

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

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## 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT YR A 8 MARCH 2026

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### WEEKEND MASSES

- Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass  
*1st Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass  
Maltese Reservoir North*
- Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
*Reservoir East*
- Sunday 9am Mass Reservoir
- Sunday 10.30am Mass *Reservoir North*  
English/Italian

### WEEKDAY MASSES

*St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East*  
Tuesday 9.30am

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

**Wednesday 11 March**

*We welcome the Sisters of St Elizabeth  
They present a display of  
beautiful handmade religious items.  
Morning coffee.  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir*

### 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.*

## 4th SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE

We celebrate the joyful Sunday of Lent  
NEXT weekend 14-15 March

*Parishioners are invited to bring photos  
of Parish life and history to share.*

***St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North***  
Coffee and cake

***St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East***  
First Holy Communion and Confirmation  
of Patrick Palmieri  
Coffee and cake

***St Gabriel's Reservoir***  
Scrutiny I of Catechumens and Candidates  
for the Easter Sacraments  
Fresh Roast Mobile Café

### SYRO MALANKARA COMMUNITY

Bishop Antony Mar Silvanos celebrates Mass St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East TODAY Sunday 8 March. This is part of the Bishop's visitation and program in Australia. The Syro Malankara community will celebrate Holy Week at St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East with extended services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the Vigil of Easter. Our parish program for Holy Week will be published next weekend.

### DOMINICAN SISTERS OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

The Sisters have commenced Sacramental Journey for 8 Confirmation candidates; they are leading Via Crucis at St Joseph the Worker Church each Friday; they have commenced visitation to parish nursing homes. Sincere thanks to faithful parishioners who visit the sick, pray the Rosary, and bring Holy Communion.

### TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

*We conclude our 3-part series  
on the history of our parish churches*

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.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Tuesday 17 March 7.30pm St Joseph the Worker church Reservoir North. We hope to have a Mass for parish volunteers weekend 2-3 May at each church.

**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

**MARY MAGDALENE THE MUSICAL**

Friday 13 March 7pm; Saturday 14 March 1pm, 7pm;

Sunday 15 March 1pm

Renaissance Theatre Kew [trybooking.com/DHZPD](http://trybooking.com/DHZPD)

**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](http://trybooking.com/DJKDY)

**WALK WITH MARY**

Sunday 15 March St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

2pm Prayers, Holy Mass, Procession

[thecombedsocietiesofmary.com](http://thecombedsocietiesofmary.com)

**VIA CRUCIS *Franz Liszt***

Sunday 15 March 7.30pm

St Mary Star of the Sea Church

33 Howard St West Melbourne

**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](http://youtube.com/archmelb)

**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.

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

St Damien's Church 5 Rd Settlement Rd Bundoora

[melbcatholic.org/s/bundoora](http://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](http://melbournepassionplay.com.au)

**ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL**

St Paul's Holy Week Missal \$12

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35

St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90

Daily Mass Book \$25

New Community Catholic Bible \$35

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.*



**ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY  
RESERVOIR EAST**

St Stephen of Hungary parish began life when Fr Patrick Ryan parish priest of St Gabriel's Reservoir acquired some land in Black St Reservoir East. In 1956 a start was made on the building. Later that year the Parish of East Reservoir was created, with Fr Gerard Sullivan appointed as the first Parish Priest. The first Sunday Mass was celebrated in St Stephen's Church-School on Palm Sunday 1957. On Sunday 19 May 1957 the Church-School was blessed and opened by Archbishop Mannix. It was to be his last official opening.

Parish community life grew with large numbers involved in Committees, fundraising, sporting and youth activities, many centered around the Parish Squash Centre at Lane Crescent. The Parish developed, and in 1962 Keon Park was zoned to East Reservoir. From 1965 until the late 1990's St Margaret's Church-School operated at Keon Park. Committed parishioners worked together and fund-raised to build a dedicated Church in the late 1960s. It was opened and blessed on July 19 1970 by Archbishop, later Cardinal, James Robert Knox.

