

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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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 16 August 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass
*1st Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass
Maltese Reservoir North*

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

*Saturday 15 August 6.30pm Vigil Mass
St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East
Blessing of Memorial Garden, coffee & cake
We welcome*

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

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.



ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift

to the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign.

Online (direct debit/credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating:

melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

Campaign envelopes can be placed in the weekend collection.

Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so.

The Archbishop's Campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in Melbourne:

Priests Retirement Foundation
Corpus Christi College Building Fund
CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy
Melbourne Overseas Mission
John Pierce Centre for the Deaf
University of Divinity for Catholic Theological College
Charities, Agencies, Services



At this time of year, many priests celebrate their anniversary of Ordination:
Fr Hctor 16 August 1980, Fr Pritchard 17 August 1985.

*O God, who made your Only Begotten Son
eternal High Priest,
grant that those he has chosen
as ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may be found faithful in carrying out
the ministry they have received.*

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 Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Praesidium
Mondays 1.30pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.
Families are invited to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of
Our Lady of Fatima for a week of family prayer.
New members are always welcome.
Enquiries Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520

COMBINED SOCIETIES OF MARY

combinedsocietiesofmary.com 9509 2207
Holy Cross Church 707 Glen Huntly Rd Caulfield
• Tuesday 8 September 7pm *Our Lady of Vailankanni*.
Eucharistic Adoration/ Benediction/ Procession/ Mass
• Sunday 12 September 1.30pm *Our Lady of Sorrows*
Eucharistic Adoration/ Time of Mercy/ Mass/ Veneration
of True Cross

MGL CONSECRATED LIFE WEEKEND

Weekend 22-23 August
For young single women 18-30.
Prayer, talks, times of sisterhood and sharing.
Contact: mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com 0407 037 866

EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION

Monsignor Stuart Hall
Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Australia
St Patrick's Cathedral Saturday 29 August 11am
Community Channel C31 (Channel 44)

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 CONSULTATION

*Where is the Holy Spirit leading
our Archdiocese at this time?*

*Whom are we being called
to accompany in faith more intentionally?*

*How might we reflect
the face of Christ more clearly in our local Church?*

PARISH LIFE

Vibrant Viable Vital

PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 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

RCIA team members are invited to an online evening of
practical formation and conversation designed
for the beginning of the RCIA journey.

Wednesday 26 August 7.30pm proclaim@cam.org.au

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027



Launch Thursday 20 August 6.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne.
Six30 Holy Hour,
Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction.
Food trucks, music, celebrations.
Enquiries: wyd@cam.org.au

Preparations are in full swing for World Youth Day 3-8 August 2027 in Seoul South Korea. Pope Leo XIV will join young Catholics from around the world for the second World Youth Day ever held in Asia. Parish priest at St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc Fr Michael Kong has been helping Australian Catholic youth prepare for the event. Young Melbourne Catholics are called to embrace Korea's rich Catholic heritage, which includes the witness of many martyrs.

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Sunday 6 September 10.30am
St Gabriel's Parish Centre
Venerable Rosario of the Visitation
presented by
Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary
Lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / students

MENS DINNER

Tuesday 15 September 7pm
Reservoir RSL 251 Spring St Reservoir
Register by Friday 11 September:
Tim 0412 799 845 timrebbechi@gmail.com
Peter 0413 126 871 peternguyen48@yahoo.com.au

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY



St Stephen (Istvan) (c.975-1038) was baptised at the age of ten, when his father, the Duke of Hungary, converted to Christianity. He married Gisela, sister of the Holy Roman Emperor St Henry, and succeeded his father in 997. Crowned first King of Hungary in 1001, he ruled forcefully and with great wisdom and did much to encourage the evangelisation of his people. His wife was beatified in 1975; his son Emeric (Imre), who predeceased him, is also venerated as a saint. Born to the leader of the Magyars of Hungary around the year 970, Stephen was baptised at the age of ten. He married the sister of St Henry II (later the Holy Roman Emperor), Gisela, and soon succeeded his father. By the age of thirty, he had consolidated the various tribes and received papal approval to be crowned king of Hungary. Stephen laboured to foster the Catholic faith in his country, and raised his son St Emeric to do the same. "If you desire to honour the royal crown," he admonished his son, "I advise, I counsel, I urge you above all things to maintain the Catholic and apostolic faith with such diligence and care that you may be an example for all those placed under you by God and that all the clergy may rightly call you a man of true Christian profession." He was a strong defender of his country's security as well. Committed to giving all requested alms, Stephen also liked to visit the poor in disguise. On one such occasion, some beggars attacked and robbed him. He accepted the affront with cheer and humility, resolving to continue these expeditions. After Emeric was killed in a hunting accident, Stephen prepared for his own death, turning more deeply to prayer. He died on 15 August 1038, and was canonised forty-five years later. He is honoured as the patron of his country.

BLESSING OF ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Priest: God has made his people a pilgrim Church, as we journey through this life to our eternal home. May this memorial remind us of the life that we are to share in Christ, who will transform our earthly bodies to be like his in glory

God of all consolation, by your just decree
our bodies return to the dust
from which they were shaped,
yet in your way of mercy you have turned
this condition of darkness and death
into a proof of your loving care.

