

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

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## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER YR A 10 May 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**  
8.30am Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary  
9.15am Mass *St Joseph the Worker  
Reservoir North*

**Thursday Friday**  
9.15am Mass *St Joseph the Worker  
Reservoir North*

### CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

CatholicCare Victoria works with those experiencing homelessness, mental health challenges, relationship problems, refugees and asylum seekers, grief and trauma. Donate using the appeal envelope attached to today's bulletin or online [catholiccarevic.org.au](http://catholiccarevic.org.au) or call 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

#### *Sincere thanks to all who have assisted with recent parish activities:*

- Good Shepherd Sunday Holy Hour and dinner for priests and seminarians: Liz Pistoni, Ange & Ofelia Braysha, Bernie's Fine Food Catering.
- Feast of St Joseph the Worker: St Joseph the Worker school, Rocco Alberti, Rosanna Truda, Rosanna Covello, Peter Nguyen, Diem Nguyen.
- *Take the Way of the Gospel* presentations: Bernadette Harris, Andrew Dos Santos, Franca Pascuzzi, Christopher Chua.
- St Gabriel's gardens and grounds: Ange Braysha, Wendy Healey, Gary O'Dwyer.
- Nursing home / aged care ministry: Sr Jessica OP, Sr Josefina OP, Giovanna Calvi.
- National Count of Mass Attendance 2026 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 May: Miriam Mizzi, Rosanna Truda, Loretta Piazza, Sebastian Kerin.
- Reservoir St Vincent de Paul acknowledges many years' service of Sonny Muscat Sunday 17 May 9am Mass St Gabriel's Reservoir.

Auxiliary Bishop Ramirez has written to parishioners at St Raphael's West Preston:

*I want to let you know that I have met with the Provincial of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) to ask them to take over pastoral care in Preston West. The Provincial is consulting with his Council, and depending on their approval, will select a priest from their congregation for your parish. This process has taken longer than expected, and I sincerely apologize for this delay and the resulting uncertainty. As you may know, your parish has faced financial difficulties for some time. Inviting the Society of the Divine Word to care for the parish is aimed at fostering a closer relationship between the Preston communities, strengthening both pastoral care and financial stability. This move is also part of a broader plan to support the ongoing mission of the Church in this area and to lay the groundwork for renewal.*

## 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@svdv-vic.org.au

## YOUNG MEN OF GOD POWER CONFERENCE



[youtu.be/BqH6SUWRhLY](https://youtu.be/BqH6SUWRhLY)

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

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SHOWCASE

*Presented by COG Theatre*  
Performers, technicians, administrators  
or are just eager to get involved, please contact  
[cogtheatregroup@gmail.com](mailto:cogtheatregroup@gmail.com) 0413 398 528

### 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!

## Take the Way of the Gospel

Parish communities, St Gabriel's, St Joseph the Worker & St Stephen's, celebrated our shared histories this year. We are taking important steps towards strengthening our shared life and mission, as we journey towards becoming one parish, moving from partnership to amalgamation.

*Amalgamation* is the process of bringing together our parishes as one with a common vision, mission, working together to grow the kingdom of God in our Reservoir area.

Following a period of expression of interest and prayerful discernment, we are pleased to share that the Partnership Committee has now been formally established.

Parish representatives on  
*Take the Way of the Gospel* committee are:  
*St Gabriel's:* Andrew Dos Santos & Liliana Keating  
*St Joseph the Worker:* Georgia Tan, Chris Chua,  
Franca Pascuzzi, Tony Chiodo  
*St Stephen's:* Bernadette Harris

We are glad that Srs Jessica, Josefina & MayFlor are part of the committee. We are receiving help and guidance from Suzette Diaz and Judeline Wadhvani from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The role of the committee is to listen, guide and support the process of collaboration and consultation as we move forward together. We are committed to working in a synodal way—walking together, listening deeply, and discerning how the Holy Spirit is calling us to be Church in our community.

The voice of parishioners is an important part of this journey. We encourage your active engagement throughout the process. This is not the work of a few, but of all of us together. Feedback channels are available, including suggestion boxes and email. All feedback will be acknowledged and responded to, with regular bulletin updates. A dedicated page on the parish website is being developed. We make this journey together in prayer, faith, hope and vision.

