

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

Clergy: Fr G Pritchard, Dcn F Correya

Parish Office *Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm*

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

St Joseph the Worker Church
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 1 FEBRUARY 2026

WEEKEND MASSES & RECONCILIATION

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Saturday 9am
St Luke's Church 1A David St Lalor

ASH WEDNESDAY 18 February

Masses & distribution of ashes

9.15am St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

7pm St Gabriel's Reservoir

*Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
are days of fasting and abstinence from meat.*

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 all children and vulnerable adults. Please make sure children are supervised at all times within church buildings and on church grounds.

Young Parishioners are invited to our first get together today Sunday 1 February St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir 10.30am including light lunch. Our first Sunday presentations this year will focus on the Doctors of the Church. We welcome Anna Krohn ANIMA Education. Anna presents St Augustine the Doctor of Grace. \$10 working \$5 non working/student.

Christianity + the Common Good

Thomas More Centre Summer School

February 14

Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral

35 Canning St North Melbourne

9.45am - 4.30pm, 5pm Vespers, 6.30pm Dinner.

Guest speaker Hon Tony Abbot.

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Safeguarding training Tuesday 17 March 7.30pm St Joseph the Worker church Reservoir North. We hope to have a Mass for parish volunteers some time this year.

Our community of Dominican Sisters includes Sr Jessica Cobrador OP, Sr Josefina Capatan OP and Sr May Flor Gedalanga OP. The Sisters provide Sacramental Journey, preparation for Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Classes commence March 2026. *Families who wish their children to receive these Sacraments must register at St Gabriel's Parish office reservoir@cam.org.au*

Srs Jessica and Josefina offer ministry to families, the sick and housebound, aged care homes, outreach to Baptism and Funeral families, women, Legion of Mary, Catholic Women's League, outings, retreats, reflections, first Sunday young parishioners. Sr May Flor is engaged 4 days per week at St Monica's College Epping. *Today (Sunday), the Sisters attend Mass for Religious St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne.*

Deacon Ferdinand Correya is available for 10 hours parish ministry per week. His duties include Parish RCIA, St Vincent de Paul chaplaincy to local and regional conferences, young parishioners, preaching at weekend Masses, baptisms, men's ministry, etc. *A deacon (Greek diakonos servant, helper) is ordained for the ministry (diakonia) of the Word, the Liturgy, and charitable works. His ordination includes the authority to baptise, to preach at Mass, and to preside at the sacrament of Matrimony, public prayer, funeral rites, blessings, etc. YOUCAT*

Fr Jossy has completed his service in our partnered parishes. He now commences a period of leave. We thank him for his pastoral care in parish aged care and nursing homes, family visitation, MACS chaplaincy, Mass and the Sacraments.

Welcome Mgr Eddie Zammit

St Joseph the Worker 10.30am Mass Sunday 1 February.
St Joseph the Worker parishioners remember Mgr Eddie as a good friend of the late Fr Manny Bonello.



PARISH RCIA
Thursday 7pm
St Gabriel's Parish Centre
Reservoir

Rite of Election Sunday 22 February
3pm St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
Scrutinies I, II, III Sundays March 8, 15, 22
St Gabriel's Church Reservoir

ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90
Daily Mass Book \$25
Australian Children's Mass Book \$8
New Community Catholic Bible \$35



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

- 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. Members of our Partnered Parishes are warmly invited to join the Society in its mission of charity and outreach. *Contact Conference president Andrew Dos Santos reservoir.conf.pres@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

CATHOLIC MEN FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am
melbournemensrosarycrusade.com

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Auditions: Sunday 30 August 6pm
Rehearsals commence 6 September
Enquiries: Judy judeome@hotmail.com

***May the dead enjoy
the radiant dawn of eternal life***

Bondi NSW 14 December 2025

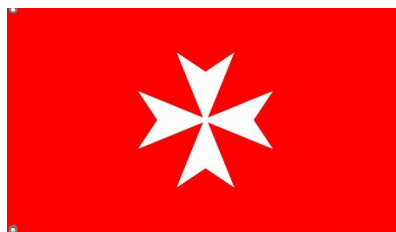
Rabbis Eli Schlanger & Yaakov Levitan
Matilda Bee Britvan, Daniel Elkayam,
Alexander Kleytman, Borris Tetlerovyd,
Borris & Sofia Gurman, Peter Meagher,
Reuven Morrison, Adam Smyth, Tibor Weitzen,
Marika Pogany, Edith Bruthman, Tania Tretiak

