

## Processional Hymn CWB 540

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain:* Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

## Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

## Psalm Response

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
The man who follows me will have  
the light of life. Alleluia!

*The founder of the People of God is the Father. Its leader is Jesus Christ. Its source of strength is the Holy Spirit. The entryway to the People of God is Baptism. Its dignity is the freedom of the children of God. Its law is love. If this people remains faithful to God and seeks first the kingdom of God, it changes the world.*

*In the midst of all the peoples on earth, there is one people that is like no other. It is subject to no one but God alone. It is supposed to be like salt, which adds flavour; like yeast, which permeates everything; like light, which drives away the darkness. Anyone who belongs to the People of God must count on coming into conflict with people who deny God's existence and disregard his commandments. In the freedom of the children of God, however, we have nothing to fear, not even death. YOUCAT125*

## Next weekend 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

## May eternal light shine on the recently deceased

Peter Malara  
Gladys Saroli

## Preparation of the Gifts CWB 512

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast".  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.  
  
I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till traveling days are done.

## Holy Communion CWB 455

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else to me Naught to me, save that thou art,  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,  
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breast plate. my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou e heav'n -ward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou my Inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
O Sov'reign of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me it's joys after vict'ry is won,  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

## Recessional Hymn 625

This day God gives me strength of high heaven  
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth  
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness  
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,  
king of creation, giver of rest,  
firmly confessing Three-ness of Persons,  
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.



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

**St. Gabriel's Church**  
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

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

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 05.02.2023

## MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*  
Wednesday *St Stephen's*  
9.30am Mass  
10.30am Funeral Mass  
Peter Malara RIP  
Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*  
Friday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Saturday *St Stephen's*  
5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday *St Gabriel's*  
9am Reconciliation 10am Mass



**22 February  
Masses**  
**9.30am St Stephen's**  
**12 noon, 7pm St Gabriel's**

*Lent precedes and prepares for Easter.  
It is a time to hear the Word of God,  
to convert, to prepare for and remember Baptism,  
to be reconciled with God and one's neighbour,  
and of more frequent recourse to the arms of  
Christian penance: prayer, fasting and good works.*

**Thanksgiving and Clergy support  
offering by direct debit to  
St Gabriel & St Stephen Parish**

St Gabriel & St Stephen Church  
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***Our Parish is committed  
to the safety, wellbeing and dignity  
of all children and vulnerable adults***



## WORLD YOUTH DAY PORTUGAL 2023 PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

**Contribution \$10 (working)**  
**\$5 (non-working, students)**

- We welcome Anna Krohn ANIMA Education who presents on Portuguese and WYD patron saints. Today's saint is Elizabeth (Isabella), queen of Portugal (1271-1336). A wife and mother, she stands out for her works of charity and peacemaking.
- 7 young parishioners will represent our parish at WYD this year. We hope to build up a young adults ministry with our WYD pilgrims and other young parishioners. In the lead up to WYD, the Diocese will provide formation and leadership training.
- On the 1st weekend of the month (February to July), an envelope will be attached to the Parish newsletter. Parishioners are invited to support our WYD Pilgrims. They will travel direct to Lisbon, spend a few days at the Shrine of Our Lady at Fatima, and then participate in WYD in Lisbon lead by Pope Francis. Cost per pilgrim is \$6,000. We can support our pilgrims, help with their WYD costs, and provide a bit of spending money. Just place the envelope in the weekend collection. Thank you!

## PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre  
Our 4 catechumens, sponsors and group  
attend the Rite of Election  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
Sunday 26 February 3pm

*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.*



## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

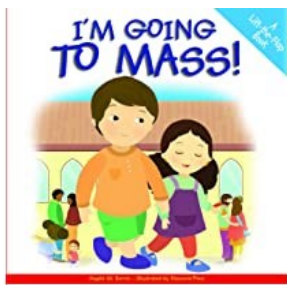
- Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre.  
*New members are always welcome.*  
Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330
- Donation boxes are below statue of St Joseph in St Gabriel's Church, and near baptismal font in St Stephen's Church.
-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

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35  
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90  
Statue of St Gabriel's \$17  
St Gabriel's Charm \$6



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

## LOURDES DAY MASS

Saturday 18 February 10.30am  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
Melbourne

## LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Parish  
17 Hardy St, Preston West  
Wednesdays 1.30pm  
Contact: Marijana Jurjevic 0422 340 675

How are our good deeds like a shining light? And why do they bring glory to God? A key to understanding Jesus' words lies in today's first reading from Isaiah. The reading describes what have come to be called the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, giving to the poor (Is 58:7, 10). By performing these works, we imitate our heavenly Father, whose mercy knows no bounds. So when people see these "good deeds" (5:16), they see how God loves them: with generosity, mercy, and faithfulness. We believe that God himself reaches out to people through our actions. He is helping us display a "family likeness" to him, and it points anyone who sees us back to him.

In a broader way, our works of mercy can also contribute toward the kind of society that reflects God's priorities. How? The mercy we show people changes our own hearts. We see other people as beloved children of God, and that affects the way we act. And people notice. When, for instance, we sacrifice a night out so that we can give time or money to the needy, our corner of the world begins to look a little more like God's kingdom. When his generosity starts to overcome our selfishness or materialism, we help the people around us see that something different, something better, is possible. And, as Isaiah says, our "light shall break forth like the dawn" (58:8).