## Forum Invitation

Sunday 14 June after 10.30am Mass  
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North  
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**

*Full of Grace,  
Blessed among women,  
Woman clothed with the sun,  
Mother of the Messiah,  
Handmaid of the Lord,  
Mother who pondered  
all things in your heart,  
pray for us*



## *Mother of the Church II*

The other time that the Mother of Jesus appears in this Gospel is at the crucifixion. Jesus tells the Beloved Disciple that she is his mother, and He tells His Mother that she would now be the mother of the Beloved Disciple. Part of this was to have someone who would take care of His Mother. Tradition holds that the Beloved and Mary moved to Ephesus where he cared for her.

But we have to remember that Jesus is marrying the Church on the cross. When Jesus' side is pierced with a lance, it recalls the fact that God formed the first woman taken from Adam's side. Just as Adam was marrying his partner Eve, so now Jesus was marrying the Church.

In Jewish law, however, if a man has married a woman and has no children, then the next of kin would be expected to marry the widow to produce children that would bear the name of the deceased. Jesus was adopting the Beloved to be His brother so that he might marry the Church and have many children who bore His name: Christians.

And who is the Beloved Disciple? Since he is only known by a title and not a name, he must be playing a symbolic role. Ultimately, we are the beloved disciple. We are to espouse ourselves to Christ and produce spiritual children who bear His name: Christians.

And what role does Mary play in this scene? In chapter 2 she was presented as the Queen Mother - a role that the Church recognized when they declared her to be the Queen of heaven and earth. In this chapter, she is the Mother of Jesus and the adopted mother of the Beloved Disciple. She is the mother of all of those who bear her Son's name, Christian. In this sense, she is the Mother of the Church. She offers an example of faith and comfort, and a promise of intercession for all of those who would choose to follow Her Son in faith and love.

This title, Mother of the Church, is one that was only declared by the Church during the pontificate of St. Pope Paul VI in 1964. But we already see its substance in the -story of the crucifixion in the Gospel of John.

There are some scholars who would argue that devotion to Mary is something that developed later in the history of the Church, and was not found at all in the New Testament. As can be seen above, and as we will see next month when we examine the Gospel of Luke, it is clear that there was devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary from the earliest days of the Church. *Messenger of St Anthony*

# CALENDAR

After Christian initiation at Easter, the newly baptised and confirmed participate in **postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy** Thursday 14 May 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir (final).

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Friday 22 May 6pm

## **First Holy Communion**

Saturday 30 May 11am

*St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North*

## **First Reconciliation**

Thursday 14 May 9.45am

*St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North*

Tuesday 19 May 10.30am *St Gabriel's Reservoir*

## **St Joseph's Men Thursday 21 May**

8pm Our Lady of Lourdes 631 High St Prahran  
[armadaletoorak.org.au](http://armadaletoorak.org.au)

## **Encountering Beauty Sacred Music Concert**

Friday 22 May 7pm

Our Lady of Lourdes 631 High St Prahran  
[trybooking.com/events/landing/1540853](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/1540853)

## **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/](http://greensborough.menalivevic.au/)

## **Lumen Christi! Concert**

Sunday 31 May 3pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne  
[lightintothecity.org.au](http://lightintothecity.org.au)

## **Young Parishioners Sunday 7 June**

St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am  
lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / student  
Fr Joseph Vnuk OP introduces St Thomas Aquinas,  
the Common Doctor, the Angelic Doctor.

## **Solemnity of Corpus Christi Sunday 7 June**

2pm Mass & Eucharistic procession  
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

## **Blessing of St Anthony's bread**

Weekend 13-14 June

## **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 8: 5-8, 14-17*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

## SECOND READING *1 Peter 3: 15-18*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

## GOSPEL *John 14:15-21*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Next weekend Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

