

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 EASTER YR A 19 April 2026

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's Reservoir East*

*Wednesday 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

Easter Offering

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



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 26 April

World Day of Prayer
for vocations to the priesthood
7pm Holy Hour
Evening Prayer and Benediction
St Gabriel's church Reservoir

- Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ as the new Bishop of Sandhurst (Bendigo). Ordained priest June 1998 and bishop February 2025, Bishop Ramirez has served as auxiliary bishop for our region of Melbourne.
- We note the recent death of Fr Grant O'Neill 29 March 2026. Fr O'Neill was a son of St Gabriel's Reservoir and priest of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
- Fr Pritchard and Deacon Correya will attend a Clergy Workshop called by Archbishop Comensoli, Thursday 23 April.
- The Dominican Sisters and parish staff will attend Administration Forum, hosted by the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Tuesday 5 May.
- Sincere thanks to Bernadette Harris and Sr Jessica who are looking after parish archives. Sr May Flor is updating our parish website. Stained glass windows have been repaired and installed at St Gabriel's Reservoir. St Joseph the Worker and St Gabriel's parish halls have been deep cleaned. The Sisters' car has been serviced. A report and recommendations on improving St Joseph the Worker church car park has been received from the Archdiocese Property and Infrastructure office. This includes upgrading line marking, signs, etc. Gardens and grounds at St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North are being attended to gradually, including regular maintenance, lawn moving, pruning.
- MenALIVE hosts a weekend St Mary's parish 204 Grimshaw Rd Greensborough 30-31 May greensborough.menalivevic.au/
Enquiries: Doug Black 0408 571 100
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- National Count of Mass Attendance 2026 will take place over the first four weeks of May, commencing weekend 2/3 May. At the last count in 2021, COVID-19 restrictions remained in place and Mass attendance dropped from 12% of the Catholic population to 8% nationally. We expect this year that the figures might be higher, with evidence of a rise in adult baptisms at Easter time and RCIA candidates. Is this translating into higher Mass attendance trends? Is this rise in people entering the Church stemming the flow of those who might stop attending? The data from this year's Mass Count will help us to answer these and other questions.

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

YOUNG MEN OF GOD POWER CONFERENCE

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July 17-19 residential 3-day Catholic conference for young men focused on deepening in faith, strengthening brotherhood, and growing in leadership. \$300
Enquiries: Fr Terrence 0426 897 764;
Br Aaron 0406 727 276

LEARN WHERE THERE IS WISDOM: A THEOLOGICAL READING OF BARUCH 3:9-4:4

Friday 1 May 1pm

Rev Dr Trevor Tibbertsma presents an overview of his work on the OT book of Baruch, a source of enduring wisdom. Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Pde East Melbourne or scan QR Code.

CAN A SCIENTIST BELIEVE IN GOD?

Monday 4 May 7pm *Online only*

Many people say that God and science don't mix. In faith-based schools, 60% of secondary students say Christianity and science conflict. Dr Chris Mulherin addresses the 'conflict myth' and offers some clues about how to understand the science-faith relationship as a harmonious one. Register online via QR Code.



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.

St Francis of Assisi Parish

260 Child's Rd Mill Park
Thursdays 7pm
melbcatholic.org/s/millpark

St Luke's Parish

1A David St Lalor
Fridays 7pm
melbcatholic.org/s/lalor



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GIFT & SUMMONS: SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN FRANCE II

French Church leaders spoke of grandparents—particularly grandmothers—as the quiet carriers of faith memory. When young people were wondering about how to become Catholic, ‘the person they almost always turned to was a grandparent, a grandmother, because they [thought], Oh, I remember Grandma used to take me to Mass. I remember she used to pray the Rosary. I can go and ask her,’ Mrs Rhynehart said. ‘It is deeply moving,’ the Archbishop said, ‘to hear young adults speak of a grandmother who planted a seed of faith decades ago. We may be witnessing the fruit of fidelity from a previous generation.’

French Church leaders also noted that while social media may be the entry point for many young people, sacramental and parish life is the destination. Social media gives people a way to put ‘their toe in the water’, Mrs Rhynehart said, but then ‘almost always is this realisation: I’ve got to take the next step. I’ve got to actually speak to a person, step into a church, find a community of believers.’

It is usual for catechumens in France to write to their bishop about their journey of faith and to receive a letter in return. In these letters, Mrs Rhynehart said, catechumens ‘almost always talk about walking into a church—sometimes when it’s empty, sometimes when there’s people gathered—but almost always the first place in which they’re stepping beyond social media is stepping into a church.’

If the digital world is where questions begin, then our parishes must be ready to respond immediately, personally and warmly. Digital curiosity must meet real Christian friendship. She finds it interesting that they don’t seem to need the kinds of ‘soft approaches’ we often assume are necessary, like ‘a cafe space where people can come and ask questions’. ‘They’ve already found a soft entry point via social media,’ she said. They are looking for a place where they feel they can belong. ‘Sometimes that’s physical, sometimes that’s liturgical, and sometimes that’s the community of believers and the welcome. It can be one or all of those things. It’s different for different people.’ ‘If the digital world is where questions begin,’ the Archbishop said, ‘then our parishes must be ready to respond immediately, personally and warmly. Digital curiosity must meet real Christian friendship.’

