

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

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St Stephen of Hungary Church  
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St Joseph the Worker Church  
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## 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 5 July 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 JULY 7-10 9am Mass

**Tuesday Wednesday  
Thursday Friday**  
*St Luke's Church 1A David St Lalor*

### 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

*Melbourne Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. Please make sure children are supervised at all times within church buildings and on church grounds.*

## YOUNG PARISHIONERS

**TODAY Sunday 5 July**  
**St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am**  
**lunch included \$10 working**  
**\$5 non working / student**

Presented by Deacon Correy and Jonathan Abuthan. Organist Colin Jenkins introduces us to Newman's world-known hymns: Lead kindly light, Praise to the Hosiest, and Firmly I believe.

*St John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was born in London, educated at Trinity College, Oxford and embarked on a highly successful career as a Fellow of Oriel College and Vicar of the University Church of St Mary's. A prominent member of the Oxford Movement, he became a Catholic in 1845; soon afterwards, he was ordained priest and introduced the Congregation of the Oratory into England. He lived at the Birmingham Oratory, continuing his ministry as a pastor, writer and educationalist, and in 1879 was created Cardinal by Leo XIII. He was canonised in 2019 by Pope Francis.*

## SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

The Sisters commence preparation for  
**1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion**  
**Monday 13 July**  
**St Joseph the Worker Church Reservoir North**

**Saturday 12 September**  
1st Reconciliation 11am  
*St Gabriel's Church Reservoir*  
1st Holy Communion 6.30pm  
*St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East*

## CLERGY CONFERENCE

Fr Pritchard and Deacon Correy attend the annual conference of the Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy this week.

Parishioners are welcome to attend a public lecture presented by Bishop James Conley, *Newman Conversion and Vocation* Wednesday 8 July 7.30pm Newman College 887 Swanston St Parkville [secretariat@clergy.asn.au](mailto:secretariat@clergy.asn.au)

Weekday Mass is available at  
St Luke's Church Lalor.

The parish office is open  
Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
9am-3pm.

### 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,  
Mondays 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 Par-  
ish 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)

Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330

Reservoir Vinnies 10 Edwardes St  
invites volunteers 8199 4215

### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Holy Cross Church 707 Glenhuntly Rd Caulfield South  
Sunday 12 July 1.30pm  
Eucharistic Adoration, presentation,  
Benediction, Holy Mass. Enrolment in Carmelite Scapular  
[combinedsocietiesofmary.com](http://combinedsocietiesofmary.com)

### ST CARLO ACUTIS

#### EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

Legion of Mary 456 Queensberry St North Melbourne  
Thursday 16 July 10am– Tuesday 28 July 3pm  
[legionofmary.net.au](http://legionofmary.net.au)

### ST JOSEPH'S MEN

Our Lady of Lourdes 631 High St Prahran  
Thursday 16 July 8pm  
Speaker Steve Lawrence presents  
*Terror of Demons: St Joseph's help in the spiritual battle*  
[truthgoodnessbeautyproject.com/events/st-josephs-men-june-5/49h](http://truthgoodnessbeautyproject.com/events/st-josephs-men-june-5/49h)

### ENCOUNTERING BEAUTY SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

St Peter's Church 581 Toorak Rd Toorak  
Friday 24 July 7pm [trybooking.com/DJRJP](http://trybooking.com/DJRJP)



**Parish RCIA** commences Thursday 6 August

7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.

Anna Krohn ANIMA Education  
provides a 5-week introduction to the  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

The group will then meet weekly leading to Easter 2027.



### Appeal Weekend July 18-19

**Catholic Mission** serves local Churches in more than 160 countries and over 1100 dioceses, helping form seminarians, catechists and future Church leaders. Propagation of the Faith Appeal strengthens this wider mission while also making possible practical projects. Pope Leo XIV calls us to be *One in Christ, United in Mission*, to be missionary disciples united in Christ and sent in love.

### ST STEPHEN / GAUDETE CAMPUS

To flourish is to thrive, learn and grow. Students flourish in a number of ways - socially, spiritually and academically. Students also flourish as they discover a new passion or skill, unlocking a new part of themselves. At St Stephen/ Gaudete Campus, students are supported in flourishing through many avenues. Students depart St Stephen/ Gaudete Campus after their semester with a renewed connection to their faith, having attended and participated in regular parish Masses. Students flourish in the Literacy and Numeracy classroom and discover a renewed sense of determination to achieve success. Many families comment on how their child has flourished socially from having to step outside of their comfort zone by making new connections and working with a smaller group of students. Teachers highlight to our students when they are flourishing so that students realise their own growth and experience deserved recognition. Each month during lunchtime, staff and students gather to pray the Holy Rosary. What began as a simple initiative has grown into a cherished tradition and a peaceful moment of reflection in the midst of a busy school day, strengthening our faith as a school community. On 21 May, the Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated by Fr Luciano Toldo CS, and Fr Van Hoa Phan CS at St Stephen/Gaudete Campus. Students were given time for reflection, silence and prayer, as well as the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *The Monican June 2026*



It is wonderful to see and know that Eucharistic Adoration of Jesus now occurs in many parishes, as they pray for God's blessing on themselves and their endeavours. It would be good to add a prayer for the International Eucharistic Congress, due to occur in 2028, which, in turn, will awaken a Eucharistic revival that will help bring Australia back to God.

"You become what you love." St Catherine of Siena has a way of cutting to the heart of things. St Thomas Aquinas said the same thing, of course, but (if the Angelic Doctor doesn't mind me saying so, his phraseology is less memorable: "It is the nature of love to transform the lover into the object loved."

