

## Processional Hymn AOV 113

Refrain: And the Father will dance  
As on the day of Joy  
He will exult over you  
And renew you by His love.

Shout for joy, all you, His people.  
Sing aloud and exult with all your heart,  
for the Lord your God, is in your midst. *Refrain*

You have no more evil to fear.  
You have no more evil to fear.  
Do not let your hands fall limp,  
for the Lord your God, is in your midst. *Refrain*

And when the time comes  
I will rescue the lame,  
And when the time comes  
I will gather the strays,  
and when time comes  
I will be your guide.  
I will gather you in and give you  
renown among all peoples. *Refrain*

## Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42

### Psalm Response

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Preparation of the Gifts AOV 31

Come as you are, that's how I want you.  
Come as you are, feel quite at home.  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;  
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.  
No need to fear, love never ends.  
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.  
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by my promise,  
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.  
Come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.  
All will be well, just come as you are.

## Holy Communion AOV 129

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

## AOV 29

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
T'is grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright, shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

## Recessional Hymn AOV 114

You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live. *Refrain*

Refrain: Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come follow me,  
and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and hate you all  
because of me, blessed, blessed are you! *Refrain*

**May the water of the Spirit  
welling up to eternal life  
purify our dead  
Recently deceased**  
Sally Wright, Frank Rocca

**Anniversary of death**  
John Ernest Montebello  
Angelina, Carmela, Carmelina, Angelo Battista

**Next weekend  
4th Sunday of Lent Year A**  
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

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

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71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

## 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A 12.03.2023

**Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.**  
Pope Francis

### MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday *St Stephen's*  
9am Morning Prayer  
& Eucharistic Adoration  
9.30am Mass

Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Friday *St Gabriel's*  
*Solemnity of St Patrick*

8.30 Way of the Cross 9am Mass

*St Patrick (385-461) was born into a Christian Romano-British family. His first encounter with Ireland was as a slave after he was captured by raiders at the age of sixteen. After escaping, he probably studied in Gaul and was ordained a priest. Around 432 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop and succeeded in consolidating the faith in large parts of the country. He is patron of Ireland and the Archdiocese of Melbourne.*

11am Funeral Mass Frank Rocca RIP

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

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

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St Gabriel & St Stephen Church  
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## PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Our Parish catechumens, the Elect, undergo the first of 3 Scrutinies today. They review their lives in the light of Christ and the dramatic Gospels of St John: the Samaritan Woman at the Well, the Blind Man at the Pool of Siloam, and the raising of Lazarus. We accompany them in prayer and friendship each step of the way towards Easter.

## FRESH ROAST MOBILE CAFE

After 10am Mass next Sunday 19 March *St Gabriel's*. Parishioners are invited to bring biscuits and cakes to share. We celebrate together the joy-filled 4th Sunday of Lent.

## THANK YOU

Parish preparation for World Youth Day 2023 brings together about 20 young people from Reservoir—Reservoir East and Preston West Parishes we meet next on Sunday 2 April (Palm Sunday) 11.30am to 1pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre. Anna Krohn ANIMA Education will present St John Paul II, founder of World Youth Day. Sincere thanks to all Parishioners for your generous support of our WYD Pilgrims. About 20 men from Reservoir—Reservoir East and Preston West enjoyed dinner at Reservoir RSL last Tuesday (7/3). Robert Falzon gave a personal testimony and spoke about menALive. A menALive weekend will be hosted by Brunswick—Moreland Mission 29-30 April. Enquiries: Tim 0412 799 845 timrebbeci@gmail.com



**Archbishop Comensoli asks  
all parishes in Melbourne  
to host an hour of prayer on  
the Solemnity of the Annunciation  
Saturday 25 March  
See our Parish Lent program  
in this Parish Bulletin for details**

## TURKEY & SYRIA 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 Holy Week Missal \$10  
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35  
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90  
*I'm Going to Mass* For ages 2 to 5 \$15  
Statue of St Gabriel's \$17  
St Gabriel's Charm \$6

## BOOK AND PLANT SALE

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver  
154 Cotham Road Kew  
Saturday 18 March 9am—2pm  
Enquiries: Tel 9817 3715

## CARDINAL PELL

### LUNCHEON & LECTURE

Presented by Aid to the Church in Need  
Sunday 21 May  
Expression of interest invited:  
trybooking.com/CFYTF

## LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

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



## THE FIRST SCRUTINY

*The Church, like a mother, helps the catechumens on their journey by means of suitable liturgical rites, which purify the catechumens little by little and strengthen them with God's blessing.* RCIA n75

After the Homily, the catechumens and their sponsors come forward and stand before the Celebrant. The Celebrant first addresses the assembly of the faithful, inviting them to pray in silence, and to ask that the elect will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God. The Celebrant then addresses the elect, inviting them also to pray in silence.

Intercessions for the Elect  
Prayer of Exorcism  
Laying on of hands  
Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens  
Profession of Faith

*Do you think of yourself as "helpless"? "Of course not," you might reply. "I have God-given abilities; I have family and friends to support me. I can take care of myself in lots of ways."*

*But this isn't the type of "helplessness" that St. Paul is talking about in our first reading. He's saying that Jesus didn't wait for us to help ourselves out of sin; he gave us his help by dying on the cross for us. He offered his mercy even before we asked for it! This sounds a bit like the father of the prodigal son in yesterday's Gospel, doesn't it?*

*The story of the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel shows this principle in action as well. From the outside, this woman might not have seemed all that helpless. But Jesus saw her vulnerability and powerlessness. As a woman married many times who was now living in sin, she was helpless to integrate herself into society. That's why she went to draw water at midday, when all the other women would not be there. She was helpless to explain her irregular marital situation when Jesus brought it up. And she was helpless against whatever fallen drives or external forces kept pushing her from one relationship to the next.*

*But Jesus came to her in all that helplessness and offered her the water of life. He didn't wait for her to get her act together. He didn't wait for her to seek him out. He came to her and engaged with her. He gave her hope that her life could change, that she could be saved, and that she could be restored. Simply put, in her helplessness, Jesus helped her.*

*He can do that for you, too! Even now, Jesus wants to help you, even if you don't think of yourself as "helpless." He sees your need, and he has just the right amount of grace and love to fill that need. So let Jesus come to you and help you today.* wau.org

## LENT 2023



*"...reflect on what Mary's example means for us as individuals, as local communities of grace, and as the local Church of Melbourne". Archbishop Comensoli*

## NIGHTFEVER

**Friday March 24 6pm – Midnight**  
**Sacred Heart Church Rathdowne St Carlton**  
*Fiat weekend begins as young people gather from across the Archdiocese for a night of prayer, praise and intercession.*

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Saturday 25 March  
8.30am Holy Hour  
Eucharistic Adoration Holy Rosary  
9.30am Mass  
St Gabriel's

## WALK WITH MARY

Sunday 26 March  
2pm Prayers, Holy Mass, Procession  
St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne  
thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com  
Joy Hunt 9509 2207

## 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 The Scrutinies

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

## WYD PREPARATION

Sunday April 2  
11.30am St Gabriel's Parish Centre

## 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  
Telephone 9460 6036  
Email: reservoir@cam.org.au