

# 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  
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Joseph the Worker Church  
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North

**1st SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**YR A 22 FEBRUARY 2026**  
**Parish Lent program see p3**

## 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.*

**TODAY Sunday 22 February**  
*our parish RCIA candidates participate in the*  
**Rite of Election 3pm St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne**

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
**SYDNEY 2028 EUCHARIST28**  
[eucharist28.org](http://eucharist28.org)

**Nationwide Holy Hour & Benediction**  
**to prepare for**  
**the International Eucharistic Congress**  
**Sydney 2028**

**NEXT Sunday 1 March 3pm**  
**St Gabriel's Church Reservoir**

**Young Parishioners** meet NEXT Sunday 1 March St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir 10.30am including light lunch. Deacon Correya will share some ideas on making a good Lent. \$10 working \$5 non working/student.

**Safeguarding training** Tuesday 17 March 7.30pm St Joseph the Worker church Reservoir North. We hope to have a Mass for parish volunteers during the Easter season.

**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](mailto:reservoir@cam.org.au)

As part of the Archdiocese's call to **Take the Way of the Gospel**, we are invited to reflect on how we can continue to grow as vibrant, vital and viable communities of faith. Our parishes of St Gabriel, St Joseph the Worker and St Stephen of Hungary have been in partnership for 2 years and more, and now we are prayerfully exploring what it means to journey more intentionally together as one missional parish — a community that gathers in worship and proclaims the Good News. In the spirit of a synodal Church, we are seeking representatives from across our three communities to be part of a discernment team. This group will meet regularly to listen, collaborate and help shape our shared future. *If you are interested in being part of this synodal process, please email your expression of interest to: Suzette Diaz [Take the Way of the Gospel Change Lead \[suzette.diaz@cam.org.au\]\(mailto:suzette.diaz@cam.org.au\) Expressions of interest close on 13 March.](mailto:Suzette.Diaz@cam.org.au)*

As we move forward, our community of Reservoir, Reservoir East and Reservoir North continues to change and grow. This is also a time for us to raise up parish leaders, generous volunteers and a well formed faithful people.

*We commence today a 3-part series on the history of our parish churches. Parishioners are invited to bring photos of Parish life and history to share weekend 14-15 March.*

## ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35  
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90  
Daily Mass Book \$25  
New Community Catholic Bible \$35

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

- 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 Peter Johnson [reservoir.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto: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](http://melbournemensrosarycrusade.com)

## ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Auditions: Sunday 30 August 6pm  
Rehearsals commence 6 September  
Enquiries: [Judy.judeome@hotmail.com](mailto:Judy.judeome@hotmail.com)

## 8th CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Holy See has announced that plenary indulgences are granted to those who participate in a pilgrimage to any Franciscan church or any 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. [OFM.org](http://OFM.org)

## MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY

Palm Sunday 29 March; Good Friday 3 April  
Recruiting cast, crew, Roman soldiers  
No acting experience required.  
Rehearsals and performances:  
Catholic Regional College  
380 Sydenham Rd Sydenham  
[melbournepassionplay.com.au](http://melbournepassionplay.com.au)

For over a century there has been a thriving Catholic presence in Reservoir. This continues, and we proudly and gratefully acknowledge the contributions, sacrifices and legacy of our forebears. We are committed to maintaining the identity and purpose of our three churches: **St Gabriel's, St Stephen of Hungary, and St Joseph the Worker.** These sacred spaces will continue to be places of welcome, fellowship and worship.

A *Take the Way of the Gospel* Committee includes representatives of St Gabriel's, St Stephen of Hungary and St Joseph the Worker Parishes: Bernadette Harris, Christopher Chua, Franca Pascuzzi, Georgia Tan, Laura Fernando, Liliana Keating and Andrew Dos Santos; Fr Pritchard, Deacon Correya, the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary, supported by Melbourne Archdiocese representatives Suzette Diaz and Judeline Wadhvani.



## ST GABRIEL'S RESERVOIR *God is Strength*

*The first recorded Mass in Reservoir was celebrated about 1919 – 1920 in what was then the Church of England Hall.*

*On February 26 1926 Archbishop Mannix blessed the relocated the wooden church, relocated from Preston, and named it St Gabriel's. In 1936 Fr Patrick Ryan was appointed first Parish Priest. Thriving and vibrant Parish life developed over the decades including sporting clubs, parish groups such as the Legion of Mary, YCW, Italian Committee, St Vincent de Paul Society, St Gabriel's Theatre group.*

*From the mid 1950s planning commenced for a new Church. In 1960 a new and substantial brick church was built on the corner of Spring and Viola Sts. It was opened and blessed by Archbishop Justin Simonds 16 October 1960.*

*In 1964 Fr Ryan concluded his time at Reservoir. The area had been completely transformed. His successor Fr Edward (Ted) Nowlan (1965-1973) assisted with the establishment of St Joseph the Worker Parish in 1970. Fr Joseph Yu, their first Parish Priest resided at St Gabriel's from 1970-1972.*

*Fr Shane Hctor was appointed as Parish Priest in 1997. St Gabriel's Church celebrated its 40th birthday in 2000. To mark this event the church was extensively refurbished. Archbishop George Pell consecrated St Gabriel's October 29 2000.*

A new parish centre was built in 2001. This was blessed and opened by Archbishop Denis Hart.

In 2012 Archbishop Hart partnered the two parishes of Reservoir and East Reservoir with Fr Shane Hctor as the Parish Priest.

When Fr Hctor retired in January 2021, the current Parish Priest, Fr Gregory Pritchard was appointed.

