

# 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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## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT YR A 22 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**

9.30am Mass

*St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East*



**Wednesday 25 March**

Annunciation of the Lord

8.30am Eucharistic Adoration

9am Mass

7pm Eucharistic Adoration

& Night Prayer

*St Gabriel's Reservoir*

**Thursday & Friday 9am Mass**

*St Gabriel's 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



### TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

The 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. Melbourne Archdiocese representatives Suzette Diaz and Judeline Wadhvani are leading us through this process step by step.

*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.

### REFLECTION MORNING

15 parishioners enjoyed a reflection morning conducted by the Dominican Sisters at St Joseph the Worker Church last Thursday 19 March, solemnity of St Joseph.

### WELCOME

We warmly welcome Fr Daryl Montecillo & 3 first year seminarians George Becerra, Ambrose Meehan & Luke Rochford at St Joseph the Worker Sunday 10.30am Mass. There are 20 seminarians for the Archdiocese of Melbourne preparing for the priesthood at Corpus Christi College Carlton.

### EASTER OFFERING

Your generous gift supports our Bishops,  
retired and sick priests  
and our own Parish clergy.  
Thank You!



## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

260 Child's Rd Mill Park  
commences  
Thursday 16 April 7pm  
[melbcatholic.org/s/millpark](http://melbcatholic.org/s/millpark)

## ST LUKE'S PARISH

1A David St Lalor  
commences Friday 17 April  
7pm  
[melbcatholic.org/s/lalor](http://melbcatholic.org/s/lalor)

## 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  
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

## ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

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

## CATHOLIC MEN

### FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am  
[melbournemensrosarycrusade.com](http://melbournemensrosarycrusade.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](mailto:reservoir.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au)

On the Feast of St Patrick, I shared this year's Patrick Oration for the Archdiocese of Melbourne outlining an important new vision: **Light into the City**. It was delightful to meet those who were able to attend the Mass and Event at the Cathedral. Thank you!

The 5–10-year *Light into the City* initiative will renew St Patrick's Cathedral and reimagine its precinct as the spiritual heart of Melbourne. For more than 125 years, the Cathedral has been a place of prayer, encounter, and belonging for generations of Catholics. It is also a treasured landmark for our wider community.

*Light into the City* will help ensure this sacred place continues to shine as a beacon of faith, hope and welcome for all who come to the heart of our city. I am grateful to those who have already offered their support, and I encourage you all to be part of this renewal whether as individuals, families – or as community and parish groups. To find out more please visit: [www.lightintothecity.org.au](http://www.lightintothecity.org.au) In the months ahead, we will share updates on the restoration works on the Cathedral and further plans for the precinct – along with ways you can stay involved.

I warmly invite you to be part of this shared investment in our faith, our heritage, and the future of Melbourne.

You can read the full Oration here: Patrick Oration 2026 | Melbourne Catholic; watch the campaign launch video; <https://youtu.be/sW-1nPxcyL8>; and, explore stories that bring this vision to life: 'Something luminous': Archbishop launches vision... | Melbourne Catholic

Thank you for your ongoing contribution to the life and mission of the Archdiocese. May Our Blessed Mother and our good St Patrick, Patron Saint of this Archdiocese, accompany us with confidence, strength and purpose.

Together, let us ensure that St Patrick's Cathedral continues to shine for the generations to come, as our *Light into the City*.

With every grace and blessing,  
in Christ Jesus

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli  
Archbishop of Melbourne

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*The cause of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen has reached a decisive threshold. The Holy See has announced that the cause of the Venerable Servant of God may now proceed to beatification, clearing the way for the American prelate to be declared "Blessed" in the Catholic Church.*

*Fulton Sheen was an Auxiliary Bishop of New York from 1951 until 1966, and later was Bishop of Rochester, until his retirement in 1969. Yet it was not diocesan administration that made Sheen a household name. His television program *Life Is Worth Living*, broadcast 1952–1957, brought Catholic moral teaching into American living rooms at a time when religious programming rarely reached mainstream audiences. The show earned an Emmy Award and attracted millions of viewers.*

[www.newsweek.com.au](http://www.newsweek.com.au)



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### **St Stephen's Reservoir East**

Saturdays 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

*St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North*  
7pm February March 27  
English / Italian

*St Gabriel's Reservoir*  
8.30am March 27

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

8.30am Wednesday 1 April  
*St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & NIGHT PRAYER

7pm Wednesday 1 April  
*St Gabriel's Reservoir*

## EASTER SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

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

## CHRISM MASS

Tuesday 31 March 10am St Patrick's Cathedral  
During the Chrism Mass Archbishop Comensoli blesses the Oil for the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism. These Holy Oils are used in the church's ministry throughout the year. The priests present renew the promises of ordination.

