

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

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St Gabriel's Church
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen of Hungary Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Joseph the Worker Church
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 11th October 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 Thursday Friday
9.15am Mass
Wednesday
8.30am Holy Rosary 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

Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary

The Sisters celebrated the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Wednesday (7/10). We have the opportunity to provide them with some special support with the envelope attached to today's bulletin. We are glad that the Dominican Sisters live amongst us, and grateful for their religious witness, their community life and prayer, and their apostolic work which includes ministry to the sick and housebound, Sacramental Journey, Catholic Womens League, young parishioners, and other initiatives. Sr Mayflor OP is much valued and appreciated at St Monica's College Epping. The Sisters provide a display of their history and apostolate at St Joseph the Worker this weekend. Morning tea after 10.30am Mass St Joseph the Worker.

Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders of Peter Nguyen

Sunday 11 October 10.30am Mass
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

St Joseph the Worker parishioner Peter Nguyen is on the path to ordination as a Permanent Deacon St Patrick's Cathedral 10am Saturday 14 November. He is formally admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders at 10.30am Mass St Joseph the Worker Church today.

Episcopal Visitation

15-19 October

St Mary's Syro Malankara Catholic community celebrates Sunday Mass at St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East. They are happy to welcome their Bishop Mathews Mar Pachomios OIC for visitation.



Thank you to the **Dominican Sisters** for their display St Gabriel's Parish Centre Sunday 27 September. We also thank parishioners Tim Rebecchi & Darrell O'Farrell for providing sausage sizzle.

Sincere thanks to those who look after parish **gardens and grounds**: Ange & Ophelia Braysha, Wendy Healy, Gary O'Dwyer, Andrew Dos Santos, Breda Young-Gee (*St Gabriel's*); Paul Cafari (*St Joseph the Worker*).

STELLA MARIS FESTA

St Joseph the Worker Church
Reservoir North

Friday 16 October

7pm Mass Light refreshments

Saturday 17 October

6pm Dinner Dance

Le Grande Reception Epping

Bookings: Ann 0430 515 116

Charlie 0423 560 646

Sunday 18 October

2.30pm Mass 4pm Procession

6pm Refreshments, MMG Concert Band

DJ Domenic

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Rehearsals: Sundays 6pm

St Gabriel's Parish Hall Reservoir

Enquiries: Judy judeome@hotmail.com

ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

Columban Art Calendar 2027 \$10

Daily Mass Book 2027 \$25

New Community Bible \$35

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$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

Donation boxes are located in

St Gabriel's Church Reservoir

and St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East.

Donations can also be made with the QR code.

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

HOLY ANGELS MEMORIAL GARDEN

ST STEPHEN/GAUDETE CAMPUS

EAST RESERVOIR

A place to honour the lives and contributions of deceased family members, parishioners, students, pastors and loved ones. Tel 9409 8800

stmonicas-epping.com/memorialplaques

Journey to Amalgamation

Thank you to parishioners for participating
in last weekend's ballot for

amalgamation and a new parish name

Christ the King

*I support the amalgamation of St Gabriel's -
St Stephen of Hungary - St Joseph the Worker.*

St Gabriel's YES: 56 NO: 13

St Stephen of Hungary YES: 29 NO: 1

St Joseph the Worker YES: 90 NO: 17

I support the new parish name Christ the King.

St Gabriel's YES: 87 NO: 12

St Stephen of Hungary YES: 27 NO: 2

St Joseph the Worker YES: 85 NO: 22

A folio of materials will be presented to Archbishop Comensoli, and Diocesan bodies the College of Consultors and Archbishop's Council of Priests for their recommendation and approval. The Archbishop's Decree of Amalgamation must be advertised for a month. We hope that Christ the King Parish Reservoir, embracing St Gabriel's, St Stephen of Hungary and St Joseph the Worker, will come into being on the 4th Sunday of Lent March 20-21 2027.