Recently Deceased

Sr Benedica Sanchez OP, Stanislaw Nowak,
Emanuel Zammit, Carmen Camilleri,
Teresina Nudo, Concettina Palmieri, Adam Cooper,
Carmela Arena, Amando Berton, Bruno Alberti,
Caterina La Guardia, Dumeline Pereira, Caterina Surace,
Nicolina Di Rago, Tommy Trantino, Rose Angelone

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell,
Mgr Gerard Diamond, Loerzo & Rachele Pacella,
Liberatore & Ilde Ciamacco, Pasquale & Laura Mariani,
Theresa Potocki, Yolanda Orfanelli, Angelo D'Urso,
Sebastiana Trantino, Carmine Formosa, Tom Santone,
Luigi, Rosa & Giacomina Gangi, Pasquina Bucci,
Vincenzo Spina, Nancy Iacobucci, Maria Grazia Murdica,
Pompei Brunetti, Anna Rosa Napolitano, Gladys O'Dwyer,
Piccone family, Di Guglielmo family, Felice Taranto,
Francesco and Gemma Gulizia, Anthony Aquilina,
Primo Esposito, Pasqualina Pugliesi, Audrey Collins,
Juanita Dumalogdog Boro Ladores,
Centofanti family: Eremengildo, Diamanda, Rocco,
Angela, Mario, Raffaele, Iolanda, Giusepantonio,
Alessandro, Salvatore



ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
Saturday 14 February 10.30am

Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick and house bound are invited to attend the Lourdes Day Mass. We sincerely thank those in our Partnered Parishes who care for sick family members, and those who visit the sick and housebound with the gifts of the Eucharist and generous time. The Order of Malta hosts the annual Lourdes Day Mass to pray for the sick and infirm. Prayer intentions for the sick, family members, ministers of Holy Communion, parish visitors, aged care home residents and staff, local doctors and medical professionals, ambulance officers, administrators and student nurses and doctors have been sent to St Anthony's Basilica Padua. Aid to the Church in Need has passed on parish intentions to the Tyburn Benedictine Nuns NSW. Residents at Mercy Place, Estia, Mayflower and Embracia receive Anointing of the sick each month, and regular visits from parish ministers of Holy Communion.

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all who contribute to, participate and share in the life of our partnered parishes! Heartfelt thanks to all who subscribe to Parish Thanksgiving and support Archbishop Comensoli, bishops, sick and retired priests and our own pastors in the Presbytery / Clergy support collection.

The celebration of Advent and Christmas in our partnered parishes was supported by readers, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, collectors, counters, sacristans, florists, Lillypad.com.au, liturgy team, music ministry, altar linens, hospitality, parish staff, those who erected Advent wreaths, Christmas trees and nativity scenes. We highlighted Gaudete with panettone & coffee (St Joseph the Worker), Fresh Roast Mobile Café (St Gabriel's), Coffee and Cake (St Stephen of Hungary).

During January, St Gabriel's parish hall Reservoir was deep cleaned, and carpets steam cleaned St Joseph the Worker hall Reservoir North. St Monica's College thoroughly cleaned St Stephen of Hungary church and attended to gardens and grounds. 4 families welcomed the Christmas season blessing of homes. Stella Maris Maltese Association presented \$500 to St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North.



At the end of 2025,
our partnered parishes reported
the following Sacramental statistics
to the Archdiocese:

St Gabriel's Reservoir

Infant & adult baptisms 32; First Holy Communion 17;
Confirmation 8; Funerals 31

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Infant baptisms 29; First Holy Communion 35;
Confirmation 28; Funerals 75

St Vincent de Paul parish conference Reservoir received \$1655 in the Christmas appeal, and distributed 50 hampers to local families in need. A hamper was also received from White Lady Funerals. In 2025, conference members made 733 home visits and distributed \$115,016 in Coles and Vinnies vouchers, furniture and bills assistance.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Legion of Mary Praesidium carried out an active apostolate in 2025:

77 visits with Holy Communion to sick parishioners were made singly, some receive weekly, some fortnightly and some on the First Friday of the month. 10 Condolence visits, 11 funerals and 2 Vigil Rosaries were attended. Assistance given with 31 Communion Services at Embracia Nursing Home and Anointing of Sick. Legionaries made 11 pre-baptism visits to families stressing the importance of bringing their children up in the Catholic faith. 45 homes welcomed the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. St Gabriel's Piety Stall was staffed on 47 Sundays. Assistance is given weekly to Our Lady Spouse of the Holy Spirit Praesidium Coburg. Visits were made to 17 auxiliary members, 5 former members, 19 visits to sick and elderly parishioners, and 37 visits to patients at Broadmeadows Hospital with a crucifix given to one patient. Transport to Mass was provided for the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary. A talk on Mary was presented to the RCIA. One member assisted at the Parish Recruitment Drive Lalor.