In your providence you assured Abraham,
our father in faith,
of a burial place in the land of promise.
You extolled your servant Tobit
for his charity in burying the dead.
You willed that your own Son
be laid to rest in a new tomb,
so that he might rise from it, the victor over death,
and offer us the pledge of our own resurrection.
Grant that this memorial garden,
may, by the power of your blessing,
be a place of rest and hope,
remembrance and prayer.

May our pastors, parishioners,
family members and friends sleep in your peace,
to rise at the coming of your Son.
May this place be a comfort to the living,
a sign of their hope for unending life.
May prayers be offered here continually
in supplication for those who sleep in Christ
and in constant praise of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*St Stephen of Hungary Memorial Garden
is sprinkled with Holy Water.*

*All enter St Stephen of Hungary Church
in procession.*

Deacon: Let us proceed in peace

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN IN HONOUR OF ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

This is the feast day of the Lord's true witness,
whom through the ages all have held in honour;
now let us praise him and his deeds of glory
with exultation.

So now together, giving God the glory,
we sing his praises and his mighty triumph,
that in his glory we may all be sharers,
now and here after.

Praise to the Father and the Son most holy,
praise to the Spirit, Godhead coeternal,
who give examples in the lives of all saints,
that we may follow.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 56: 1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Roch was born in Montpellier, France in 1350, the son of the governor. At the age of twenty he went to Rome and while there devoted himself to the care of plague victims, effecting many miraculous cures. Roch himself fell victim to the plague, but eventually he recovered. When he returned to France, he was thrown in jail as a spy. He died in prison in 1380, at the age of thirty, and only then was it discovered that this prisoner had been a former governor's son. After his death, many miracles were reported through Roch's intercession. He is still invoked in times of pestilence and plague.

San Rocco nacque a Montpellier, in Francia, nel 1350, figlio del governatore della città. All'età di vent'anni si recò a Roma e, durante il suo soggiorno, si dedicò con grande generosità alla cura degli appestati, ottenendo numerose guarigioni miracolose. Anche Rocco fu colpito dalla peste, ma alla fine guarì. Al suo ritorno in Francia fu imprigionato con l'accusa di essere una spia. Morì in carcere nel 1380, all'età di trent'anni, e solo allora si scoprì che quel prigioniero era il figlio di un ex governatore. Dopo la sua morte furono attribuiti alla sua intercessione numerosi miracoli. Ancora oggi viene invocato come protettore contro le pestilenze e le epidemie.

Next weekend

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

Pastors of Reservoir East

Fr Gerard Sullivan + 2012

Fr Frank Larsen + 2007

Fr Brian McMahon + 2025

Recently Deceased

Cisily Mathew, Paolo Contarino, Antonio Grillo,
Maria Damiano, Teresa Cannizzaro

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Fr Bernard Murphy,
Lucrezia & Maria Barbera,
Louis De Gonzaga Nguyen,
Pasqualini Pugliese, Maria Assunta,
Caterina, Rosa Longo,
Ercle Sergio

Processional Hymn CWB 486

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three, and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings are his own.

Praise and thanks be ever given,
with and through th'angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 56: 1,6-7 Romans 11:13-15,29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28



Psalm Response

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

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Preparation of the Gifts CWB 414

Servant of the Word, handmaid of the Lord,
blest are you, O Mary!
Mother of God's only Son,
chosen as the holy one;
pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Bearer of God's Son, woman of great faith,
blest are you, O Mary!
Docile to the will of God,
Holy Mary, heart of love;
pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Mary full of grace, woman truly chaste,
blest are you, O Mary!
Mother of the Word made flesh,
guide the Church to holiness;
pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Christ, by all adored, is your Son and Lord;
blest are you, O Mary!
Best the fruit of your own womb,
Jesus risen from the tomb;
pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Holy Communion Hymn CWB 589

Refrain: Priestly people, kingly people, holy people,
God's chosen people, sing praise to the Lord.

We sing to you, O Christ, beloved Son of the Father.
We give you praise, O wisdom everlasting,
and Word of God. *Refrain*

We sing to you, O son, born of Mary the Virgin.
We give you praise, Redeemer, born to heal us,
our saving Lord. *Refrain*

We sing to you, Messiah foretold by the prophets.
We give you praise, O Son of Abraham,
born of David's line. *Refrain*

We sing to you, O Manna which God gives his people.
We give you praise, O living Bread,
which comes down to us from heaven. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn CWB 573

O God, you made the Sabbath day,
your gift, your law, your healing way.
You also made, within each heart
a longing for this day apart.

You gave your children, long-oppressed,
your freeing gift of Sabbath rest.
You give us Sabbath freedom, too:
our lives are more than work we do!

Life's sacred rhythm seems long gone;
the world, unblinking, carries on.
Your Spirit calls us! Slow our pace
that we may hear your word of grace.

Christ Jesus lives! He makes us new!
On Sundays now, we worship you.
With hearts uplifted, joy restored,
your church goes out to serve you, Lord.