

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

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 26 July 2026

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

*Sincere thanks to all those who visit the
elderly in their homes and aged care
in our partnered parishes.*

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

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

August 8-9, 15-16, 22-23

The Archbishop's Campaign supports
the mission of the Church in our community
through the works of:

*Priests Retirement Foundation
Corpus Christi College Building Fund
CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program
Melbourne Overseas Mission
John Pierce Centre
University of Divinity for Catholic Theological College
Grants to Catholic agencies
Community service organisations*

Now in its third year, the Campaign continues to provide
an opportunity for Catholics across Melbourne to support
the charitable, pastoral and evangelisation work of our
Archdiocese through a single annual appeal. Brochures
and envelopes will be included with the parish bulletin over
the coming weekends.

"Courage!..do not be afraid."

In these words, Jesus invites us to move forward with confidence, knowing that He walks with us. By supporting this campaign, you help sustain ministries that accompany those in need, strengthen our parish communities, and bring Christ's love to others. Thank you for answering this call with courage and generosity.

Archbishop Comensoli

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In recent weeks the sound system at St Joseph the Worker Church has received some attention. The lectern microphone cable has been replaced with a new one running directly to the sound mixer. A buzzing sound when music is played from the computer or CD has been eliminated. Faults have been identified in speakers in both the church and the narthex.

We are looking to provide better security for the Sisters. Quotes are being obtained for window shutters and aluminium fencing for the verandah. In recent times the Sisters have been troubled by people coming to the door at night. All of us appreciate feeling safe and secure in our own homes.

Electrical works have been carried out in St Joseph the Worker Church and St Joseph the Worker Hall, including LED lights, power outlets, etc. Gas heaters in both buildings have been serviced, and the hall heater has received maintenance.

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

This year's production is
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.
Auditions & rehearsal: Sunday 30 August 6pm.
St Gabriel's parish hall Reservoir.
Enquiries: Judy.judeome@hotmail.com

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

CATHOLIC MEN FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am
melbournemensrosarycrusade.com

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

Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330
Reservoir Vinnies 10 Edwardes St
invites volunteers 8199 4215

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

HOLY DAYS holydays.com.au

Heartwarming Catholic comedy-drama
arriving in cinemas 6 August 2026.

Uplifting story of 3 elderly nuns
and a grieving young boy on an unforgettable journey of
faith, friendship, hope, and community.

VOCATIONS EXPO

Saturday 1 August 9am-1pm
Hosted by ACU Campus Ministry & Vocations Melbourne
Greg Craven Centre
Level 7 St Teresa of Kolkata Building
115 Victoria Pde Fitzroy trybooking.com/DNKHK

MGL CONSECRATED LIFE WEEKEND

22-23 August

For young single women 18-30. A beautiful opportunity to
have some time aside with the Lord to discern your voca-
tion. Prayer, talks, times of sisterhood and sharing.
Contact: mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com 0407 037 866

GROWING GOOD MEN

Friday 11 September – Sunday 13 September
CYC Forest Edge 405 McKenzie Rd Neerim East.
Experientially based program that encourages and enables
fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to ex-
plore important issues of growing into manhood. The week-
end experience explores: the importance of the father-son
bond for both generations; the journey of adolescence; re-
lating to women.
cycltd.venue360.me/event/app?eventNumber=40#/landing

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Next Sunday 2 August 10.30am

St Gabriel's Parish Centre
Br Albert OP presents St Albert the Great
teacher of St Thomas Aquinas.
St Albert is patron of scientists,
philosophers and students.

HOLY HOUR PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Tuesday 4 August

Feast of St John Vianney, patron of priests
St Gabriel's Church Reservoir 7pm
Eucharistic Adoration - Night Prayer - Benediction

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

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East

- **Tuesday 11 August**
St Stephen / Gaudete campus Reservoir East
9.30am Mass, procession
- **Saturday 15 August**
6.30pm Vigil Mass, blessing of Memorial Garden,
coffee & cake

We welcome

*St Monica's Principal Brian Hanley,
Deputy Principal Bernadette Harris,
Campus Leader Damian Monaghan*

PARISH LADIES MORNING TEA

Friday 14 August

9am Mass St Gabriel's Church Reservoir
9.30am morning tea and conversation
with Anna Krohn
St Gabriel's Parish Centre

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Saturday 15 August

11am Mass St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion
Mondays 4.30pm
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

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL II

In recent years, the Western world's relationship with Catholicism has begun to shift. After decades in which the Church was often viewed through the lens of decline, a new curiosity is emerging, especially among younger adults.

Last Easter, Sherry says, the change could be clearly seen. Across the United States, Australia, France, Britain and elsewhere, significant numbers of young adults entered the Church, not through paths of marriage or cultural habit, but through a personal search for meaning, truth and God.

In the United States, she says, Los Angeles alone had more than 8000 young adults enter the Church, while around 75 per cent of dioceses saw significant increases in people entering at Easter. In the Archdiocese of Melbourne alone, around 550 people entered the Church at Easter, a 57 per cent increase from 2025.

What strikes her is not just that people are coming, but the kind of faith they are seeking. 'What we're seeing is the transition from an inherited, institutional or notional faith to a personal decision,' she says. 'Regular people are just making that decision to follow Jesus in the midst of his Church.'