We know this intuitively: we have all met couples who seem to grow closer together the longer they are together. And so it would make sense that time spent in Eucharistic Adoration, time spent with Jesus, would eventually have the same effect; it should help slowly transform us into his likeness.

In March 2026, every parish in the country - having received their "Eucharist28 Starter Kits" with prayer cards and posters - was encouraged to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

After all, we are "seeking the Lord" and can find him in the Eucharist. Thanks to the Eucharist, in which Jesus comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine, we learn to look beyond the visible and the obvious, and to recognise Jesus in the most unexpected of places: the poor, the hungry, the lonely and the lost.

Pope Francis once noted that the Eucharist "heals us from the blindness inflicted by the horror of the cross and renders us capable of seeing the Risen One." Without the Eucharist, we remain partially blind, unable to perceive the reality of the resurrection.

It is precisely this perspective of faith, fired by a Eucharistic imagination, that has inspired many saints to devote their entire lives to the service of the poor and needy: "When then you see a poor believer, think that you behold an altar: when you see such a beggar, not only insult him not, but even reverence him." (St John Chrysostom +407)

These years ahead of Eucharist28, as much as the event itself, are designed to help us all to do exactly that: to renew our eucharistic eyes and imaginations and revive our personal faith, as well as that of our local communities and the county more broadly.

Being a Catholic in public has not been easy over the past few years. Yet it was precisely in such a context as ours that Eucharistic Congresses were first established. In the mid -19th century, following the convulsions of the French Revolution and the rapid changes in society brought about by the Industrial Revolution, many Catholics felt the need to foster initiatives to promote reverence for the Eucharist.

The aim was to unite devotion to the Eucharist with large gatherings of the faithful. In this way, people would be made more sensitive to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, while also recognising that they were not alone in their faith; that, in fact, vast numbers of Catholics were committed to the same Eucharistic Lord.

Eucharist28 will serve to remind us that we in the 21st century are still called to be "salt" and "light", that we are still called to share Christ with the world, and that we are not alone.

In our own age of artificial intelligence and "fake news", where nothing is considered real, true or holy, the counter-cultural contrast of Jesus in the Eucharist is truly an indication of "the hidden wisdom of God". The commands of Christ, which always seem so extraordinary, are possible precisely because we are united to him in the Eucharist: we become what we consume, the Body of Christ.

Eucharist28 will enable us to renew our appreciation of this fact and to gather as that united body. Let us join in Eucharistic prayer, united in our common desire to fall in love once more with Jesus in the Eucharist.

As we journey towards 2028 and beyond, we must never lose sight of the fact that, through the gift of the Eucharist, Christ transforms us, both as individuals and as a community, so that we can live as "tabernacles with feet", becoming the daily bread of salvation for the world.

## FIRST READING

*Zechariah 9:9-10*

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

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

## SECOND READING

*Romans 8:9,11-13*

Your interests 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, 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. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:25-30*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Nel Vangelo di oggi Gesù ci ricorda che la sapienza di Dio viene rivelata non ai superbi e a coloro che confidano solo nelle proprie forze, ma ai semplici e agli umili di cuore. Egli invita tutti coloro che sono stanchi e oppressi a venire a Lui per trovare ristoro.*

*La vita spesso ci presenta preoccupazioni, difficoltà e pesi che sembrano troppo grandi da portare. Gesù non promette di eliminare tutte le nostre prove, ma ci assicura che non dobbiamo affrontarle da soli. Quando confidiamo in Lui, troviamo la forza, la pace e la speranza necessarie per continuare il cammino.*

*In questa settimana, affidiamo al Signore le nostre preoccupazioni e impariamo dal suo cuore mite e umile. In Lui troviamo la vera pace e il riposo che il mondo non può dare.*



**Next weekend  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A**

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8: 18-23

Matthew 13: 1-23

**Recently Deceased**

Mario Bonacci

**Anniversary of Death & Remembrance**

Lucia Ferrentino, Janez Zele,

Mario & Anna Caio, Angela Pulice,

Antonio & Luigina Torcasio,

Antonio & Giovanna Paladino, Antonio Perri,

Danielle Nardella, Frank Micallef, Maria Contarino

## Processional Hymn CWB 644

Word of God, come down on earth,  
living rain from heaven descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
deaf we are: our healer be;  
loose out tongues to tell your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken;  
heal the world, by our sin broken.

Word that speaks your Father's love,  
one with him beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

## Liturgy of the Word

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9,11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

## Psalm Response

I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

## Preparation of the Gifts CWB 470

"Come to me, all you who labour;  
come, and I will give you rest."  
So we hear your invitation  
to each soul to be your guest;  
and we answer with deep longing,  
while our sinfulness we see,  
"Jesus, Lord, I am not worthy,  
yet in mercy come to me."

Here, among your pilgrim people  
is the home of your true love,  
where we praise you, Lord and Master,  
reigning from your throne above;  
life without you would be lonely,  
so our prayer must ever be:  
"Jesus, Lord, I am not worthy,  
yet in mercy come to me."

All is joy when you are with us,  
earth can never joy impart  
like the peace and holy splendour  
of your visit to each heart;  
all forgotten grief and sorrow,  
as with trust we make our plea,  
"Jesus, Lord, I am not worthy,  
yet in mercy come to me."



## Holy Communion Hymn CWB 512

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me, and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one,  
lay down thy head upon my breast'.  
I came to Jesus, as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live'.  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright'.  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

## Recessional Hymn CWB 463

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.  
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.  
Christ be in all hearts, thinking about me.  
Christ be on all tongues, telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

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