

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
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Joseph the Worker Church
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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 2 August 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

9.15am Mass
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

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 2 August 10.30am

St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Br Albert OP presents St Albert the Great

St Albert the Great (1206-80) was born in the Swabian town of Lauingen (Germany) and studied at Padua and Paris. He became a Dominican and taught theology; his pupils included St Thomas Aquinas. The encyclopaedic breadth of his writings earned him the title of 'Universal Doctor' and patron of students of the natural sciences.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

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

**Archbishop's Campaign brochure
attached to today's bulletin**

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

- Deacons Rhys Lowther & Dominic Lawes will be ordained priests later this year. Archbishop Comensoli has announced that possibly 5 men will commence studies at Corpus Christi College in 2027. There are currently 17 seminarians for Melbourne.
- 30 men attended the recent Vocations enquiry day. Regular Mass for vocations is celebrated Thursday at St Gabriel's and St Joseph the Worker Churches.
- National Vocations Awareness Week 2-9 August. Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are nurtured and flourished. In National Vocations Awareness Week, we pray for all families, that our parish may always welcome and encourage vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.
- Best wishes to Srs Jessica, Josefina and MhayFlor for the feast of St Dominic (3/8). The Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary were founded by Venerable Mother Rosario Arroya in 1925. Mother Rosario's parents presented the family home at Iloilo to be the Mother House for this new Dominican community, which had its origins in the Dominican Sisters of St Catherine of Siena in Manila. The core mission of the Sisters is education, social and pastoral work, and serving the poor. Since coming us in April 2025, the Sisters provide our partnered parishes with the powerful sign of religious life, a heart of prayer, catechesis and visitaion. Sr MhayFlor serves in faith development and religious education at St Monica's College Epping. The Sisters will join their Dominican family for the centenary of the Dominican Sisters at East Camperwell (9/8).

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@svdp-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.

COMBINED SOCIETIES OF MARY

combinedsocietiesofmary.com 9509 2207

Holy Cross Church 707 Glen Huntly Rd Caulfield

- Sunday 9 August 1.30pm *Assumption & Queenship of Our Lady*. Eucharistic Adoration/ talk/ Divine Mercy/ Mass
- Tuesday 8 September 7pm *Our Lady of Vailankanni*. Eucharistic Adoration/ Benediction/ Procession/ Mass
- Sunday 12 September 1.30pm *Our Lady of Sorrow*. Eucharistic Adoration/ Time of Mercy/ Mass/ Veneration of True Cross

MGL CONSECRATED LIFE WEEKEND

Weekend 22-23 August

For young single women 18-30. A beautiful opportunity to have some time aside with the Lord to discern your vocation. 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 explore important issues of growing into manhood.
cycltd.venue360.me/event/app?eventNumber=40#/landing

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

CENSUS 2026

Tuesday 11 August

Catholics across the Archdiocese of Melbourne are encouraged to participate fully, identifying their religious affiliation. This nationwide count is a crucial opportunity for the Catholic community to be recognised and for its needs to be understood.

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 III

One of the fruits Sherry has seen again and again, when faith becomes personal, is the awakening of charisms.

Drawing on the language of St Thomas Aquinas, she describes charisms as 'gratuitous graces', gifts given not primarily for one's own spiritual life, but for others.

'They are graces not given to me for my own sake,' she says. 'They are primarily ways that God empowers me to be used in somebody else's journey. It's always for someone else.'

In her experience, charisms often begin to manifest after a person's faith becomes personal. Someone goes on retreat, or comes through a hard season, and afterwards something new appears in their life: a concern for the poor, or a sudden, compelling sense of mission.

'When we call people to discipleship, the charisms start to pop,' she says.

'We don't have to manipulate this. It happens. But we need to be aware of it and help people recognise the significance of it.'

For Sherry, this is also central to evangelisation. Not every Catholic will evangelise in the same way. Some will speak directly about faith. Others will intercede, serve, listen carefully to another person's story or quietly accompany someone at the beginning of faith.

What matters is that people are helped to recognise what has been entrusted to them, and who it may be for.

'Every one of us has a personal vocation,' she says. 'Every one of us has certain calls.'

'There are people out there waiting right now for what you've been given to give,' she says, 'and their life hangs in the balance.'

She is also conscious of Australia's particular place in the life of the Church, including its multicultural communities and its location in the wider Asia-Pacific region.

'Our people are our riches, and it's time for you to take your place in the communion of fruit-bearing, intercession, charisms, charity and mission,' she says.

For Sherry, this is not just about parish renewal. It is about helping Catholics discover the God-given meaning in their lives. The renewal of the Church, she believes, depends on ordinary Catholics discovering this and saying yes.

'You are here for purposes you do not yet understand. You are blessing people you don't even know exist. But it's really crucial that we all say yes to the call.'