### Recently Deceased

Margherita Falcone, Erlina Rosales,  
Filippo Mercuri, Gino Passarella

### Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Appollonia Chetcuti, Brunetti Family, Di Toro family  
Francesco, Maria Butera & family,  
Giuseppe, Raffaella Anania & family, Antonia Grahor,  
Maria Zele, Donata Quintili, Linda Feliciani,  
Amalia Multari, Alfonsina Amore, Maria Costanzo,  
Teresa Zangari, Maria Catena Vinci, Giovanna Marazzo,  
Rita Campisi, Assunta & Carmela Dimasi, Jan Merchel,  
Patrick Joseph Mullan, Pietro & Nerina Piccone

## Take the Way of the Gospel

Le nostre parrocchie, San Gabriele, San Giuseppe Lavoratore e San Stefano hanno celebrato insieme le loro storie quest'anno. Stiamo prendendo passi importanti verso rafforzare e condividere la nostra Missione mentre andiamo avanti verso diventare una parrocchia unica.

L'unificazione e fusione e' un processo d'unire le parrocchie a una sola comunita' con una visione e missione comune, lavorando insieme per crescere il Regno di Dio nella zona di Reservoir. Seguendo un periodo d'ascolto e preghiera siamo lieti d'informarvi che e' stato costituito il comitato di collaborazione pastorale.

I rappresentanti dalle parrocchie  
che fanno parte di questo comitato sono:  
*San Gabriele:* Andrew Dos Santos, Liliانا Keating.  
*San Giuseppe:* Georgia Tan, Chris Chua,  
Franca Pascuzzi, Tony Chiodo.  
*San Stefano:* Bernadette Harris

Siamo molto lieti che le Suore Jessica, Josefina e Mayflor fanno anche parte di questo comitato. Inoltre, stiamo ricevendo assistenza e guida da Suzette Diaz e Judeline Wadhvani dall'Arcidiocesi di Melbourne. Il nostro ruolo e' d'ascoltare, guidare e dare sostegno durante il processo della collaborazione e consultazione andando avanti insieme. Prendiamo l'impegno d'assistere in questo cammino includendo e ascoltando la nostra comunita' con la guida dello Spirito Santo.

La vostra voce, suggerimenti e opinioni sono una parte importante di questo processo. Questo non e' il Lavoro e il cammino di poichi ma di tutti noi insieme. Membri del comitato saranno a disposizione dopo la Messa se volete fare delle domande o esprimere il vostro parere. Canali di comunicazione sono anche disponibili tramite email o cassetta dei suggerimenti. Risposte saranno date ai vostri suggerimenti e saranno valorizzate. Ci sara' anche informazione sui bollettini settimanale. E' in fase dello sviluppo, una pagina dedicata sul sito web parrocchiale. Insieme proseguiamo questo cammino con preghiera, Fede, Speranza e Visione.

## Invito al Forum

Domenica 14 giugno dopo la Messa delle 10.30  
St Joseph the Worker, Reservoir North

Tutti desideriamo opportunità di culto e di preghiera, vita comunitaria, formazione della fede per adulti, cura pastorale delle famiglie, delle donne, degli uomini, dei giovani parrocchiani, dei vedovi, degli anziani e dei malati.

Le Suore Domenicane stanno già dando un grande contributo alla vita parrocchiale.

Per costruire il Regno di Dio  
nella nostra parte di Melbourne,  
la vita parrocchiale e la comunita' devono essere  
vitali,  
vivaci  
e sostenibili.

## Processional Hymn CWB 449

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you ever more"?

Alleluia! bread of angels,  
and on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal!  
you the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
You within the veil have entered  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
you on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

## Liturgy of the Word

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

### Psalm Response

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them  
and we will come to them. Alleluia!

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## Preparation of the Gifts GA 378

Veni sancte Spiritus;  
veni sancte Spiritus;  
veni, veni sancte Spiritus;  
veni sancte Spiritus.

## Holy Communion CWB 353

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He is the grain of wheat that died,  
sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
yielding a harvest of new life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He is the bread that comes from God,  
broken to feed us in our need,  
given to bring eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Recessional Hymn CWB 348

*Refrain:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God who does wondrous things,  
let all the people God's praises now sing,  
all of creation in splendour shall ring: Alleluia!

*Refrain*

Lord, we are open to all that you say,  
ready to listen and follow your way,  
you are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia!

*Refrain*

If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord,  
God will protect us from fire and sword,  
fill us with love and the peace of his word: Alleluia!

*Refrain*