

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

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St Stephen's Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Joseph the Worker Church
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 25 JANUARY 2026

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parish offices reopen
Tuesday 27 January 9am—3pm*

WEEK JANUARY 27-30
9.15am Mass *St Joseph the Worker*

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

**ORDER OF MALTA
LOURDES DAY MASS**
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
Saturday 14 February 10.30am

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



*To the People of God in Melbourne
my prayerful greetings to you in the Lord!*

With hearts full of gratitude and wonder, we give thanks for the remarkable grace that has flowed through our Archdiocese during the recent Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), held and hosted here in Melbourne. For those few unforgettable days, our Church came alive with the vibrant faith of over 6,000 young pilgrims a radiant sign of Christ alive among us.

Throughout the Festival, we witnessed a Church deeply alive: young people singing with joy, kneeling in reverence, seeking God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and uniting in the Eucharist with profound love. Their faces reflected hope, their hearts radiated faith, and their voices echoed the joy of knowing Christ. It was a living encounter — a testimony that the Church is young, and Christ is truly alive in the midst of His people.

To our parish communities, schools, families, teachers, and staff: thank you. Your support, encouragement, and faithful accompaniment opened the door for so many of our young people to walk this sacred journey. Whether you prayed from afar, volunteered, spread the word, or walked alongside our youth — your role mattered, and the fruits are already visible.

A special acknowledgment goes to the countless hands and hearts who made this Festival possible: to our clergy, volunteers, leaders, and organisers. Their efforts - most especially those of Festival Director Teresa Rhynehart and the Proclaim Team - bore witness to the unity, professionalism, and generosity that defines our Archdiocese.

To those who could not attend: seek out someone who did. Ask them what they saw, heard and felt. Let their stories renew your own faith.

As we look ahead to World Youth Day 2027, we carry with us the blessings sown during ACYF. May these seeds grow into deeper discipleship, vibrant vocations, renewed mission, and lasting holiness in every corner of our Church - in homes, schools, and parishes alike.

Let us continue to walk together, young and old, clergy and lay, rejoicing in what God is doing among us. May Mary, Help of Christians, accompany our young people always, and may the Holy Spirit fan into flame the gifts we have received.

*Your sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne*

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 8:23-9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Matthew 4:12-23

Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

National Anthem CWB 656

Australians all let us rejoice,
for we are one and free;
we've golden soil and wealth for toil;
our home is girt by sea;
our land abounds in nature's gifts
of beauty, rich and rare:
in hist'ry's page, let ev'ry stage
Advance Australia fair!
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
to make this Commonwealth of ours
renowned of all the lands;
for those who've come across the seas
we've boundless plains to share;
with courage let us all combine
to advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia fair.

Next weekend

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

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



In today's Gospel, Matthew tells of Jesus calling his first disciples. What is it about this scene that is so peaceful and right? Somehow it gets at the very heart of Jesus' life and work, revealing what he is about. He comes into the world as the second person of the Blessed Trinity, a representative from the community that is God—and thus his basic purpose is to draw the world into community around him. Jesus says to Simon and Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." This tells us something about how God acts. He is direct and in-your-face; he does the choosing. "Follow me," Jesus says. He is not offering a doctrine, a theology, or a set of beliefs. He is offering himself. It's as if he's saying, "Walk in my path; walk in imitation of me." Finally, Jesus explains, "I will make you fish for people." This is one of the best one-liners in Scripture. Notice the first part of the phrase: "I will make you." This is counter to the culture's prevailing view that we're self-made, that we invent and define our own reality. Jesus puts this lie to bed. We learn from him that it's God who acts, and if we give ourselves to his creative power, he will make us into something far better than we ever could.

Bishop Robert Barron
Word on fire Catholic Ministries

Jesus had a large circle of disciples around him, both men and women. From this circle he selected twelve men whom he called Apostles. The apostles were specially trained by him and entrusted with various commissions: "He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal". Jesus took only these twelve apostles with him to the Last Supper, where he gave them the command, "Do this in remembrance of me"

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place

FIRST READING *Isaiah 8: 23-9:3*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 26 (27): 1,4,13-14

**R: The Lord is my light
and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.
The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 4: 12-23*

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: '*Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.*' From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people. The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

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