

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

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St Stephen's Church
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St Joseph the Worker Church
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4th SUNDAY OF LENT YR A 15 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

Tuesday 17 March
Solemnity of St Patrick

9.30am Mass
St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

Wednesday & Friday 9.15am Mass
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Thursday 19 March
Solemnity of St Joseph

9.15am Mass & Reflection morning
*presented by the Dominican Sisters
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North*

**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



4th SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE

We celebrate the joyful Sunday of Lent

*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 II of Catechumens and Candidates
for the Easter Sacraments
Fresh Roast Mobile Café

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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, Lilianna Keating and Andrew Dos Santos; Fr Pritchard, Deacon Correya, the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary. Melbourne Archdiocese representatives Suzette Diaz and Judeline Wadhvani are leading us through this process step by step.

The following parish events are being planned.

Weekend 2-3 May:

- Mass for parish leaders and volunteers at each church
- Feast of St Joseph the Worker and anniversary of church consecration North Reservoir.
- Committee members will update us on *Take the Way of the Gospel*, its goals, and affirm all of us in parish life and mission.

Sunday 14 June:

- Forum, engaging parishioners in *Take the Way of the Gospel*. We all want opportunities for worship and prayer, community life, adult faith formation, pastoral care of families, women, men, young parishioners, widowed, elderly and sick. The Dominican Sisters are already making a great contribution to parish life. To build up the kingdom of God in our part of Melbourne parish life and community must be vital, vibrant, viable. *St Joseph the Worker Church after Sunday 10.30am Mass.*

TODAY SUNDAY 15 MARCH

Mary Magdalene The Musical

1 pm Renaissance Theatre Kew trybooking.com/DHZPD

Walk with Mary St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

2pm Prayers, Holy Mass, Procession
thecombindedsocietiesofmary.com

Via Crucis Franz Liszt

7.30pm St Mary Star of the Sea Church
33 Howard St West Melbourne

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.

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

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
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 Holy Week Missal \$12
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$40
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90
Daily Mass Book \$25
New Community Catholic Bible \$35

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

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

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

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. Conference president Peter Johnson
reservoir.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

ESAME DI COSCIENZA

*Consiste nell'interrogarsi sul male commesso
e il bene omesso: verso Dio, il prossimo e se stessi.*

Nei confronti di Dio

Mi rivolgo a Dio solo nel bisogno?
Partecipo alla Messa la domenica e le feste di precetto?
Comincio e chiudo la giornata con la preghiera?
Ho nominato invano Dio, la Vergine, i Santi?
Mi sono vergognato di dimostrarmi cristiano?
Cosa faccio per crescere spiritualmente?
Come? Quando?
Mi ribello davanti ai disegni di Dio?
Pretendo che egli compia la mia volontà?

Nei confronti del prossimo

So perdonare, compatire, aiutare il prossimo?
Ho calunniato, rubato, disprezzato i piccoli e gli indifesi?
Sono invidioso, collerico, parziale?
Ho cura dei poveri e dei malati?
Mi vergogno della carne di mio fratello, della mia sorella?
Sono onesto e giusto con tutti o alimento la "cultura dello scarto"?
Ho istigato altri a fare il male?
Osservo la morale coniugale e familiare insegnata dal Vangelo?
Come vivo le responsabilità educative verso i figli?
Onoro e rispetto i miei genitori?
Ho rifiutato la vita appena concepita?
Ho spento il dono della vita?
Ho aiutato a farlo? Rispetto l'ambiente?
Nei confronti di sé Sono un po' mondano e un po' credente?
Esagero nel mangiare, bere, fumare, divertirmi?
Mi preoccupo troppo della salute fisica, dei miei beni?
Come uso il mio tempo? Sono pigro?
Voglio essere servito? Amo e coltivo la purezza di cuore, di pensieri e di azioni?
Medito vendette, nutro rancori?
Sono mite, umile, costruttore?