Melbourne Catholic

*Take the Way of the Gospel is a
collaborative journey between parishes
rooted in faith, mission,
shared responsibility,
strengthening each community
through unity and mutual support
creating communities of faith:*

*Vibrant
Viable
Vital*

ANTI SOCIAL MEDIA

Cyber trolls to blame for all the real world rudeness

In my local supermarket and hardware store there are signs advising that it is not OK for staff to experience abusive or disrespectful behaviour. I get similar messaging on hold and waiting to speak to a local water authority, or applying to join a social media hobby group. I do not recall any remotely similar messaging from my youth.

At what point over the past half-century did Australian society shift to the extent that we now need to be reminded of how to interact with frontline staff? When and why did we become so rude?

The Australia that I recall from my 1960s childhood while shopping with my mother in a small country town was very different. The customer-shopkeeper relationship was warm, pleasant, positive. These were unquestionably happy people going about their everyday lives.

Today's signage I am sure would shock the community from that time. I imagine the response of 1960s adults to the signs would be: "You need to be told to be pleasant to frontline staff?" "What is wrong with you people of the future?" "Don't you have any manners?"

But of course life and society must move on. The 1960s was an era (initially at least) of rigid social protocols. Both men and women wore hats in public. Gloves were de rigueur for ladies at church and for going shopping in town.

Social interaction at this time largely revolved around the extended family, the church, and sporting groups. Occasionally there would be a workplace picnic where different families of different social and religious groups happily mixed and mingled. The point is social interaction at this time was governed if not shaped by rules that assured polite and socially acceptable behaviour.

In the 1960s and up to the invention of social media (mid-2000s onwards), there were no platforms for large numbers of people to interact on a daily basis and in an anonymous capacity. And so now roughly two decades after the invention of X (and later of other platforms), everyday people can acquire followers, likes and attention by speaking their minds directly, loudly, and provocatively. And I suspect they very much enjoy seeing the impact their "truth-telling words" have on hapless targets.

Do this for long enough, or follow others doing so for long enough, and the rules of social interaction begin to bend. Behaving badly to a fellow churchgoer in the 1960s carried a severe social cost: shunning, pursed lips, whispers. Speaking harshly to an unknown hardware store worker and storming off carries no social cost. Indeed, unfairly giving a frontline worker "a piece of their mind" may even provide some with a bizarre sense of satisfaction (and importance). Which is why these signs are now necessary.

But there is also the possibility that these signs do mitigate extreme behaviour. (I wonder if staff notice a difference in customer sentiment in the weeks after signage has been installed.) In addition I am sure there is an improvement in workplace culture when workers see management at least attempting to address frontline abuse. This bigger picture trend suggests that the recent rise in angry and abusive customers is likely to continue. This could lead to frontline jobs becoming less attractive and which in turn might lead to even greater levels of digitisation and automation.

Perhaps we need to invent a frontline robot so that those who feel aggrieved and the need to vent can rant to their heart's content to a robot's tin (or is that titanium?) ear.

Bernard Salt The Australian Weekend Magazine July 18-19 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35,37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Next weekend

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nel Vangelo di oggi vediamo Gesù che, davanti alla folla affamata e stanca, non rimane indifferente: «Sentì compassione per loro». La compassione di Gesù diventa concreta: egli guarisce i malati e sfama la moltitudine.

Quando i discepoli vedono soltanto cinque pani e due pesci, pensano che non sia abbastanza. Gesù, invece, prende quel poco, lo benedice e lo trasforma in abbondanza. Anche noi spesso pensiamo di avere poco da offrire: poco tempo, poche forze, pochi doni. Ma nelle mani di Gesù, ciò che offriamo con amore può diventare una grande benedizione per gli altri.

Il miracolo della moltiplicazione dei pani ci ricorda che Gesù non ci chiede di risolvere tutto da soli. Ci chiede semplicemente di mettere nelle sue mani ciò che abbiamo e di condividere con generosità. Quando impariamo a condividere, scopriamo che la vera abbondanza nasce dall'amore.

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

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



Psalm Response

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

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Preparation of the Gifts CWB 638

Refrain: Where there is charity and love,
there the God of love abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
let us revere and love the living God
and love each other with unfeigning hearts. *Refrain*

And so when we are gathered here as one,
let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
be our resolve all bitterness to shun
and in our midst be Christ, his love and peace. *Refrain*

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
to where the blessed glory in your sight;
there let us see and love you face to face,
gathered once more in everlasting light. *Refrain*

Holy Communion Hymn CWB 651

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ out poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn CWB 472

Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all God's mighty deeds:
tell of love that knows no limits,
grace that meets all human needs.

Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends,
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer,
give your lives in joyful service,
sing his praise, his love declare.