

Processional Hymn CWB 504

Holy God, we praise thy name,
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth your sceptre claim,
all in heav'n above adore thee;
infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim
in unceasing chorus praising
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name thee,
while in essence only one,
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee,
while we own the mystery.



Liturgy of the Word

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

Psalm Response

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

The word 'holy' can conjure up the image of someone who is always praying and, perhaps, cut off from everyday earthly realities. Today's readings, however, remind us that holiness is not measured by the calluses on our knees but by our love for others. Most essentially, holiness is God's gift. We are a holy people because God loves us and dwells among us making us the temple of God.

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Preparation of the Gifts CWB 542

Lord of all nations, grant me grace
to love all people, every race;
to see each mortal as I ought,
my kindred, whom your love has bought.

Break down the wall that would divide
your children, Lord, on every side.
My neighbour's good let me pursue,
let Christian love bind warm and true.

Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
by loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
will crucify my Lord anew.

Holy Communion CWB 638

Refrain: Where there is charity and love,
there the God of love abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
let us revere and love the living God
and love each other with unfeigning hearts.

Refrain

And so when we are gathered here as one,
let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
be our resolve all bitterness to shun
and in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

Refrain

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
to where the blessed glory in your sight;
there let us see and love you face to face,
gathered once more in everlasting light.

Refrain

Recessional Hymn CWB503

Holy Father, God of might,
throned amid the hosts of light,
take our life, our strength, our love,
King of earth and heaven above.

Christ, be with us as we go,
let this blind world see and know,
burning in our lives, the sight
of its only saving light.

So will all exalt your name,
and your kingship all proclaim,
heaven and earth in unity
praise the blessed Trinity.

**May our dead, whose anniversaries
now occur, pass into
the cleansing mercy of our Saviour**

*Nunzio, Rosa, Nunzia & Nicola Saitta,
Marianna Ferrentino,
Francesco & Maria Spina*



**Next weekend
1st Sunday of Lent Yr A**

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



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

Parish Priest: Fr Gregory Pritchard
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**St. Gabriel's Church
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073**

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

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
19.02.2023**

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*

**ASH WEDNESDAY
9.30am *St Stephen's*
12 noon, 7pm *St Gabriel's***

Ashes, as a Jewish sign of penitence, were accepted by Christians and are used now primarily as a sacramental on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Derived from burning the palms from the previous year, the ashes are blessed and imposed on the faithful. This outward popular symbol of private or public sorrow, sadness, or penance is a proof of humility, the result of human frailty, a remembrance of our mortality, that we are made of dust and will return to dust.

Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Friday *St Gabriel's*
8.30 Way of the Cross
9am Mass

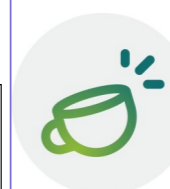
Saturday *St Stephen's*
5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday *St Gabriel's*
9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

**Thanksgiving and Clergy support
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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***



**FRESH ROAST
MOBILE CAFE
TODAY
after 10am Mass
*St Gabriel's***

LENT 2023

- Our **Parish Lent Program** is included with today's newsletter.
- **Project Compassion** boxes and envelopes are available at Church entries today.
- Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday 22 February**.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **days of fast and abstinence**. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.
- Lent is a penitential season of **prayer, self-denial and helping others**. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.
- **Way of the Cross / Via Crucis** is celebrated each Friday 8.30am *St Gabriel's Church*.
- **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.
- **World Youth Day** Portugal 2023 Preparation Program Sunday 5 March 11.30am-1pm *St Gabriel's Parish Centre* Contribution \$10 (working) \$5 (non-working, students).
- **Sacramental Journey** commences today. Bishop Curtin will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 30 April 3pm. *St Gabriel's & St Stephen's MACS* presents candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 2 June 9am. First Holy Communion Sunday 6 August 10am. All celebration at *St Gabriel's Church*.

SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

- Catholic Mission 1800 257 296
- Melkite Catholic Eparchy
MCF DGR Account
Ref: Syrian Appeal
BSB 062784 Account: 100011493
- Aid to the Church in Need
aidtochurch.org/syrianearthquake

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

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

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

For Israel, the Temple at Jerusalem was the holiest place on earth. A beautiful, gilded structure, it stood as a testament to God's faithfulness. But its splendour and holiness didn't come from its ornate decoration. It came from God's presence within. There, almighty God showed his glory. From there, he blessed his people and offered them a share in his mercy and love.

