

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

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St Gabriel's Church
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St Stephen's Church
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St Joseph the Worker Church
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 8 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

*St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East
Tuesday 9.30am*

*St Gabriel's Reservoir
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am*

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.

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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Unite Against Poverty this Lent

Project Compassion boxes available at each of our churches. A Project Compassion envelope for 1-off donations will be included with the parish bulletin weekend 14-15 February. Project Compassion unites thousands of Australians each Lent in a powerful movement of generosity and hope. This is our opportunity to join in and help turn compassion into lasting change for communities in need.

8th CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Dear brothers and sisters,
may the example and spiritual legacy of St Francis of Assisi,
strong in faith, steadfast in hope
and ardent in active charity towards his neighbour,
inspire in everyone the importance of trusting in the Lord,
of living a life faithful to the Gospel,
and of accepting and illuminating
every circumstance and action of life with faith and prayer.

Pope Leo XIV

The Holy See has announced that plenary indulgences are granted to those who participate in a pilgrimage to any Franciscan church or nay church named after St Francis. This includes St Francis church 326 Lonsdale St Melbourne and St Francis of Assisi church 290 Childs Rd Mill Park.

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

Saturday 14 February 10.30am

The Order of Malta hosts the annual Lourdes Day Mass to pray for the sick and infirm. Residents at Mercy Place, Estia, Mayflower and Embracia receive Anointing of the sick each month, and regular visits from parish ministers of Holy Communion.



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

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Our next get together Sunday 1 March St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir 10.30am including light lunch. We welcome seminarian Nicolas Calandra who will share some ideas on making a good Lent. \$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.
trybooking.com/DHXAD

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Our community of Dominican Sisters includes Sr Jessica Co-brador OP, Sr Josefina Capatan OP and Sr May Flor Gedalinga 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.

VENERABLE MARY OF THE SACRED HEART GLOWREY

The Catholic Women's League and Mary Glowrey Museum, present a celebration of Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey, following Pope Leo XIV's recognition of her heroic virtues.

5pm Mass of Thanksgiving

St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne.

6pm presentation and reflections

on the faith, courage and legacy of this remarkable Australian woman.

Cathedral Hall 22 Brunswick St Fitzroy

Register: *trybooking.com/DIWC1* by 10 March 2026.

TRUE, GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL: PASSING ON THE FAITH

Dr Andy Mullins Catholic Educator & Author

Friday 20 February 6.30pm

Parish Hall St Francis of Assisi Mill Park

The Catholic faith has been successfully passed from generation to generation for nearly 2000 years but suddenly, in the modern West, it seems so hard. Why has it become so challenging and how can we pass on the faith to our children? How can families, schools and the Church cooperate with the Holy Spirit to evangelise and catechise?

Tickets: *classicalschoolmelbourne.com.au* \$10 light dinner

WAY OF THE CROSS / VIA CRUCIS

Fridays of Lent

St Gabriel's Reservoir

8.30am February 27, March 13, 27

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

8.30am February 20, March 6, 20

7pm February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays of Lent

St Gabriel's Reservoir

8.30am February 25, March 11, 25

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

8.30am March 4, 18, April 1

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

& NIGHT PRAYER

Wednesdays of Lent

7pm St Gabriel's Reservoir

SISTERS OF ST ELIZABETH

Tuesday & Wednesday 10-11 March

St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir

Morning coffee

Display of handmade religious items

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE

We celebrate the joyful Sunday of Lent

at weekend Masses 14-15 March

St Joseph the Worker

Coffee and cake

St Stephen of Hungary

Coffee and cake

St Gabriel's

Fresh Roast Mobile Café

REFLECTION MORNING

Presented by the Dominican Sisters

Thursday 19 March 9.15am Mass

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired. Be refreshed! Be renewed!

For 40 days receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is free. brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/



SOLEMNITIES

Tuesday 17 March

St Patrick

Thursday 19 March

St Joseph

Wednesday 25 March

Annunciation of the Lord

The ties that bind Jews and Christians I

The Old Testament is a work of supreme Jewish genius, one of the most magnificent cultural, and religious, achievements in all human history. Although its messages are universal, its lessons and insights lie at the heart of not only the religious, but the legal, cultural and intellectual traditions of the West.

When people talk of the Judaeo-Christian tradition, the two adjectives are of equal weight.

