

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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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER YR A 12 April 2026

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne

2pm Eucharistic Adoration Holy Rosary
Reconciliation
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass
divinemercy.com.au

Holy Cross Church

707 Glenhuntly Rd Caulfield South
1pm Reconciliation Eucharistic Adoration
Hour of Mercy Mass
combinedsocietiesofmary.com

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 Wednesday Thursday Friday
9.15am Mass
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

ST STEPHEN / GAUDETE CAMPUS RESERVOIR EAST

During the St Stephen/Gaudete Campus review last year, a key takeaway that came up time after time was that the campus provided the perfect environment for genuine and respectful relationships to form between students and their teachers and support staff. Given the smaller number of staff on-campus and the extended period lengths, our staff and students were able to develop positive relationships. These relationships provided a strong foundation for our students and enabled them to access the content taught in their classrooms whilst feeling confident in seeking support when needed. Productive relationships with their teachers is key to students' academic success and overall wellbeing.

The Monican March 2026

EASTER OFFERING

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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT
COMPASSION

Boxes and envelopes
can be placed in the weekend collection
at each of our churches



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

260 Child's Rd Mill Park
commences
Thursday 16 April 7pm
melbatholic.org/s/millpark

ST LUKE'S PARISH

1A David St Lalor
commences
Friday 17 April 7pm
melbatholic.org/s/lalor

SECRET OF THE HOLY FACE

Fr Lawrence Carney presents history, meaning, and spiritual significance of the Holy Face devotion and how simple daily prayers can become a profound act of reparation and renewal in our world. Sunday 26 April 6.30pm St Francis of Assisi Church 290 Childs Rd Mill Park. Enquiries: Evelyn Ogilby 0405 156 971

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 GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

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

CATHOLIC MEN

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am
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

FESTA SANTA MARIA DI POMPEII SUNDAY 3 MAY 10.30AM MASS

St Raphael's Church Preston West
Enquiries: Mario 0410 033 642



*Listening with an open heart
Engaging in meaningful conversation
Strengthening our sense of communion
Discerning pathways forward*

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.

FAITH FORMATION

presented by Fr Jerome Santamaria

St Mary's Parish Hall 208 Dandenong Rd East St Kilda
Wednesday 22 April 7.30–8.30pm

*Join Fr Jerome Santamaria as he discusses
'Symbolism and Scripture: some ways into the Bible'.
Give your faith a boost with the Faith Formation Talks,
a series of lectures covering faith, theology,
tradition and contemporary issues.*

The talks are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

RSVP Friday 17 April Jessica.Earle@cam.org.au

SAFEGUARDING

Our Partnered Parishes are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of everyone including children and vulnerable adults. Please make sure children are supervised at all times within church buildings and on church grounds.

- Archdiocese of Melbourne and parish Safeguarding policies: stgabrielreservoir.org
- Partnered parishes maintain a comprehensive list of all parish volunteers. This list is kept up to date. All parish volunteers must hold a current WWCC / VIT.
- Volunteer training has been provided to all parish volunteers both online and face to face.
- Mass for parish leaders and volunteers at each church weekend 2-3 May.

Recently Deceased

Caterina La Guardia, Vito Ielo, Hermenia Canapit Rosales

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Alberto Bettinotti, Fiorenzo Cesario, Antonio Gabriele, Stanislaus & Bernadine Pereira, Pierono Vecchio, Pompei Brunetti, Pierino Vecchio, Frank Rando, Bartolo & Giuseppina Rando, Batolomeo & Giovanna La Greca

GIFT & SUMMONS: SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN FRANCE I

A recent and timely diocesan delegation to Marseille, Lyon and Paris—undertaken just before Melbourne saw a record number of candidates and catechumens gather at this year's Rite of Election—has revealed what Archbishop Comensoli describes as 'a profound moment of spiritual awakening' within the Church in France. The Archbishop was accompanied by director of mission Teresa Rhynehart, Fr Richard Rosse PP, and chancellor Annie Carrett.

It is a movement of the Holy Spirit. Across the dioceses visited, there has been a striking rise in the number of catechumens—predominantly young adults aged 18–35, often with little or no prior formation in the faith beyond Baptism.

'What we witnessed is not a programmatic success,' the Archbishop said. 'It is a movement of the Holy Spirit. Young adults are not returning out of nostalgia or ideology; they are responding to a deeply personal encounter with Christ.'

The growth, which has accelerated since COVID, is widely understood by French Church leaders as a response to cultural fragmentation, isolation, marked life experiences such as illness and death, and a renewed search for identity and meaning.

Mrs Rhynehart observed that 'people have been talking for a while about what's going on in France,' noting that more than 10,000 adults were baptised last Easter and more than 7,400 adolescents (11–17-year-olds), 'which was an increase of 45 per cent on 2024, which was also a 50 per cent increase on 2023'. It is estimated that at Easter in 2026, more than 20,000 individuals will be baptised into the Church.

This surge has been observed, she said, in about 13 dioceses (about 10 per cent of all the dioceses in France), 'so it's not the entire country, but it is a significant portion. They've seen more than a doubling of their number of catechumens, year on year, basically since about 2021.' If you go back to 2019–20 and the years before that, she said, 'it was basically a straight line for 20 or 30 years.'