Christ the King places Jesus at the centre of our new parish community. Christ the King reminds us that everything we do — building community, proclaiming the Gospel, and serving others — is for him and his Kingdom. It honours the heritage of our three parishes: Gabriel announced Christ's coming, Stephen built a Christian kingdom, and Joseph raised and nurtured the King of Kings. Together, we are united under Christ's reign and mission.

The Bible presents Jesus Christ as an eternal and sovereign king whose spiritual kingdom rules over all creation.

Old Testament Prophecies

Isaiah 9:6-7: Foretells a child born to sit on the throne of David who will establish a government of endless peace, justice, and righteousness.

Daniel 7:13-14: Describes the "Son of Man" receiving an everlasting dominion, glory, and a kingdom that will never be destroyed.

Zechariah 9:9: Prophecies Israel's king coming humbly, riding on a donkey.

The Gospels

Matthew 2:2: The Magi seek the newborn child, asking where he is who is born "King of the Jews".

John 18:36: Jesus tells Pontius Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world," defining his reign as originating from beyond earthly power structures.

John 19:19-22: Pilate places an inscription on the cross reading "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews".

New Testament Letters

Philippians 2:9-11: God exalts Jesus to the highest place, decreeing that every knee will bow and every tongue confess him as Lord.

Revelation 19:16: Jesus appears with the title written on his robe and thigh: "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS"

VENERABLE ROSARIO OF THE VISITATION OP II

Foundress of the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of the Philippines

Early in their married life, Mother Rosario's parents Don Ignacio and Doña Maria wanted to give part of their wealth to support a religious foundation. Aware of their intention, Bishop James McCloskey, the last American Bishop of Jaro, took steps for the foundation of the Beaterio del Smo Rosario in Molo, Iloilo City. On July 24 1925 he obtained the necessary permission from the Holy See. Through his intervention, the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St Catherine of Siena allowed Mother Rosario Arroyo and two other Sisters to pioneer the foundation. They left for Iloilo on February 18 1927.

Don Ignacio and Dona Maria gave their residence to the Sisters. A free school was built nearby. Soon after many homeless girls came to the convent. They were taken in, cared for and educated by the Sisters. Many of them joined the Congregation later.

During World War II, Mother Rosario was advised by family, relatives and friends to send home the Sisters and girls. She refused to do so, telling them, "No, we live together and if we die, we die together". The Japanese forced the Sisters to leave the Convent. The convent and school were converted into a military garrison. The Sisters and their wards took refuge at the parish church of Molo, Iloilo City. Meanwhile they entrusted themselves to Divine Providence as they were experiencing hard times because of the war.

On March 10 1945 the Motherhouse was bombed and destroyed by the Americans believing there were Japanese staying there. The charity school was also destroyed. The Sisters felt devastated that their convent and school were reduced to rubble. After the war the rebuilding of the convent became the priority of the Sisters. When they had settled down from the chaos of rebuilding, Bishop Jose Maria Cuenco, the successor of Bishop McCloskey, asked Mother Rosario to let the Sisters teach in schools, particularly in parishes. The Sisters were sent to College to earn their teaching degrees. The formation of youth was a cherished aim in the heart of Mother Rosario.

During the first General Chapter January 3-6 1953 Mother Rosario was elected Superior General. She stayed in office until her death on June 14 1957.

October

ANNUAL MISSION FAIR

Saturday 17 October 9am

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver
154 Cotham Rd Kew. Proceeds to Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph Kisumu for water tanks. 9817 3715

ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION ST GABRIEL'S CHURCH RESERVOIR (2000)

Sunday 25 October 9am Mass
Sausage sizzle St Gabriel's Parish Centre

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Tuesday 27 October 7pm

St Gabriel's Parish Centre

State chairman of the Knights of the Southern Cross Glenn Morris will give a presentation on the work and mission of the Knights of the Southern Cross, an order of men that fosters the Christian way of life in charitable works, family life, supporting the clergy and building up parish life.

