

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
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St Joseph the Worker Church
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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YR A 1 MARCH 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
- Sunday 10.30am Mass *Reservoir North*
English/Italian

WEEKDAY MASSES

*St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East
Tuesday 9.30am*

*St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15am*

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.



EUCHARIST28
eucharist28.org

**Nationwide
Holy Hour**

**TODAY Sunday 1 March 3pm
St Gabriel's Reservoir**

Young Parishioners get together TODAY 1 March St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir 10.30am including light lunch. We welcome Deacon Correya who 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. Mass for parish volunteers weekend 2-3 May at each church.

9 parish catechumens and candidates participated in the **Rite of Election** at St Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday (22/2). They joined record numbers, with 550 people preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. It's the largest number ever recorded for the Archdiocese, and reflects a 57 per cent increase from 2025. The catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and candidates (who are already baptised but yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation) were warmly welcomed by Archbishop Comensoli.

Our parish catechumens are Alexis and Danielle.

Our candidates for Eucharist and Confirmation are: Maria, Joshua, Diana, Lucas, Patrick, David, and Zoe. Patrick will receive Confirmation St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East Saturday 14 March. Diana was Confirmed in the Philippines last November.



PARISH RCIA

Thursday 7pm
St Gabriel's
Parish Centre
Reservoir

SCRUTINIES I, II, III

Sundays March 8, 15, 22
St Gabriel's Church
Reservoir

**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 by 10 March 2026

WALK WITH MARY

Sunday 15 March St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

2pm Prayers, Holy Mass, Procession

thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com

**JOURNEYING WITH CHRIST THROUGH LOVE,
THE CROSS & HOPE**

St Damien's Church 5 Rd Settlement Rd Bundoora

melbcatholic.org/s/bundoora

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 25-27 March 7pm

Triduum of Masses and speakers

Shared dinner in Dunlop & Briglia rooms

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

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

Conference president Peter Johnson

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.*

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

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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

WAY OF THE CROSS / VIA CRUCIS

Fridays of Lent

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

8.30am March 6, 20

7pm February March 6, 13, 20, 27

English / Italian

St Gabriel's Reservoir

8.30am March 13, 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

Wednesday 11 March

St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir

Morning coffee

Display of beautiful handmade religious items

Take the ACORN Faith Lenten challenge.

Simply give 10 seconds a day to pray

'Lord, today is there someone you want me

to connect with outside the Church?'

and be attentive to what happens next.

LENTEN RETREAT

By your Holy Cross

you have redeemed the world

Saturday 14 March 9am Mass 5pm Benediction

St Dominic's Church

816 Riversdale Rd Camberwell

\$20 registration incl lunch

trybooking.com/DJKDY

REFLECTION MORNING

Presented by the Dominican Sisters

Thursday 19 March 9.15am Mass

St Joseph the Worker

Reservoir North

FREE LENTEN CONCERT

Friday 20 March 7.30-9pm

St Ambrose's Church 287 Sydney Rd Brunswick

Directed by Dr Anthony Halliday, BMCC Choir and

Chamber Orchestra, and leading performers.

ANNUAL PATRICK ORATION

Tuesday 17 March 7.15pm

Delivered by Archbishop Comensoli.

Watch live broadcast on TV or online:

TV via C31 (digital channel 44)

online via Archdiocesan YouTube Channel

youtube.com/archmelb

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Examination of Conscience in English and Italian