Today, she notes, 'people won't enter the Church for riches or a great career or influence or to get a pat on the back. They'll do so because they're seeking.' That shift changes what parishes need to focus on when tending to their flocks. In *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Sherry describes a journey through thresholds of conversion: trust, curiosity, openness, discipleship and apostleship. Many people today begin much further back than parishes often assume.

'The first thresholds are trust and spiritual curiosity,' she says. 'Every one of those is a response to grace; every one of those is like a mini conversion. But it's not the same as discipleship yet.'

Sherry notes that parishes can too easily focus on attendance, involvement or sacramental preparation over the deeper journey of conversion. 'We used to just drop them into the big Catholic ocean and then we left them,' she says. 'We've got to stop the drop when you get the sacrament business. That was the old institutional way, and it's not going to work anymore.'

That is why she believes parishes need to listen closely to people's stories: where they have come from, what God has already done, and where they are now. This is not only about new Catholics. Sherry says many cradle Catholics still do not know it is possible to have a personal relationship with God. 'We have to break the silence in the parish,' she says, 'about the possibility of having a personal relationship with the living God.'

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World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - "I will never forget you" - reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

Holy Father

who watches over every person
watch over me too when I am elderly.
You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
and you are not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands,
and you caress my lines.

You will never forget me!

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;
help me learn to love it just as you love it.
Help me learn to listen to it just as you listen to it.
Help me embrace it just as you have chosen it:
you who, though all-powerful,
clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division
so that we may live these years united in you.
You will never forget us! Amen.

Blessing of Long Life

God of mercy,
who has granted these your children
the gift of a long life,
pour out your blessing upon them.
Let them feel the sweetness and strength
of your presence.

As they look back on the past,
may they rejoice in your mercy;
and, as they look to the future,
may they persevere in the hope that never dies.
To you be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Benedizione della lunga vita

Dio di misericordia,
che a questi tuoi figli hai fatto dono di una lunga vita,
concedi loro la tua benedizione;
fa' che sentano la dolcezza
e la forza della tua presenza:
volgendosi al passato
si rallegrino della tua misericordia
e guardando al futuro
perseverino nella speranza che non muore.
A te lode e gloria nei secoli.

www.laityfamilylife.va

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his store-room things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Nel Vangelo di questa domenica Gesù ci presenta tre brevi parabole che parlano del Regno dei Cieli: il tesoro nascosto nel campo, la perla di grande valore e la rete gettata nel mare. Attraverso queste immagini semplici ma profonde, il Signore ci invita a riflettere su ciò che ha veramente valore nella nostra vita.

Il contadino che trova il tesoro e il mercante che scopre la perla preziosa sono accomunati dalla stessa gioia. Entrambi comprendono di aver trovato qualcosa che supera ogni altra ricchezza e, senza esitazione, vendono tutto per possederlo. Il Regno di Dio è così: è un dono inestimabile che trasforma il cuore e dà un significato nuovo all'esistenza. Chi incontra veramente Cristo scopre che nessun bene materiale, nessun successo o sicurezza può eguagliare la gioia di vivere in comunione con Lui.

La domanda che questo Vangelo pone a ciascuno di noi è semplice ma impegnativa: Qual è il tesoro del mio cuore? Dove investo il mio tempo, le mie energie e le mie scelte? Spesso siamo tentati di cercare la felicità in ciò che passa, ma Gesù ci invita a cercare ciò che rimane per sempre.

La parabola della rete ci ricorda inoltre che il Regno accoglie tutti, buoni e cattivi, ma alla fine sarà Dio a giudicare con giustizia. Questo non deve incuterci paura, bensì incoraggiarci a vivere ogni giorno con sincerità, convertendo il cuore e lasciandoci guidare dalla misericordia del Signore.

Il Vangelo si conclude con l'immagine dello scriba divenuto discepolo del Regno, che sa trarre dal suo tesoro "cose nuove e cose antiche". Anche noi siamo chiamati a custodire la ricchezza della fede ricevuta e, allo stesso tempo, a saperla vivere e testimoniare con rinnovato entusiasmo nelle situazioni concrete della vita quotidiana. Chiediamo al Signore la grazia di riconoscere il vero tesoro che è Cristo, di avere il coraggio di mettere Lui al primo posto e di vivere con la gioia di chi ha trovato ciò che dà senso e pienezza alla propria vita.

Next weekend

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35,37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

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Giuseppina Butera, Angelo Arceri, Giuseppe Marasco,
Gennaro & Nicoletta Bonaddio, Marco Zacharias,
Antonia, Santo & Luigi Rocca, Filippo Pascuzzi,
Domenico & Maria Romano

Processional Hymn AOV 54

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, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy 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.

Liturgy of the Word

1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52



Psalm Response

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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!

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Preparation of the Gifts AOV 115

Chorus:

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

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love,
this love can never be measured;
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God. *Chorus*

The word of the Lord means a patient,
gentle God, whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God. *Chorus*

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong
and love that never grows weary.
God will seek and save the lost until we all return,
so let us place our trust in God. *Chorus*

Holy Communion Hymn AOV 49

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Chorus:

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and you who eat of this bread, you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever. *Chorus*

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. *Chorus*

I am the resurrection I am the life. You who believe in me,
even if you die, you shall live for ever. *Chorus*

Recessional Hymn AOV 80

Chorus:

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the lord, singing alleluia.

Shout with gladness, dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. *Chorus*

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised,
I know my Saviour lives. *Chorus*



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