

Partnered Parishes of Reservoir—Reservoir East—Reservoir North St Gabriel, St Stephen of Hungary & St Joseph the Worker

Clergy: Fr G Pritchard, Fr Jossy Kizhakkethalackal, Dcn F Correya

St Gabriel's & St Joseph the Worker Parish Offices closed.
Reopen Tuesday 27 January 9am-3pm

St Gabriel's Reservoir 0487 116 154 reservoir@cam.org.au
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 9460 3013 reservoir@cam.org.au

St Gabriel's Church
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen's Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Joseph the Worker Church
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073

BAPTISM OF THE LORD & 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 11 & 18 JANUARY 2026

*St Gabriel's & St Joseph the Worker
parish offices reopen
Tuesday 27 January 9am—3pm*

WEEK JANUARY 13-16
9.15am Mass *St Joseph the Worker*

WEEK JANUARY 20-23
9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4pm Reconciliation
5pm Vigil Mass
*1st Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass
Maltese Reservoir North*

Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass
*Reservoir East
Reconciliation on request*

Sunday 8am Reconciliation *Reservoir*
9am Mass English

Sunday 10.30am Mass *Reservoir North*
English/Italian

Thanksgiving & Clergy support by direct debit

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

St Joseph the Worker Church
BSB: 083-347 Account: 645772382



Our Partnered Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of everyone including children and vulnerable adults. Please make sure children are supervised at all times within church buildings and on church grounds.



St Matthew gives us an added twist: Jesus' new kingdom is not limited to the Jews, like David's kingdom. It also stretches far beyond the petty categories of politics and temporal power. It's a kingdom not just for Israelites, but one extending across all creation, from earth to heaven, and even across time. In this new kingdom, humility, sacrifice, love, worship, and enemy-forgiveness

are the defining features—not power, dominance, selfishness, fear, and vengeance.

This is the great proclamation and invitation of Matthew's Gospel: a new kingdom has arrived, led by Jesus Christ, a new and definitive King, and wherever you live on earth and whatever your background, you're invited to be part of it, to come under his glorious reign. David's kingdom was for the Jews; Jesus' kingdom is for the world.

But how do we enter this kingdom? Jesus tells us throughout Matthew's Gospel: turn away from sinful behavior and align your will to God's, so that you want what he wants; pick up your cross—your unique difficulties and struggles—and carry it alongside Christ; ask for the kingdom and seek it with vigour; shed your ego and become childlike with humility; become baptized and join the Church that Jesus established.

There's much more to reflect on in this magnificent book, but as with all great books, the best way to understand it is simply to read it yourself.

Whether you're new to the Bible or have read it numerous times, brace yourself to meet the captivating figure of Jesus, who is unlike any character of history. This Gospel displays him with particular multivalence. Jesus paradoxically appears harsh yet merciful, authoritative yet humble, mercurial yet balanced and trusted. It's not that Jesus is self-contradictory; it's that he's beyond our normal human categories. There is an untamed electricity that courses through the wire of Jesus' life as it unfolds through Matthew's Gospel. It will shock and surprise you, perhaps even attract you. In any case, encountering it will never leave you the same.

Brandan Vogt
Word on fire Catholic Ministries

BAPTISM OF THE LORD YR A

FIRST READING *42:1-4,6-7*

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10*

**R: The Lord will bless his people
with peace**

SECOND READING *Acts 10: 34-38*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The heavens were opened
and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 3: 13-17*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.' The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A

FIRST READING *Isaiah 49: 3,5-6*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.' The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 39 (40): 2,4,7-10*

**R: Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 1: 29-34*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.' The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

BAPTISM OF THE LORD YR A

Processional Hymn CWB 282

When Jesus comes to be baptized,
He leaves the hidden years behind,
The years of safety and of peace.
To bear the sins of all mankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
Anoints the Christ to suffering,
To preach the word, to free the bound,
And to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,
And what is bruised he will not break,
But heal the wound injustice dealt,
And out of death his triumph make.

Our everlasting Father, praise,
With Christ, his well-beloved Son,
Who with the Spirit reigns serene,
Untroubled Trinity in One.

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

Psalm Response

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened
and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

Holy Communion AOV 100

Lord, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away our sin:
grant us your mercy, Lord,
grant us your mercy.

Lord, Jesus, Bread of life,
you feed us with yourself:
grant us your mercy, Lord,
grant us your mercy.

Lord, Jesus, Living Vine,
we draw our life from you:
grant us your mercy, Lord,
grant us your mercy.

Lord, Jesus, Word of God,
your word sustains our life:
grant us your mercy, Lord,
grant us your mercy.

One Licence A-640406

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A

Processional Hymn CWB 629

Thus says the Lord of hosts to his belov'd creation,
"My servant I commend, a light for ev'ry nation.
My people he will call from ev'ry time and place,
And wholeness, my desire this broken world embrace."

Behold, the Lamb of God, our sinful souls befriending.
The Spirit is his sign, In pow'r and grace descending.
Of higher nature he than all who went before,
to lost and guilty come, with perfect grace in store.

Now may the Father's grace, to all the worlds be given,
Through his eternal Son, with perfect peace of heaven.
O fellowship divine, and love's eternal spring,
Your never ending praise let all creation sing!

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 49:3,5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Psalm Response

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh
and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God. Alleluia!

After agreeing to baptize him along with the sinners, John the Baptist looked at Jesus and pointed him out as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. By doing so, he reveals that Jesus is at the same time the suffering Servant who silently allows himself to be led to the slaughter and who bears the sin of the multitudes, and also the Paschal Lamb, the symbol of Israel's redemption at the first Passover. Christ's whole life expresses his mission: to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Catechism

608

Holy Communion AOV 100

Lord, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away our sin:
grant us your mercy, Lord,
grant us your mercy.

Lord, Jesus, Bread of life,
you feed us with yourself:
grant us your mercy, Lord,
grant us your mercy.

Lord, Jesus, Living Vine,
we draw our life from you:
grant us your mercy, Lord,
grant us your mercy.

Lord, Jesus, Word of God,
your word sustains our life:
grant us your mercy, Lord,
grant us your mercy.