# HOLY WEEK

## Palm Sunday Weekend *Blessing of Palms*

### **Saturday 28 March Vigil Mass**

*St Joseph the Worker  
Reservoir North 5pm*

*St Stephen's Reservoir East 6.30pm*

### **Sunday 29 March Mass**

*St Gabriel's Reservoir 9am*

*St Joseph the Worker  
Reservoir North 10.30am*

### **Holy Thursday 2 April**

#### **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

*St Gabriel's Reservoir 7.30pm; Night Prayer 9pm  
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 7.30pm*

### **Good Friday 3 April Way of the Cross**

*St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am  
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 7pm*

### **The Lord's Passion**

*St Gabriel's Reservoir 3pm  
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 3pm*

### **Saturday 4 April**

#### **The Vigil of Easter**

*St Gabriel's Reservoir 7.30pm  
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 7.30pm*

### **Easter Sunday 5 April**

*St Gabriel's Reservoir 9am Mass  
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 10.30am*

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 *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 129(130)*

**R: With the Lord there is mercy,  
and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. **R**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. **R**

My soul is waiting for the Lord.  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord. **R**

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. **R**

## SECOND READING *Romans 8:8-11*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL *John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45*

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last

day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord

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

*La V Domenica di Quaresima focalizza sulla risurrezione di Lazzaro (Gv 11), proclamando Gesù come "Risurrezione e Vita". Il brano invita a passare dalla morte spirituale (peccato, angoscia) alla vita nuova, fiduciosi nel potere di Cristo che toglie il "macigno" dal cuore.*

*Temi Principali e Riflessioni:*

*Dio dei Viventi: Gesù piange per la morte dell'amico Lazzaro, mostrando profonda umanità e vicinanza alle nostre sofferenze, ma allo stesso tempo si oppone alla morte, anticipando la sua vittoria pasquale.*

*Il grido: "Vieni fuori!":*

*La risurrezione di Lazzaro è un segno che invita ciascuno di noi a uscire dai propri "sepolcri" (vita inautentica, peccato) e risorgere a una vita nuova.*

*Il cammino verso la Pasqua:*

*La liturgia (Ez 37,12-14; Rm 8,8-11) prepara al cuore della Settimana Santa, sottolineando che lo Spirito di Dio che ha risuscitato Gesù abita in noi.*

*La fede in tempi di dolore:*

*La sofferenza non ha l'ultima parola; Gesù ci invita a credere anche di fronte al "cattivo odore" della morte, come accaduto per Lazzaro.*



**Next weekend  
Palm Sunday**

Matthew 21: 1-11  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

## Recently Deceased

Christopher Bell, Antonio Palumbo,  
Olindo Pastorelli, Joseph Manitta, Janine Cavedon

## Anniversary & Remembrance

PT Devasia, Remo Di Battista

## Processional Hymn 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*

You are the bread of peace,  
you are the wine of joy,  
broken now for your people,  
poured in endless love. *Chorus*

## Liturgy of the Word

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

## Psalm Response

With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
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whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
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## THE THIRD 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

*In the rite of exorcism, the elect, who have already learned from the Church as their mother the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Saviour.*

RCIA 131

## Preparation of the Gifts AOV 151

Come to the waters!  
Come to the feast!  
For this is life: for this is life: for this is life:  
O come to the feast.

## Holy Communion AOV 74

*Chorus:* Come to the water, you who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing,  
I bid you come and be filled with the goodness  
I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live!

Why spend your money on what cannot fill  
the emptiness deep in your heart?  
Listen to my word and you will enjoy goodness  
and peace in your heart! *Chorus*

Just as the heavens are high above earth,  
my ways and thoughts beyond you!  
Call me your Father and know I am near!  
I will be Father to you! *Chorus*

Just as the rain falls to water the earth,  
just as a seed becomes bread.  
my word upon you can never return  
until my longing is filled! *Chorus*

## Recessional Hymn AOV 188

*Chorus:* We are companions on the journey,  
breaking Bread and sharing life;  
and in the love we bear is the hope we share  
for we believe in the love of our God,  
we believe in the love of our God.

No longer strangers to each other,  
no longer strangers in God's house;  
we are fed and we are nourished  
by the strength of those who care,  
by the strength of those who care. *Chorus*

We have been gifted with each other,  
and we are called by the Word of the Lord;  
to act with justice, to love tenderly,  
and to walk humbly with our God,  
to walk humbly with our God. *Chorus*



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