will be provided in the parish bulletin

weekends 14-15 and 21-22 March

St Stephen's Reservoir East

Saturdays 7, 14, 21, 28 March 7.15pm

Tuesdays 24 & 31 March 10am

St Gabriel's Reservoir

Sundays 8am

Sunday 22 March 3pm

Wednesday 25, Thursday 26

Friday 27 March 9.30am

Thursday 2 April 9am

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Saturdays 4pm

Friday 27 March 7pm

Sunday 29 March 3pm

Wednesday 1 April 10am

EASTER SEASON

BLESSING OF HOMES

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Come parte dell'invito dell'Arcidiocesi a "**Percorrere la Via del Vangelo**", siamo chiamati a riflettere su come possiamo continuare a crescere come comunità di fede vivaci, vitali e sostenibili. Le nostre parrocchie di San Gabriele, San Giuseppe Lavoratore e Santo Stefano d'Ungheria sono in collaborazione da oltre due anni e ora stiamo esplorando, nella preghiera, cosa significhi camminare più intenzionalmente insieme come un'unica parrocchia missionaria — una comunità che si riunisce per il culto e annuncia la Buona Novella. Nello spirito di una Chiesa sinodale, stiamo cercando rappresentanti provenienti dalle nostre tre comunità per far parte di un gruppo di discernimento. Questo gruppo si riunirà regolarmente per ascoltare, collaborare e contribuire a plasmare il nostro futuro condiviso. Se siete interessati a partecipare a questo processo sinodale, vi invitiamo a inviare la vostra manifestazione di interesse via e-mail a: [Suzette Diaz](mailto:Suzette.Diaz@cam.org.au) Take the Way of the Gospel – Change Lead suzette.diaz@cam.org.au Le manifestazioni di interesse si chiudono il 13 marzo.



SAN GIUSEPPE LAVORATORE RESERVOIR NORTH *Lavoriamo insieme*

La Parrocchia di San Giuseppe Lavoratore è stata fondata il 4 febbraio 1970 quando è stata separata dalla Parrocchia di San Gabriele a Reservoir. La messa è stata temporaneamente celebrata in italiano nell'asilo presbiteriano e metodista Ryan St Reservoir. Finanziata dalla parrocchia, e da una donazione dalla parrocchia di San Gabriele, è stata costruita una chiesa. L'8 agosto 1971 l'Arcivescovo, dopo Cardinale, Knox benedisse e inaugurò la prima chiesa, che fungeva anche da sala parrocchiale. Nato in Cina, P. Joseph Yu si recò a Roma nel 1948 per entrare nel sacerdozio. Fu ordinato nel 1954 e fu il primo parroco di origine cinese in Australia. Nomina al North Reservoir nel 1970, ha risieduto al Presbiterio di San Gabriele dal 1970 al 1972. Ha servito come parroco fino al 2002.

Lo sviluppo nell'area continuò speditamente, accompagnato dalla costruzione di un-Centro Parrocchiale, del presbiterio e dallo sviluppo dei terreni e delle strutture. La vita parrocchiale è sempre stata attiva e vivace, caratterizzata da numerosi volontari impegnati, gruppi di preghiera e sociali, eventi comunitari, celebrazioni e feste.

La pianificazione per la Chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore è iniziata nel 1987. È stato consacrato il 7 maggio 1995 dall'Arcivescovo Little. Questo era una giornata orgogliosa nella vita di San Giuseppe Lavoratore, specialmente per P. Yu e tanti devote parrocchiani, benefattori e altri. Il titolo San Giuseppe Lavoratore riflette il duro lavoro e il contributo di tanti, coloro che lavorano con le proprie mani e danno gloria a Dio. P. Massimo Vodola è venuto dopo P. Yu (2002 –2007), poi è venuto P. Emmanuel Bonello (2007-2024). La parrocchia era legata al Bacino di San Gabriele e al Bacino Est di San Stefano d'Ungheria con P. Gregory Pritchard come parroco nell'ottobre 2024.

La Scuola San Giuseppe Lavoratore è stata fondata nel 1978 sotto la guida di Suor Lorraine Walker MSC, che ha accompagnato la scuola nei suoi primi sviluppi. La scuola è stata costruita in tre fasi, benedetta da il vescovo O'Connell e L'Arcivescovo Little 1978-1985. Il Vescovo O'Connell benedisse le estensioni nel 1986. Tutte le scuole parrocchiali e diocesane sono soggette alla Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd.

