

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

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER YR A 3 May 2026

Feast of St Joseph the Worker

St Joseph the Worker church
Reservoir North

Sunday 10.30am Mass;
coffee and cake.

We also celebrate the
anniversary of consecration
of St Joseph the Worker church
7 May 1995

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 Year 8 whole campus Mass
St Stephen's Reservoir East

Wednesday
8.30am Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary
9am Mass *St Gabriel's Reservoir*

Thursday 9am St Luke's Church 1A David St Lalor
Friday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's Reservoir*

Blessing of parish leaders and volunteers

We recognize the generosity and commitment of many in the apostolate of St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary and ministry to aged care and housebound parishioners. We acknowledge also all who provide liturgical ministry: readers, ministers of Holy Communion, music ministry, collectors and counters, altar servers, sacristy support. The Dominican Sisters make their own generous contribution with ministry to the sick, Sacramental Journey, young parishioners and community outreach. There are those who serve on parish committees, look after St Joseph the Worker Hall, participate in parish activities, eg Stella Maris Association, Acquaro Club, RCIA, hospitality, church gardens and grounds, and much more.

Take the Way of the Gospel

Take the Way of the Gospel leads us through the journey of parish partnership towards amalgamation: becoming one parish family, working together, sharing worship, community life, and the joy of the Gospel. It is a journey that many Melbourne parishes are walking. Each of us plays a vital part: the Dominican Sisters; parish leaders and volunteers; parents and families; Catholics faithful to Sunday Mass. For us, amalgamation is a type of *home coming* as the Church in Reservoir – Reservoir East - Reservoir North comes together.

Committee members will update us on *Take the Way of the Gospel*, its goals, and affirm all of us in parish life and mission. This committee includes representatives of St Gabriel's, St Stephen of Hungary and St Joseph the Worker Parishes. Melbourne Archdiocese representatives Suzette Diaz and Judeline Wadhvani are leading us through this process step by step. Feedback and comments will be followed up in the parish bulletin and dedicated page on the parish website will be developed.

**Written feedback and comments
can be placed in suggestion boxes
at each church, or email reservoir@cam.org.au**

Young Parishioners

TODAY 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.

The Dominican Sisters and parish staff attend **Administration Forum**, hosted by the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Tuesday 5 May.

National Count of **Mass Attendance** 2026
May 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24

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



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

40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS

Friday 15 May 7pm-Sunday 17 May 1pm
St Anthony's Church 182 Power St Hawthorn

Join the Capuchin Friars for 40 hours in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, commemorating the 40 hours that Christ spent in the tomb. Intercede for peace in the world and an increase in charity.

capuchinfriarsaustralia.org/event-details/40-hours-adoration

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!*

Feast of St Joseph the Worker Anniversary of Church Consecration



*Through the work of his hands,
Joseph provided for the material needs of Mary and Jesus.
He educated Jesus and patiently schooled him
in the trade of carpentry.*

*"Work was the daily expression of love
in the life of the Family of Nazareth" (St John Paul II).
In every age, Joseph watches over the entire Church
just as he protected the original "domestic Church,"
the Holy Family.*

St Joseph the Worker Parish began 4 February 1970 when it was separated from St Gabriel's Parish Reservoir. Mass was temporarily said in Italian in the Presbyterian and Methodist Kindergarten in Ryan St Reservoir. Funded by the Parish, and a donation from St Gabriel's Reservoir, a church was built. On 8 August 1971 Archbishop Knox blessed and opened the first Church which also served as the parish hall. Born in China, Fr Joseph Yu travelled to Rome to enter the Priesthood in 1948. He was ordained in 1954 and was the first Chinese born Parish Priest in Australia. Appointed to North Reservoir in 1970, he resided at St Gabriel's Presbytery 1970-1972. He served as Parish Priest until 2002. Development in the area continued apace, matched by construction of a Parish Centre, presbytery, and development of grounds and facilities. Parish life has always been active and vibrant, characterized by many hands-on volunteers, prayer and social groups, community events, celebrations and feast days. Planning for St Joseph the Worker church began in 1987. Consecrated by Archbishop Little 7 May 1995, perhaps this was the proudest day in the life of St Joseph the Worker, especially for Fr Yu and many hardworking parishioners, donors and benefactors. The title St Joseph the Worker reflects the hard work and contribution of so many, those who work with their hands and give glory to God. Fr Max Vodolo succeeded Fr Yu (2002-2007), followed by Fr Emmanuel Bonello (2007-2024). In a type of "home coming", St Joseph's is partnered with St Gabriel's Reservoir and St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East.