St Gabriel's School was established by Parishioners and Preston Parish Priest Fr O'Grady. Classes commenced in 1929. In 1930 the Sisters of the Good Samaritan assumed responsibility for St Gabriel's school. A convent was built for the Sisters at 13 Olive St. The Good Samaritan Sisters provided Principal and teaching staff until 1971. In January 2024, St Gabriel's and St Stephen's Primary schools were amalgamated.



## WAY OF THE CROSS / VIA CRUCIS Fridays of Lent

*St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North*  
8.30am March 6, 20  
7pm February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27  
English / Italian

*St Gabriel's Reservoir*  
8.30am February 27, March 13, 27

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesdays of Lent

*St Gabriel's Reservoir*  
8.30am 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*

## 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*

## EUCCHARIST28

Nationwide Holy Hour  
to prepare for the  
International  
Eucharistic  
Congress  
Sydney 2028  
Sunday 1 March 3pm  
*St Gabriel's Reservoir*



## CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Unite Against Poverty this Lent

## ENCOUNTERING BEAUTY SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

Lenten Reflections of JS Bach  
*St Peter's Church 581 Toorak Rd Toorak*  
Friday 27 February 7 - 9pm  
Entry by donation

## SISTERS OF ST ELIZABETH

Wednesday 11 March  
*St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir*  
Morning coffee  
Display of beautiful handmade religious items

## VENERABLE MARY OF THE SACRED HEART GLOWREY

Friday 13 March  
5pm Mass of Thanksgiving  
*St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne.*  
6pm presentation and reflections  
*Cathedral Hall 22 Brunswick St Fitzroy*  
Register: [trybooking.com/DIWCI](http://trybooking.com/DIWCI) by 10 March 2026

## 4th 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

## WALK WITH MARY

Sunday 15 March *St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne*  
2pm Prayers, Holy Mass, Procession  
[thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com](http://thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com)



## REFLECTION MORNING

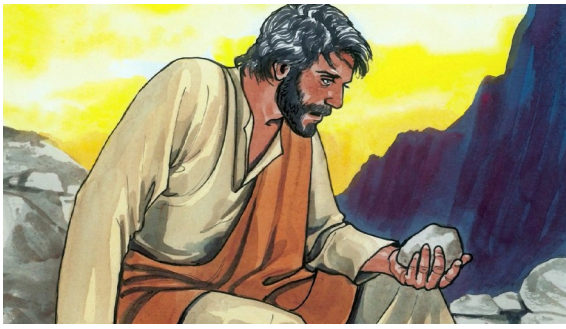
Presented by the Dominican Sisters  
Thursday 19 March 9.15am Mass  
*St Joseph the Worker*  
*Reservoir North*

## 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/](http://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/)

## EASTER SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

Register Parish Office  
0487 116 154 [reservoir@cam.org.au](mailto:reservoir@cam.org.au)



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

## FIRST READING *Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 50(51)*

***R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R**

## SECOND READING *Romans 5: 12, 17-19*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
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## GOSPEL *Matthew 4: 1-11*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him. The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

## Next weekend 2nd Sunday of Lent Yr A

Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

## Recently Deceased

Teresa Marino, Dumeline Periera,  
Tommy Trantino

## Anniversary & Remembrance

Amato Puliueva, Vincenzo D'Aniello, Pino family,  
Sofronio Salgado, Marianna De Leo-Ferrentino,  
Pasquale Timpano, Giovanna Calvi, Francesca Annetta

## Welcome

Frs Rocco Spagnalo and Pasquale Carnovale

## BLESING OF THE ALTAR CROSS AT WEEKEND MASSES

## Processional Hymn AOV 76

*Chorus:* All the ends of the earth,  
all you creatures of the sea,  
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.  
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea,  
has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,  
the wonders he has done in ev'ry age. *Chorus*

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;  
ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord. *Chorus*

## Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

### Psalm Response

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word  
that comes from the mouth of God.  
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king of endless glory!

*Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.*

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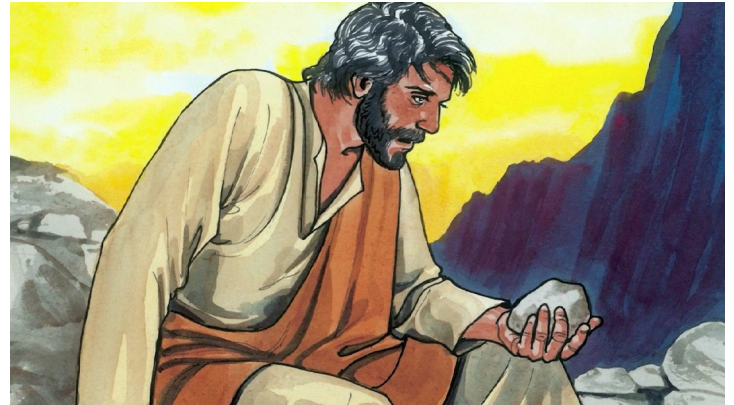
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## Preparation of the Gifts AOV 81

*Chorus:* We remember how you loved us to your death,  
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;  
And we believe that we will see you when you come,  
in your glory, Lord, we remember,  
we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls are yearning  
just to touch you and be healed;  
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart; *Chorus*

Now we recreate your love,  
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal;  
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord; *Chorus*



## Holy Communion AOV 49

I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;  
you who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

*Chorus:* And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and you who eat of this bread, you shall live for ever,  
You shall live for ever. *Chorus*

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you. *Chorus*

I am the resurrection I am the life.  
You who believe in me, even if you die,  
You shall live for ever. *Chorus*

## Recessional Hymn AOV 153

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Chorus:* And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield. *Chorus*