FIRST READING *Genesis 12: 1-4*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

GOSPEL *Matthew 17: 1-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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*Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you for the gift of your real presence
in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.*

*Grant us the grace to receive you reverently,
worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.*

*By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us,
so that as you gave yourself to the Father
and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.*

*Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need,
especially the defenseless and homeless,
the lonely and lost.*

*Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass,
so that we may truly become what we have received,
the Body of Christ. Amen.*

Welcome *Frs Rocco Spagnolo and Pasquale Carnovale*

P. ROCCO SPAGNOLO È STATO RICONFERMATO ALLA GUIDA DEI PADRI MISSIONARI DELL'EVANGELIZZAZIONE

Il noto e molto stimato sacerdote e religioso P. Rocco Spagnolo, tra l'altro scrittore e giornalista, è stato riconfermato, attraverso il voto unanime dei suoi confratelli, Superiore Generale dei Padri Missionari dell'evangelizzazione. L'intellettuale uomo di fede guiderà, quindi, anche per i prossimi sei anni la comunità sacerdotale fondata dal compianto P. Ida, per il quale è in corso la causa di beatificazione. Suo vicario è stato eletto P. Pasquale Carnovale mentre economo, il futuro sacerdote Bruno Demasi. Incardinata nella Diocesi di Locri Gerace, la comunità sacerdotale ha la sede generalizia a Terranova Sappo Minulio, presso il santuario del Crocefisso. Molto attivi in campo spirituale, i Padri Missionari dell'Evangelizzazione, con alla guida il successore di P. Ida, appunto P. Rocco Spagnolo, si sono posti degli obiettivi sempre più importanti, per la salvezza delle anime. I P. Rocco e P. Pasquale sacerdoti di grande esperienza di cultura e spiritualità lasciano un segno profondo di amore, buone notizie, e gioia. Che noi abbiamo sentito e accolto, con gratitudine e felicità qui a Reservoir North.

FR ROCCO SPAGNOLO, SUCCESSOR OF FR VINCENZO IDA PROPHET OF EVANGELIZATION

The renowned Fr Rocco Spagnolo, superior of the Missionaries of Evangelization, a priestly community founded by the late Fr Ida, whose cause for beatification has been opened, after returning from his mission in Argentina, traveled to Africa, specifically Madagascar, where he evangelized, visited the founder's works, and met with the Missionary Sisters of Evangelization. The holy priest, in fact, founded missions in Mexico, and from there his charism spread throughout the world, reaching the Philippines, the United States, Africa, and the Holy Land. Fr Rocco Spagnolo has travelled to areas with a strong community and missionary presence, assisting and leading moving evangelizations and celebrating Masses, thus enriching the local populations spiritually and culturally. Welcomed with great honour by the local bishops and religious, Fr Rocco sows spiritual seeds and reaps the fruits of the vocation of the Missionaries of Evangelization. Both Frs Rocco and Pasquale, priests of great experience, culture, and spirituality, always leave profound marks of love, good news, and joy, which we have gladly experienced in Reservoir North.

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Processional Hymn CWB 295

Refrain: May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
Turn our minds to things above

Sin has sundered us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold. *Refrain*

Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides. *Refrain*

As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
Minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn. *Refrain*



Liturgy of the Word

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

Psalm Response

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
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Preparation of the Gifts CWB 434

O raise your eyes on high and see,
there stands our sovereign Lord;
his glory is this day revealed,
his word a two edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour and the pow'r
of him who conquered death,
the Christ in whom the universe
knows God's creating breath.

Of every creed and nation King,
in him all strife is stilled;
the promise made to Abraham
in him has been fulfilled.

The prophets stand and with great joy
give witness as they gaze;
the Father with a sign has sealed
our trust, our hope, our praise.

This glory that today our eyes
have glimpsed of God's own Son
will help us ever sing with love
of Three who are but One.

Holy Communion CWB 293

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love,
this love can never be measured;
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God. *Refrain*

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God,
whose love can never grow weary.
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Recessional Hymn CWB 289

From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.

From desert to the mountaintop
in Christ our way we see,
so, tempered by temptation's might
we might transfigured be.

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