La Parrocchia di San Giuseppe Lavoratore è stata fondata il 4 febbraio 1970 quando è stata separata dalla Parrocchia di San Gabriele a Reservoir. La messa è stata temporaneamente celebrata in italiano nell'asilo presbiteriano e metodista Ryan St Reservoir. Finanziata dalla parrocchia, e da una donazione dalla parrocchia di San Gabriele, è stata costruita una chiesa. L'8 agosto 1971 l'Arcivescovo, dopo Cardinale, Knox benedisse e inaugurò la prima chiesa, che fungeva anche da sala parrocchiale. Nato in Cina, P. Joseph Yu si recò a Roma nel 1948 per entrare nel sacerdozio. Fu ordinato nel 1954 e fu il primo parroco di origine cinese in Australia. Nomina al North Reservoir nel 1970, ha risieduto al Presbiterio di San Gabriele dal 1970 al 1972. Ha servito come parroco fino al 2002. Lo sviluppo nell'area continuò speditamente, accompagnato dalla costruzione di un-Centro Parrocchiale, del presbiterio e dallo sviluppo dei terreni e delle strutture. La vita parrocchiale è sempre stata attiva e vivace, caratterizzata da numerosi volontari impegnati, gruppi di preghiera e sociali, eventi comunitari, celebrazioni e feste. La pianificazione per la Chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore è iniziata nel 1987. È stato consacrato il 7 maggio 1995 dall'Arcivescovo Little. Questo era una giornata orgogliosa nella vita di San Giuseppe Lavoratore, specialmente per P. Yu e tanti devote parrocchiani, benefattori e altri. Il titolo San Giuseppe Lavoratore riflette il duro lavoro e il contributo di tanti, coloro che lavorano con le proprie mani e danno gloria a Dio. P. Massimo Vodola è venuto dopo P. Yu (2002 - 2007), poi è venuto P. Emmanuel Bonello (2007-2024). La parrocchia era legata al Bacino di San Gabriele e al Bacino Est di San Stefano d'Ungheria con P. Gregory Pritchard come parroco nell'ottobre 2024.

*Holy Mary
Holy Mother of God
Chosen Daughter of the Father
Mother of our Saviour
Virgin spouse of the Holy Spirit
pray for us*



Mother of the Church I

Our Lady first appears in the Gospel of St John at the Wedding Feast of Cana. Oddly, the Gospel never mentions her name. She is called the Mother of Jesus. Remember that in the Gospel of John, when someone is identified by a title and not a name, it means that the person is playing a symbolic role.

During the celebration, those offering the wedding feast run out of wine. The Mother of Jesus goes up and tells Jesus, but his response is a bit strange. He tells her, "What is that to you and me, woman, my hour has not yet come."

Jesus' hour in the Gospel of John is his hour of glory, the cross. Why would he speak about the cross to his Mother when she asked him to do something so that their hosts

would not be embarrassed? It has to do with the wedding feast itself.

The bride and the groom are not named. They are simply known by these titles - bride and groom. This must be symbolic. They represent another marriage, that between Jesus and the Church. The way to arrive at that marriage was through the cross. Jesus knew this, and said this to his Mother.

Jesus' Mother then tells the servants to do whatever he tells them. Jesus has just told his Mother that if he does something, it would mean the cross for him. What does she do? She effectively tells him to do it. She is a mother who loves her Son so much that she would call him to do God's will, even if that meant the cross.

Jesus takes six stone jars filled with water and changes it into wine. This symbolizes the abundance of love that we would experience when he married the Church on the cross - and in this Gospel the account of the crucifixion is presented in a way that shows that it is a type of wedding of Jesus to the Church.

Why did this Gospel speak of the Mother of Jesus and not of Mary? The reason is that, in the Old Testament, the mother of the king played a special role in the life of her son. Kings had many wives, so none of them was the queen. It was the queen mother who received that title. And what role did she have? She was the one responsible for preparing the wedding feast of her son.

Psalm 45 speaks of the queen being at the side of the king in gold of Ophir - that is not the wife of the king, it is his mother.

Mary is being presented as the queen mother. By her loving example of surrender to the Will of God, she led Jesus to the cross so that he might be the most loving person possible.

Messenger of St Anthony

The Easter Season

After Christian initiation at Easter, the newly baptised and confirmed, participate in **postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy**.