Speaking with bishops, parish priests, lay people on RCIA teams, and some of the catechumens and neophytes, the delegation identified a number of drivers.

The first obvious driver was COVID, an event that prompted 'existential questioning of meaning and purpose' among young people as they experienced a loss of community and connection, coupled with experiences of death, illness and instability—'like losing jobs or having university degrees delayed'. All this contributed to a renewed hunger for purpose, meaning and connection, Mrs Rhynehart said.

A second important factor was social media, which is increasingly providing a 'gateway to the Church'. As they begin to explore Catholicism, many young people turn first to their phones, finding their way to 'the more high-profile kind of influencers—usually clergy or religious—who can tell them about what Catholics believe [and] why they believe it.

A very big question that young people are asking is how to be Catholic,' she said: 'How do I pray? How do I go to Mass? What do I do when I go to Mass? How do I do Lent?'

While COVID and social media influence are important drivers, they don't completely explain everything that is happening. Church leaders genuinely believed they were seeing a movement of the Holy Spirit in their Church. As Cardinal Archbishop Jean-Marc Aveline of Marseille said, 'We opened the doors and they came in from the windows.'



- Since thanks to all who contribute to, participate and share in the life of our partnered parishes! Heartfelt thanks to all who subscribe to Parish Thanksgiving and support Archbishop Comensoli, bishops, sick and retired priests, and our own pastors in the Presbytery / Clergy support collection.
- We thank all who provided palm/olive branches, prepared our churches and assisted in the Sacristy: Gianna Spina, Pitinga brothers, Anglican Parish Numurkah—Nathalia, Lina De Marco, Franca Pascuzzi, Ange & Ofelia Braysha, Rocco Alberti, Andrew Dos Santos, collectors, counting teams.
- We thank all who assisted with the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and Good Friday Way of the Cross / Via Crucis: Lena Cavedon & Italian Committee; altar servers, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, Darrell O'Farrell, Music Ministry, Colin Jenkins, Miriam Mizzi, Peter Nguyen, Dominican Sisters, Fr Shane Hctor.
- Parish RCIA candidates: Alexis Alcott, Danielle Stoddart, Maria Gamara, Joshua Darmanin, Diana Grande, Lucas Manfredi, Patrick Palmieri, David Sanchez Ruiz, Zoe Wareham. Team: Deacon Correya, Christopher Chua, Georgia Tan. RCIA team and candidates attended Rite of Election St Patrick's Cathedral 22/2, and participated in Scrutinies during Lent. We offer *Mystagogia* during the Easter season.
- Easter Candles: Moira Mullan; Flowers: Diem Nguyen, lillypadweddings.com.au St Gabriel's linen roster, Helene Nowak. Baptism garments & candles: nancycractions.com.au We especially thank Love Real Estate reservoir@lovere.com
Parish Office: Elisa Pistoni, Liza Powell
- *Laetare* weekend 14-15 March: we enjoyed hospitality at each of our churches. *Take the Way of the Gospel* committee provided an interesting display of photos, recalling the history of each of our parishes. St Joseph the Worker school provided display boards. The new home of the Dominican Sisters at Reservoir North was blessed, with a large and happy company of friends and supporters.
- The Dominican Sisters provided a reflection morning Solemnity of St Joseph Thursday 19 March St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North. The Sisters and parishioners enjoyed a day out to Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (28/3).
- *Take the Way of the Gospel* committee members attended *Collaboration: Growing Vital Parishes* (14/3).
- The Syro Malankara community welcomed Bishop Antony Mar Silvanos (8/3). They continue to make St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East their home for Sunday Mass, Holy Week and Easter.
- We are very glad to welcome at St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North: Frs Rocco Spagnolo and Pasquale Carnovale; and Fr Daryl Montecillo and first year seminarians, Fr Michele Cagna CS and Fr Thomas MacFadden OFM Cap during Holy Week.
- Sincere thanks to those who look after church gardens and grounds: Ange & Ofelia Braysha, Andrew Dos Santos, Wendy Healy, Gary O'Dwyer, Breda Young-Gee; St Joseph the Worker maintenance team.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

FIRST READING *Acts 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

**R: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting**

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **R**

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy are those
who have not seen me,
but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them in the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



**Next weekend
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14,22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35



Processional Hymn CWB 349

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

O sons and daughters let us sing!
The King of heav'n, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My wounded side, O Thomas, see;
behold my hands, my feet," said he;
not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied,
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19

Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe! Alleluia!

Holy Communion CWB 162

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
masked by these bare shadows,
shape and nothing more.

See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
how says trusty hearing? that shall be believed:
what God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly, or there's nothing true.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;
this faith each day deeper be my holding of,
daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

Jesus, whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech thee send me what I long for so,
some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
and be blest forever with thy glory's sight.

Recessional Hymn CWB 360

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pain that he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation has procured; Alleluia!
now exalted he is King, Alleluia!
and the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, now his might confess, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Spirit blest. Alleluia!

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