Mrs Rhynehart also noted how important it was to make space for the Holy Spirit to work, giving the example of Axel, a young university student who met with the delegation. The first time Axel went to Mass, after first exploring the faith through social media, the priest asked each person to share their prayer intention for the day with the person next to them. Taking a deep breath, Axel turned to the lady next to him, who was perhaps 65–70 years old. ‘She then shared that she had just received a terminal diagnosis for cancer, and her prayer intention for today was just that the Lord would help her with whatever was going to come her way, and that she’d be at peace with that,’ Mrs Rhynehart said. ‘That was his conversion moment. He was seeing someone who had had such a diagnosis and the depth of faith that they call a ‘culture of welcome’. At the end of Mass, he [said to] the priest, “I want to be baptised. How do I make that happen?”’

The Easter Season

After Christian initiation at Easter, the newly baptised and confirmed, participate in **postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy**. The neophytes are introduced into a fuller and more effective understanding of mysteries through the Gospel message they have learned and above all through their experience of the sacraments they have received. This year’s Mystagogy includes 4 episodes of *Sycamore*, Thursdays commencing 23 April 7pm St Gabriel’s Parish Centre Reservoir

ANZAC Day Dawn Service Saturday 25 April
Centotaph Edwardes St Reservoir 5.30am

Weekend 2-3 May:

We celebrate the **feast of St Joseph the Worker** at St Joseph the Worker church Reservoir North

- Friday 1 May 9.15am Mass (St Joseph the Worker school)
- Sunday 3 May 9am Mass; coffee and cake. We also celebrate the anniversary of consecration of St Joseph the Worker church 7 May 1995.
- **Mass for parish leaders and volunteers** at each church

Young Parishioners meet Sunday 3 May St Gabriel’s Parish Centre 10.30am—12noon lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / student. The Dominican Sisters present a Marian reflection, drawing on the teaching of St Bernard.

St Stephen / Gaudete Year 8 whole campus Mass Tuesday 5 May 9.30am St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday 22 May 6pm

First Holy Communion

Saturday 30 May 11am

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Feast of Christ the Priest

Thursday 28 May

8.30am Eucharistic Adoration & Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Sunday 7 June 2pm

Mass & Eucharistic procession
St Patrick’s Cathedral Melbourne

PROCLAIM26 2 day gathering.

*Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Gospel to all creation.*
June 26-27 Catholic Leadership Centre
76 Victoria Pde East Melbourne.

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14,22-33*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.' The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 1: 17-21*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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

GOSPEL *Luke 24:13-35*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and

so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Il racconto dei discepoli di Emmaus è una delle pagine più belle e dense del Vangelo di Luca. È un percorso che rispecchia la vita di fede di ognuno di noi, un cammino che va dalla delusione alla speranza, dall'oscurità alla luce.

Il Cammino della Delusione (La Fuga da Gerusalemme) I due discepoli stanno lasciando Gerusalemme. Il loro volto è triste. Camminano verso il "tramonto" (Emmaus è a occidente), allontanandosi dal luogo della Passione, che per loro è diventato il luogo della sconfitta. Speravano che Gesù fosse il liberatore politico di Israele. La croce ha infranto i loro sogni.

Lo Straniero che Ascolta (Il Cammino) Gesù si avvicina e cammina con loro, ma essi non lo riconoscono. Gesù non si impone, ma chiede: "Di che cosa state parlando?". Egli si fa compagno di viaggio del nostro sconcerto. Ascolta la loro storia prima di intervenire.

Il Cuore che Brucia (Le Scritture) Gesù spiega le Scritture, mostrando che il Messia doveva soffrire per entrare nella sua gloria. Il Vangelo è la chiave interpretativa della nostra storia.

Il Riconoscimento (Lo Spezzare del Pane) Giunti a Emmaus, invitano lo straniero a restare: "Resta con noi, perché si fa sera". È un atto di ospitalità. A tavola, Gesù compie i gesti dell'Eucaristia: prende, benedice, spezza e dà. In quel gesto di condivisione, i loro occhi si aprono. Riconoscono Gesù nell'atto di spezzare il pane, che è l'atto dell'amore supremo (dare la vita).

Il Ritorno (La Missione) Riconosciuto Gesù, la tristezza svanisce. Nonostante sia notte, tornano immediatamente a Gerusalemme. La paura è vinta. La fede ritrovata li spinge a condividere la gioia con la comunità.

Next weekend 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

Recently Deceased

Catarina Antonello, Diego Bianco, Kiera Pascoe, Kathleen Kennelly, Giovanni Florio, Natalino Santangelo

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Pope Francis (+2025)

Marie Ahern, John Ahern,

Domenico Ferrentino, Antonina Ribera, Mary Mercieca
Giuseppe Riggio, Franca Gargaro

Processional Hymn AOV 8

Refrain:

Wake up, my people, listen to my word,
proclaim my love among you, let this song be heard.

The Lord has spoken, and is speaking now to you.
The Spirit is longing to reveal the living truth.
We gather together and wait expectantly
for the fire of life that will set us free. *Refrain*

We're one in the Spirit embodied in your love.
We're brothers and sisters; as one family we come,
praying for justice and freedom in our land.
Lord, our lives are in your hands. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

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



Psalm Response

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love
when you speak. Alleluia!

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Preparation of the Gifts AOV 37

Refrain: Come to me, all who labor
and are heavy burdened,
and I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows
where he gives me rest. *Refrain*



Holy Communion AOV 185

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

Recessional Hymn AOV 131

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

Refrain: Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all. *Refrain*