***Mio Dio, mi pento e mi dolgo con tutto il cuore
dei miei peccati,
perché peccando ho meritato i tuoi castighi,
e molto più perché ho offeso te,
infinitamente buono
e degno di essere amato sopra ogni cosa.
Propongo col tuo santo aiuto
di non offenderti mai più
e di fuggire le occasioni prossime di peccato.
Signore, misericordia, perdonami.***

Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry and the respect due to people every confessor, without any exception and under very severe penalties, is bound to maintain "the sacramental seal" which means absolute secrecy about the sins revealed to him in confession.

THE SEASON OF
LENT

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

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WAY OF THE CROSS / VIA CRUCIS Fridays of Lent

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

St Gabriel's Reservoir 8.30am March 27

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesdays of Lent

St Gabriel's Reservoir 8.30am March 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*

EASTER SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

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ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH RESERVOIR EAST

Palm Sunday *Blessing of Palms*
Saturday 28 March Vigil Mass
St Stephen's Reservoir East 6.30pm

ST GABRIEL'S CHURCH RESERVOIR

Palm Sunday *Blessing of Palms*
Sunday 29 March Mass 9am

Holy Thursday 2 April
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
9pm Night Prayer

Good Friday 3 April
10am Way of the Cross
3pm The Lord's Passion

Vigil of Easter 4 April 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 5 April 9am Mass

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH RESERVOIR NORTH

Palm Sunday *Blessing of Palms*
Saturday 28 March 5pm Mass
Sunday 29 March 10.30am Mass

Holy Thursday 2 April
5pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3 April
3pm The Lord's Passion
7pm Way of the Cross / Via Crucis
English / Italian

Vigil of Easter 4 April 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 5 April 10.30am Mass

The **annual collection** for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing, parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres.

The **Syro Malankara** community celebrates 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.

FIRST READING *1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5:8-14*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

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

GOSPEL *John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



La Quarta Domenica di Quaresima, nota come Laetare, invita alla gioia a metà cammino verso la Pasqua, celebrando la luce di Cristo che guarisce la cecità spirituale. Attraverso il Vangelo del cieco nato, siamo chiamati a passare dalle tenebre alla luce, riconoscendo Gesù come colui che dona la vera vista.

Ecco una sintesi dei temi principali:

La Domenica "Laetare" (Gioia): Il colore liturgico rosa annuncia la gioia per la Pasqua vicina, un invito a rallegrarsi nonostante la penitenza.

Il Cieco Nato (Gv 9): Il miracolo non è solo fisico, ma simbolico: il cieco rappresenta l'umanità che, incontrando Cristo, passa dalle tenebre dell'incredulità alla luce della fede.

Cecità Interiore: Il brano mette in luce la cecità di chi crede di vedere (i farisei) e la luce di chi riconosce il proprio bisogno di salvezza.

Riflessione: Siamo invitati a chiederci se la nostra fede illumina la vita e se siamo in grado di riconoscere la presenza di Dio, superando la tentazione di restare nell'oscurità del peccato.

Next weekend 5th Sunday of Lent Yr A

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11
John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Recently Deceased

Teresa Marino

Anniversary & Remembrance

Rose Ishkan, Michele & Assunta Maiolo,
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St Francis of Assisi Parish
260 Child's Rd Mill Park
commences Thursday 16 April 7pm
melbcatholic.org/s/millpark

St Luke's Parish
1A David St Lalor
commences Friday 17 April 7pm
melbcatholic.org/s/lalor

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

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



Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

THE SECOND SCRUTINY

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
Profession of Faith

The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. RCIA 128

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 582

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 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.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God. *Refrain*

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong
and love that never grows weary.
God will seek and save the lost until we all return,
so let us place our trust in God. *Refrain*

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.

We sit beside the road and plead,
"Come, save us, David's son!"
now with your vision heal our eyes,
the world's true Light alone.

From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey still,
through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

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