The Old Testament is important not only for what it teaches, but for the great dialogue, the sheer spiritual adventure of inquiry and debate, that it provides. Jonathan Sacks, formerly Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth, one of the great moral thinkers of our age, commented in his last book, *Morality: Judaism is unusual in that virtually all of its canonical texts are woven through with arguments. In the Bible, Abraham, Moses, Jeremiah and Job all argue extensively with God.*

This is key to the extraordinary intellectual vitality of the Old Testament and the tradition it inspired of debate, consideration, reflection, an effort to apply the understanding of the divine to daily life. The Old Testament isn't the distilled essence of heaven, but the wrestled truth of humanity in dialogue with God.

The Old Testament is the long story of God's gradual self disclosure to the Jewish people. Despite that particularity, the God of the Old Testament is clearly universal.

In the book of Jonah, our eponymous hero hates the idea that he should go to Nineveh, capital of the Assyrian empire, and preach repentance so that Ninevites might avoid the punishment they deserve. The Assyrians were a byword for cruelty and ruthlessness. Yet Jonah, after much resistance, does as God tells him, the Ninevites repent and avoid punishment. One lesson of this book is that God is the God even of the evil Ninevites, as well as the Israelites.

Similarly, in Deuteronomy, Jews are instructed: *You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in Egypt.* Throughout, there are characters such as Abimelech who are not Jewish but who plainly enjoy a good relationship with God. Abimelech is a Philistine king, has an intimate dialogue with God, and behaves justly.

The Old Testament's understanding of one universal God, the author of all creation, is the ultimate source of the idea of a universal human nature, which in turn underpins all universal human rights. The Old Testament is also full of the most profound statements of human and divine love.

The book of Ruth is the most gripping short story human literature has produced. Ruth, not Jewish, is widowed, but cares for her Jewish mother-in-law, Naomi, effectively bringing her back from despair to engagement with life. Ruth utters this immortal declaration: *Do not press me to leave you, or turn back from following you! Wherever you go, I shall go, wherever you live, I shall live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Where you die, I shall die and there I shall be buried. Let Yahweh bring unnameable ills on me and worse ills too, if anything but death should part me from you!*

This is not romantic love, but profound, sinewy, heroic human solidarity. The prophet, Micah, tells his people what God wants: *He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 58:7-10*

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here. If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 111(112): 4-9*

R: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R**

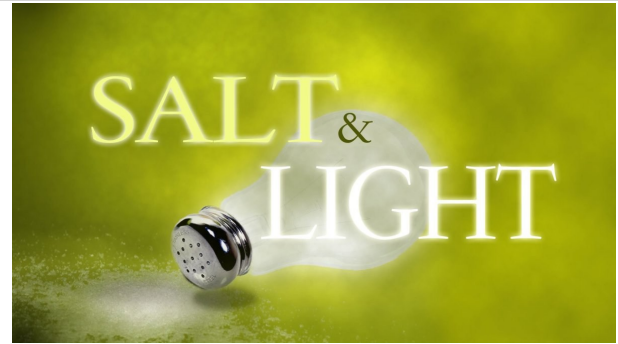
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5: 13-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.' The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.



**Next weekend
6th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Yr A**

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Recently Deceased

Nicolina Calabrese, Enrico Di Rago

Anniversary & Remembrance

Caterina Surace, Carmelo Pino,
Agostino & Irma Couello

Processional Hymn AOV 12

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Liturgy of the Word

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



Psalm Response

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

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The founder of the People of God is God the Father. Its leader is Jesus Christ. Its source of strength is the Holy Spirit. The entryway to the People of God is Baptism. Its dignity is the freedom of the children of God. Its law is love. If this people remains faithful to God and seeks first the kingdom of God, it changes the world. In the midst of all the peoples on earth, there is one people that is like no other. It is subject to no one but God alone. It is supposed to be like salt, which adds flavour; like yeast, which permeates everything; Like light, which drives away the darkness. Anyone who belongs to the People of God must count on coming into conflict with people who deny God's existence and disregard his commandments. In the freedom of the children of God, however, we have nothing to fear, not even death. YOUCAT 125

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Preparation of the Gifts AOV 166

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

Holy Communion AOV 164

Chorus:

Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again. *Chorus*

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain:
just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. *Chorus*

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup:
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. *Chorus*

Hold us in unity,
in love for all to see;
that the world may believe in you,
God of all who live. *Chorus*

Recessional Hymn AOV 158

Chorus:

Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
beckon our lives through your word,
open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
heal us of pride and of hurt,
may we go forth in your name
we pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross,
lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you
promising hope,
promising truth. *Chorus*

Restless the hearts
who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream
justice brings life,
justice redeems. *Chorus*

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