In 2025, St Monica's College Junior School has been alive with excitement and pride as we celebrated the rededication of the St Stephen/Gaudete Campus Reservoir East, the fourth college campus of St Monica's Epping. The establishment of St Stephen/Gaudete as a dedicated Year 8 Literacy and Numeracy Campus has been a significant milestone in our College journey, providing an environment purposefully designed to strengthen foundational learning. The impact on our Year 8 cohort has been overwhelmingly positive, with students thriving in a setting that supports focus engagement, and growth across all areas their academic development.

Highlights of the year included the Opening and Rededication of St Stephen/Gaudete Campus and the St Monica's Day Mass. In addition, 2025 witnessed the DSC Hearts on Fire procession in honour of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the DRC Mary MacKillop Way, and the inaugural St Stephen of Hungary Procession at St Stephen/Gaudete Campus. Each of these occasions invited students to renew their commitment to faith and to service within the wider Monican community.

The College Youth Ministry Program grows in strength and participation. A notable milestone was the annual Spirituality Day, led by Deputy Principal Bernadette Harris and Sr May Flor Gedalanga OP. Students were invited to embrace holiness and deepen their call to faith and service. Deacon Correya and Sr May Flor accompanied 12 students to Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING *Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13*

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 145(146)*

***R: Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!***

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

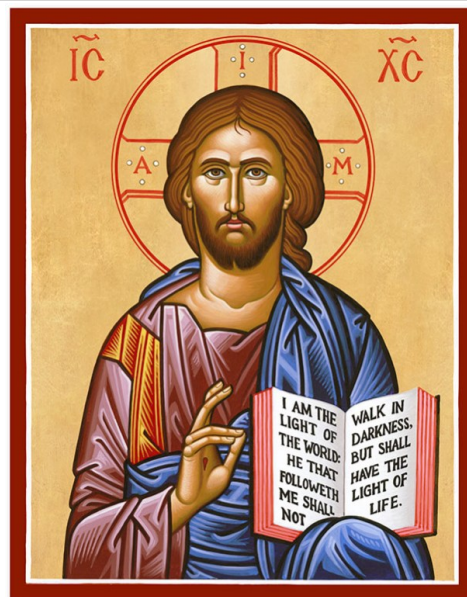
SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!



GOSPEL *Matthew 5: 1-12*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peace-makers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.



**Next weekend
5th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time Yr A**

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

Processional Hymn CWB 456

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,
blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they, that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted,
blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are you when they revile and harm you,
and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful for mercy they will find,
blessed are the peacemakers
for they shall be called God's children.

Liturgy of the Word

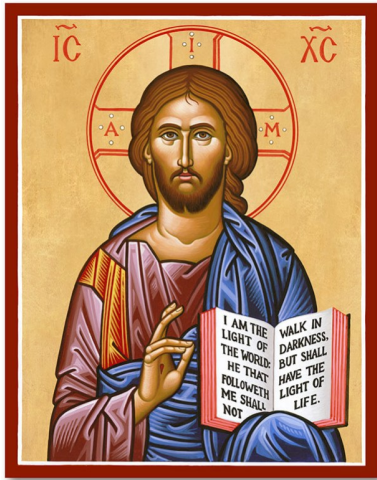
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Psalm Response

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Gospel Acclamation

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God has placed in our hearts such an infinite desire for happiness that nothing can satisfy it but God himself. All earthly fulfillment gives us only a foretaste of eternal happiness. Above and beyond that, we should be drawn to God.

The Gospel is a promise of happiness to all people who wish to walk in God's ways. Especially in the Beatitudes Jesus has told us specifically that eternal blessedness is based on our following his example and seeking peace with a pure heart.

From Abraham on, God made promises to his people. Jesus takes them up, extends their application to heaven, and makes them the program for his own life: the Son of God becomes poor so as to share our poverty; he rejoices with those who rejoice and weeps with those who weep; he employs no violence but rather turns the other cheek; he has mercy, makes peace, and thereby shows us the sure way to heaven.

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 594

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and you shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia!

Holy Communion CWB 455

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but 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.

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.

Recessional Hymn CWB 649

You are the Way:
in you alone from sin and death we rise:
Without your grace we nothing are,
in you all goodness lies.

You are the Truth:
your Word alone full wisdom can impart;
Your Word alone transforms the mind
and purifies the heart.

You are the Life:
the empty tomb proclaims your victory.
And those who put their trust in you
shall ever more be free.

You are the Way, the Truth, the Life:
grant us that Way to see,
that Truth to keep, that Life to live,
that we your friends may be.



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