What concrete ways can God show his mercy through you? Start at your parish. It likely has programs to serve the poor or reach out to those in need. Maybe you could work at a homeless shelter or even start an out-reach like serving lunches at a soup kitchen. Get involved, and let the light of God's likeness shine forth. wau.org

*Jesus once said, mincing no words: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."*

*This is exactly what Matthew did: he rose and followed him! In this "he rose," it is legitimate to read detachment from a sinful situation and at the same time, a conscious attachment to a new, upright life in communion with Jesus.*

*Lastly, let us remember that the tradition of the ancient Church agrees in attributing to Matthew the paternity of the First Gospel. This had already begun with Bishop Papias of Hierapolis in Frisia, in about the year 130.*

*He writes: "Matthew set down the words (of the Lord) in the Hebrew tongue and everyone interpreted them as best he could."*

*Eusebius, the historian, adds this piece of information: "When Matthew, who had first preached among the Jews, decided also to reach out to other peoples, he wrote down the Gospel he preached in his mother tongue; thus, he sought to put in writing, for those whom he was leaving, what they would be losing with his departure."*

*The Gospel of Matthew written in Hebrew or Aramaic is no longer extant, but in the Greek Gospel that we possess we still continue to hear, in a certain way, the persuasive voice of the publican Matthew, who, having become an Apostle, continues to proclaim God's saving mercy to us. And let us listen to St. Matthew's message, meditating upon it ever anew also to learn to stand up and follow Jesus with determination.*

Pope Benedict XVI +2022

## PARISH FINANCE REPORT OCT / NOV / DEC 2022

	Thanksgiving St Gabriel's	Thanksgiving St Stephen's
October	\$3870	\$750
November	\$2760	\$734
December	\$7300	\$950
Total	\$13,930	\$2,434

Diocesan Quota *St Gabriel's \$1600 per quarter*  
*St Stephen's \$3974 per quarter*

Catholic Church Insurance (CCI)  
*St Gabriel's \$22867 per annum*  
*St Stephen's \$15014 per annum*

Yarra Valley Water *St Gabriel's \$537*  
*St Stephen's Nil*

Electricity *St Gabriel's \$652*  
*St Stephen's Nil*

Gas *St Gabriel's \$414*  
*St Stephen's \$675*

City of Darebin *St Gabriel's \$145*  
*St Stephen's \$148*

Telephone/Internet /IT *St Gabriel's \$643*  
*St Stephen's \$488*

Security *St Gabriel's \$784*  
*St Stephen's Nil*

Fire Equipment Services *St Gabriel's \$334*  
*St Stephen's Nil*

Gardens / Grounds / Maintenance / Repairs  
*St Gabriel's \$2907*  
*St Stephen's \$3174*

Church Supplies *St Gabriel's \$2066*  
*St Stephen's \$53*

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2022

Caritas Australia / Project Compassion	\$2503
Catholic Mission	\$ 742
Fathers Day Retired Priests	\$1483
CatholicCare	\$1709
St Vincent de Paul	
Winter Appeal	\$2034
Christmas Appeal	\$2223

*Thank You!*

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW I

The Gospel according to St Matthew is the first book in the New Testament.

A good case can be made from ancient tradition and from the language and ideas in the Gospel that it is early and indeed the first of the four Gospels. If we locate it at AD 43, it would have been composed about ten years after the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Ancient Christian tradition tells us that the author was St. Matthew, one of the apostles (also called Levi). The text itself shows us that the book was written by a Jewish Christian for Jewish Christians. The original language was Aramaic, the language that Jesus and his disciples spoke in Palestine at the time. At an early date it was translated into Koine Greek, the language in which it has come down to us. The Aramaic original has not been preserved.

Matthew's theme is that Jesus was the Messiah whom the Jews were looking for; the leaders of the people recognized him but rejected him and so cut themselves off from the Messianic Kingdom. Jesus did not come to destroy the Law but to fulfil it; this notion of fulfilment runs through the whole Gospel. Jesus is also presented as the Saviour of the world, the Son of God, the Son of David, and the New Moses; he is Emmanuel, or God-with-us, now and until the end of the world in his Church.

Kenneth Baker SJ *Inside the Bible*

## THEOLOGY AT THE PUB

*On the shoulders of Giants:*  
*The Legacies of Pope Benedict and Cardinal Pell.*  
*A conversation with Tracey Rowland.*

The Hop Bar, Top Level of Beer DeLuxe Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne. Monday 6 February  
Doors open: 6pm Presentation: 7.30pm  
theologyatthepub.com.au

## MENS DINNER WITH ROBERT FALZON



Tuesday 7 March 7pm Reservoir RSL  
Robert Falzon is founder of menAlive, a national movement of Catholic men. Join him for dinner and hear about menAlive, promoting Catholic manhood, fatherhood, spirituality and parish life.

*Register: Tim 0412 799 845*  
*mustardmedia@optusnet.com.au*

## SACRAMENTS 2023

This is the last call to young parishioners and their families who would like to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year.  
Parish office 9460 6036 reservoir@cam.org.au

## COFFEE TRUCK

Sunday 19 February  
after 10am Mass *St Gabriel's*  
Fresh Roast Mobile Café  
offers hot coffee after Mass.