This year's Mystagogia includes 4 episodes of *Sycamore*
Thursdays April 7pm
St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal NEXT weekend 9-10 May

CatholicCare Victoria works with people experiencing homelessness, mental health challenges, relationship problems, refugees, asylum seekers, grief and trauma. Donate using the appeal envelope or online catholiccarevic.org.au or call 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



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

MenALIVE hosts a weekend St Mary's parish

204 Grimshaw Rd Greensborough 30-31 May

greensborough.menalivevic.au/

Solemnity of Corpus Christi Sunday 7 June

2pm Mass & Eucharistic procession

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

Weekend 13-14 June

- Blessing of **St Anthony's bread**
- 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.



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 6: 1-7*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 2: 4-9*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

GOSPEL *John 14: 1-12*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.' The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



In questa quinta domenica di Pasqua, la liturgia ci conduce nel cuore del discorso di addio di Gesù nel Vangelo di Giovanni. Nonostante l'annuncio della sua partenza, Gesù non lascia i discepoli nella disperazione.

Gesù conosce la nostra fragilità. Davanti alle incertezze della vita, ai "sepolcri" delle nostre paure, Egli ci offre la pace. Pasqua non è solo un evento passato, ma una presenza attuale. Egli prepara un posto per noi nella casa del Padre, trasformando la morte in un passaggio verso la vita vera.

Tommaso chiede la strada, e Gesù risponde indicando Sé stesso. Non ci ha dato solo un codice di regole, ma una Persona da seguire. Seguire Gesù significa scegliere l'amore nel servizio, la sincerità nella verità e la speranza nella sofferenza.

La fede pasquale è fidarsi che la misericordia di Dio è più forte di ogni morte o fallimento. Il Padre e il Figlio sono una cosa sola, e guardando Gesù, conosciamo il volto del Padre. Nel 2026, questa domenica ci invita a rinnovare la nostra fede, testimoniando che la gioia della Risurrezione illumina anche i momenti più bui, facendoci "risorgere" dalle nostre chiusure.

Next weekend 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 1 Peter 3: 15-18 John 14: 15-21

Recently Deceased

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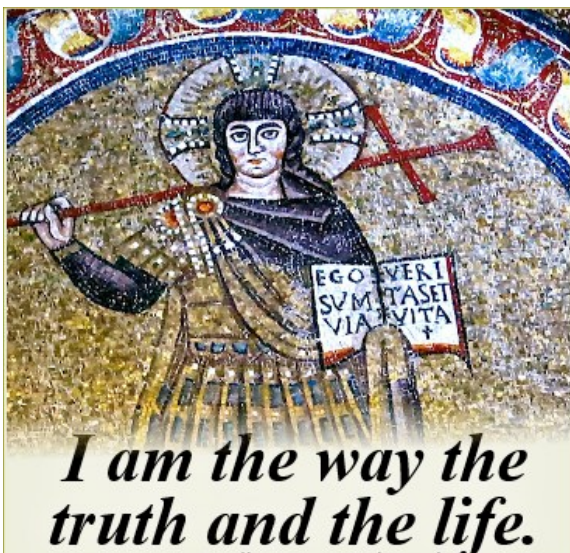
Processional Hymn AOV 133

The love we have for you, O Lord,
is only a shadow of your love for us;
only a shadow of your love for us,
your deep abiding love.
The Bread we take and eat, O Lord,
is your body broken and shared with us;
your body broken and shared with us,
the gift of your great love.

Refrain : Our lives are in your hands,
Our lives are in your hands.
Our love for you will grow, O Lord;
Your light in us will shine.

Our own belief in you, O Lord,
is only a shadow of your faith in us;
only a shadow of your faith in us;
your deep and lasting faith.
The dreams we share today, O Lord,
are only a shadow of your dreams for us;
only a shadow of your dreams for us;
if we but follow you. *Refrain*

The joy we share today, O Lord,
is only a shadow of your joys for us;
only a shadow of your joys for us;
when we meet face to face. *Refrain*



Liturgy of the Word

Acts 6: 1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14: 1-12

Psalm Response

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father,
except through me. Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts AOV 166

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 AOV 35

Unless a grain of wheat fall to the ground and die
it remains a single grain.
But if it die it will yield a rich harvest.

In his own body, by his own wounds,
he bought your sins to the cross and suffered for you.
Pour'd out his life-blood upon the tree
pour'd out his life-blood for you and for me.

Chorus:

Do not draw back now, do not be shy,
turn not away from him, who paid the price.
Come to his table, sit by his side
there he awaits you: the Lord of Life

Recessional Hymn AOV 28

Refrain: Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
you are the Word whose only law is love;
you are the Word made flesh who lives among us:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

You are the Word who binds us and unites us;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*



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