiries: Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520*

In **2022**, 21 children and 2 adults were baptised, 11 received First Holy Communion and 18 the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Gabriel's. We bid farewell 32 parishioners who were buried from St Gabriel's and St Stephen's churches.

Construction of the new Cathedral for the **Syro-Malabar** diocese is ongoing. The Syro-Malabar community will continue to use St Stephen's Church for Sunday Mass, Holy Week and other celebrations. Fr Varghese is resident at St Stephen's Presbytery. The Eparchy ordained their first local priest on 26 January in Western Australia. Pope Francis has appointed a new Australian Eparch Mgr John Panamthottathil CMI.

*The Parish Office has a large quantity of screw top wine bottles available. These may be useful for home made wine or sauce. Please phone or email the Parish office if you have use for these.*