ANCHORED LOVING SMARTER: KEYS TO RELATIONSHIP SUCCESS

Tuesday 27 October 7.30pm Online

During this online webinar, you will discover how understanding your spouse's unique needs can strengthen communication, deepen emotional connection and help you avoid common relationship pitfalls.

Register: trybooking.com/events/landing/1632534

CLERGY WORKSHOP

Fr Pritchard and Deacon Correya will attend clergy workshop Thursday 29 October. Please note: 8.30am Mass St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday 31 October 6.30pm Vigil Mass
St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Sunday 1 November 10.30am

St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Sr Mayflor OP & Diane Yuri present

St Hildegard von Bingen

Lunch included

\$10 Working \$5 non working / students

COFFEE & CROISSANTS WITH ANNIE CARRETT

Thursday 12 November 7.30am

The Victoria Room: Victoria Hotel

215 Little Collins St Melbourne

\$45 includes continental breakfast,

\$35 CWL members, \$30 students

Booking: trybooking.com/DPTZE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Cammino verso l'unificazione

Grazie a tutti i parrocchiani che hanno partecipato alla votazione dello scorso fine settimana sull'unificazione delle parrocchie e sul nuovo nome della parrocchia, Cristo Re.

Approvo l'unificazione di San Gabriele – Santo Stefano d'Ungheria – San Giuseppe Lavoratore.

San Gabriele — Sì: 56 NO: 13
Santo Stefano d'Ungheria — Sì: 29 NO: 1
San Giuseppe Lavoratore — Sì: 90 NO: 17

Approvo il nuovo nome della parrocchia: Cristo Re.

San Gabriele — Sì: 87 NO: 12
Santo Stefano d'Ungheria — Sì: 27 NO: 2
San Giuseppe Lavoratore — Sì: 85 NO: 22

Un fascicolo di documenti sarà presentato all'Arcivescovo Comensoli e agli organismi diocesani, il Collegio dei Consultori e il Consiglio Presbiterale dell'Arcivescovo, per la loro raccomandazione e approvazione. Il Decreto di unificazione dell'Arcivescovo dovrà essere reso pubblico per un mese.

Ci auguriamo che la Parrocchia Cristo Re di Reservoir, che comprenderà San Gabriele, Santo Stefano d'Ungheria e San Giuseppe Lavoratore, possa nascere in occasione della quarta domenica di Quaresima, il 20–21 marzo 2027.

Cristo Re pone Gesù al centro della nostra nuova comunità parrocchiale. Il nome Cristo Re ci ricorda che tutto ciò che facciamo — costruire la comunità, annunciare il Vangelo e servire gli altri — è per Lui e per il Suo Regno. Questo nome onora anche l'eredità delle nostre tre parrocchie: Gabriele annunciò la venuta di Cristo, Stefano contribuì alla costruzione di un regno cristiano e Giuseppe allevò e custodì il Re dei Re. Insieme, siamo uniti sotto la regalità di Cristo e nella Sua missione

Recently Deceased

Domenico Ziino, Rosie Zamarian
Teresa Meraviglia-Crivelli

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Fr Luciano Secolari
Teresa Giannone, Teopisto Cobrador
Antonio Cannataro and family, Bosco family,
Carmine Barbaro, Rita Campisi, Iklas Minas
Antonio & Alfonsina Amore

Next weekend 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

Processional Hymn CWB 447

Refrain:

All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness.
Come into His presence singing for joy! *Refrain*

Know that the Lord is our creator,
for he is our Father; we are his own. *Refrain*

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter his courts while singing his praise. *Refrain*

Honour and praise be to the Father,
the Son, and the Spirit, world without end. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Psalm Response

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called. Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 451

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Grant us vision, gracious Spirit,
to seek guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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*

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.

Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love,
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.

Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel the Father's care,
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.

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