On a site adjacent to the former St Margaret's School, a Retirement Village was initiated by the parish. An aged care facility, now run by Mercy Care Victoria, was later opened.

In 2007 a portico was added to the front of the Church to enable parishioners to gather outside the church in all weathers. This is dedicated to the memory of Fr Frank Larsen, Parish Priest 1969-1978, marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Parish.

Fr Brian McMahon was Parish Priest commencing 1979. In 2012 Fr McMahon retired and Archbishop Hart partnered the two Parishes of Reservoir and East Reservoir with Fr Shane Hctor PP. In 2016 St Stephen's Church was extensively refurbished and renovated. A wooden statue of St Stephen of Hungary, carved in Romania, was installed. Various church appointments commemorate the service of St Stephen's pastors, parishioners and benefactors. Fr Hctor retired in January 2021.

St Stephen's has welcomed the Syro Malabar community, and currently the Syro-Malankara community who celebrate Mass in the Church each Sunday. At the beginning of 2025, St Monica's College Epping established a Yr 8 Campus at St Stephen School focusing on developing skills in literacy and numeracy. St Stephen / Gaudete campus built on the mission of Catholic education begun by the Good Samaritan Sisters in 1958.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St Stephen's Reservoir East**  
Saturdays 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  
Sunday 29 March 3pm  
Wednesday 1 April 10am

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

**St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North**  
8.30am March 20  
7pm February March 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 March 11, 25

**St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North**  
8.30am March 18, April 1

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & NIGHT PRAYER Wednesdays of Lent

7pm **St Gabriel's Reservoir**

## REFLECTION MORNING

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

## EASTER SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

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*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.*

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR LENT

*Return to the Lord your God  
for he is gracious and compassionate Joel 2:13*

I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me. *Have I loved God above all things, or allowed money, power, or entertainment to take his place? Have I neglected prayer, Mass, or the sacraments through indifference or laziness? Have I trusted in God's plan, or have I turned to superstition, horoscopes, New Age practices, or the occult, such as: witchcraft, wicca, fortune-tellers, mediums, ouija boards, or tarot cards?*

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. *Have I used God's name disrespectfully in anger or thoughtlessness? Have I shown reverence for holy things, such as the Mass, Scripture, and sacraments? Have I made promises or oaths that I did not keep?*

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath. *Have I attended Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation? Have I set aside Sunday as a day for rest, family and worship, avoiding unnecessary work? Do I honour the Lord by dedicating time for prayer, reflection, and gratitude?*

Honour your father and your mother. *Have I shown respect, love, and obedience to my parents and those in legitimate authority? Have I fulfilled my duties to my family, supporting my parents in their needs and treating loved ones with patience and kindness? If I have children, have I taught them about God and led them by my example?*

You shall not kill. *Have I harmed others through my words, actions, or neglect, or harboured anger and refused to forgive? Have I abused my health or supported actions that harm life, such as abortion or euthanasia? Have I defended the dignity of all, especially the vulnerable?*

You shall not commit adultery. *Have I respected the sanctity of marriage—my own or others' — by avoiding cohabitation, casual sexual relationships, or actions that disregard God's plan for marriage? Have I engaged in sexual sins such as fornication (sex outside of marriage), masturbation, or viewing pornography? Have I entertained lustful thoughts or desires, or failed to treat my body and others' with dignity and respect through immodesty or inappropriate actions?*

You shall not steal. *Have I taken, damaged, or kept what does not belong to me? Have I been fair and honest in financial matters and fulfilled my obligations? Have I been wasteful or failed to share my resources generously with those in need?*

You shall not bear false witness. *Have I lied, deceived, or spoken in ways that harmed others? Have I spread gossip or damaged someone's reputation? Have I been truthful and charitable, avoiding exaggeration or manipulation?*