So when St. Paul told the Corinthians that they were the temple of God, they would have recalled the physical Temple. But the idea that they were holy, like the Temple, must have seemed almost comical. Throughout his letter to them, Paul addresses the many weaknesses of the Corinthian church: their disordered worship, sexual immorality, immature faith, and failures to love. They didn't sound very holy at all. But Paul tells them that they aren't just like the Temple; they *are* the very temple of God-and God himself lives within them, by the Holy Spirit.

How can this be? How could the all-holy God dwell amid sinful people like the Corinthians - and us, for that matter? This is the mystery of the mercy and power of God. Through the waters of baptism, God cleanses us of our sins and makes us worthy to receive his Spirit. He fills us with his own presence and makes us holy "temples," set apart for him.

God so desires to be close to us that he chooses to inhabit imperfect groups of imperfect people. The treasure of his presence dwells in "earthen vessels" (2 Cor 4:7). And he dwells in *you*. You may not feel like a beautiful temple; you may feel more like a cracked clay pot. But what makes you holy is not your own goodness; it's Jesus himself, helping you every day, to be perfect, as he is perfect (Mt 5:48). wau.org

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW III

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of Jesus from a particular point of view. Each of the four evangelists sees Jesus from a particular perspective; each therefore has his own theology. In studying the Gospels, it is important to note the differences and the similarities between them. Matthew presupposes that the reader is familiar with the Old Testament, which he quotes forty-one times, usually with the formula "that it might be fulfilled".

He presents Jesus in the first verse as the Son of David and the Son of God. The words of the angel to Joseph in chapter 1 give a clue to the whole Gospel: Jesus is begotten of the Holy Spirit, he will "save his people from their sins", he will be born of a virgin, and he will be called "Emmanuel" or "God with us".

Matthew presents Jesus, from the beginning of his public life, as a teacher like Moses; he is also the Messiah but is rejected by the religious leaders of the people-just as the prophets before him were rejected. But he has not come to destroy the Law of Moses but to fulfil it; so the notion of "fulfilment" is a key to the proper understanding of what Matthew is saying.

Matthew sees Jesus as the *fulfilment* of the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. The reason for their existence is to point to Jesus as Messiah, Saviour, Son of God, and God-with-us. *Kenneth Baker SJ Inside the Bible*

LENT 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY 22 February

Masses

9.30am St Stephen's
12 noon & 7pm St Gabriel's

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

Morning Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration
9am St Stephen's

FRIDAYS OF LENT

Way of the Cross / Via Crucis
8.30am St Gabriel's

4th SUNDAY OF LENT 19 March

Fresh Roast Mobile Cafe
after 10am Mass St Gabriel's

PARISH RCIA

Rite of Election

Sunday 26 February 3pm
St Patrick's Cathedral

The Scrutinies

Sundays 12, 19, 26 March
10am Mass St Gabriel's

WYD PREPARATION

Sundays March 5, April 2
11.30am St Gabriel's Parish Centre

MENS DINNER

WITH ROBERT FALZON

Tuesday 7 March 7pm
Reservoir RSL

Register: Tim 0412 799 845
timrebbechi@gmail.com

SOLEMNITIES

Friday 17 March St Patrick
Monday 20 March St Joseph
Saturday 25 March Annunciation of the Lord



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Weekend 1-2 April

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass St Stephen's
Sunday 10am Mass St Gabriel's
includes blessing of palms and procession

Holy Thursday 6 April

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
9.45pm Night Prayer
St Gabriel's

Good Friday 7 April

10am Way of the Cross St Stephen's
3pm The Lord's Passion St Gabriel's

Holy Saturday 8 April

8pm The Vigil of Easter
St Gabriel's

Easter Sunday 9 April

10am Mass St Gabriel's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Stephen's

Saturdays 5pm
Wednesday 29 March 10am
Wednesday 5 April 10am

St Gabriel's

Sundays 9am
Tuesday 28 March 9.30am, 7pm
Thursday 30 March 9.30am
Friday 31 March 9.30am 7pm
Tuesday 4 April 9.30am, 7pm
Wednesday 5 April 9.30am, 7pm
Thursday 6 April 9.30am

EASTER SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

Register: Parish Office
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