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife. *Have I entertained impure thoughts or desires about another person? Have I respected the dignity and commitments of others in my thoughts and actions? Have I avoided envy or jealousy in my relationships?*

You shall not covet your neighbour's goods. *Have I been jealous of others' success, possessions, or circumstances? Have I been content with what God has blessed me with, avoiding greed or materialism? Have I shown gratitude for the gifts I have received, both material and spiritual?*

**Examination of Conscience in Italian  
parish bulletin next weekend 21-22 March**

## FIRST READING *Exodus 17:3-7*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?' The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING *Romans 5:1-2,5-8*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

*La terza domenica di Quaresima invita, tramite l'incontro di Gesù con la Samaritana, a diventare missionari dell'evangelizzazione partendo dall'esperienza di sentirsi amati nella propria debolezza. Come la Samaritana, siamo chiamati a incontrare Cristo come Salvatore e poi, come educatori, a farci da parte per lasciare che gli altri vivano un incontro personale con Lui, passando dal Vangelo dei doveri a quello dell'amore.*

**Amore come fondamento:** *La vera missione nasce dall'essersi sentiti amati, non dall'imposizione di moralismi o obblighi.*

**Mediazione, non possesso:** *Il missionario annuncia Cristo, poi si fa da parte affinché l'altro incontri il Signore in prima persona, promuovendo una fede adulta.*

**Acqua Viva:** *Gesù offre un'acqua che placa la sete interiore, rendendo chi la riceve capace di testimoniare la gioia del Vangelo.*

*La Quaresima ci invita a vivere questo tempo attraverso la preghiera, il digiuno e la carità, tre vie per rinnovare la nostra speranza e pace.*



## Next weekend 4th Sunday of Lent Yr A

1 Samuel  
16:1,6-7,10-13  
Ephesians  
5:8-14  
John  
9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

## GOSPEL *John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42*



Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what

God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.' The Gospel of the Lord

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



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## Anniversary & Remembrance

Giuseppe & Rosa Zagami, Lorenzo Di Palma,  
Gaetano & Laurence Zagami, Filippo Pascuzzi,  
Aldo Marchese, Maria Casabene, Paolino Porcu,  
Anna, Giovanni, Nino, Pino Saltalamacchia,  
Bartolo, Rosaria & Giuseppe Taranto,  
Cannataro family:  
Antonio, Eugenio, Emilia, Franco & Rita,  
Salvatore & Maria Bosco, Agostino & Irma Covello,  
Carmine Formoso, Eugenio & Ercole Sergio

## Processional Hymn AOV 113

*Chorus:* And the Father will dance as on the day of joy  
he will exult over you and renew you by his love.

Shout for joy, all you, his people.  
Sing aloud and exult with all your heart,  
for the Lord your God, is in your midst. *Chorus*

You have no more evil to fear.  
You have no more evil to fear.  
Do not let your hands fall limp,  
for the Lord your God, is in your midst. *Chorus*

And when the time comes I will rescue the lame,  
And when the time comes I will gather the strays,  
and when time comes I will be your guide.  
I will gather you in  
and give you renown among all peoples. *Chorus*

## Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

### Psalm Response

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
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## THE FIRST SCRUTINY

*The Church, like a mother, helps the catechumens on their journey by means of suitable liturgical rites, which purify the catechumens little by little and strengthen them with God's blessing.* RCIA n75

After the Homily, the candidates and their sponsors come forward and stand before the Celebrant.



Intercessions for the Elect  
Prayer of Exorcism Laying on of hands  
Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens  
Presentation of a Bible  
Profession of Faith

## Preparation of the Gifts AOV 31

Come as you are, that's how I want you.  
Come as you are, feel quite at home.  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;  
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.  
No need to fear, love never ends.  
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.  
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by my promise,  
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.  
Come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.  
All will be well, just come as you are.

## Holy Communion AOV 129

*Refrain:* One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

## Recessional Hymn AOV 114

You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Refrain:* Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*