

SUNDAY MASSES TIMES

Sat. 6 p.m. Vigil St Stephen's
Sun. 8:30 a.m. (It. & Eng.) St Gabriel's
10 a.m. St Stephen's
St Gabriel's

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

(Confessions)

St Gabriel's

Sat. at 9:45 a.m.

St Stephen's

Sat. at 5:30 p.m.

BAPTISMS

by prior arrangement

St Gabriel's

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 11:30 a.m.

St Stephen's

by prior arrangement

MARRIAGES

by prior arrangement

(at least six months notice is required.)

No Sunday weddings.)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

(this week)

ST GABRIEL'S Mon., Thurs., Fri. at 9 a.m.

ST STEPHEN'S: Mass Wed. at 9:30 a.m.
Mass Keon Park Thurs. at 11a.m.

FERIALS, FEASTS & INTENTIONS—

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Mon. St Gregory the Great **No Mass**

Tues. 22nd Week of Ordinary Time
Intention:

Wed. 22nd Week of Ordinary Time
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Thurs. 22nd Week of Ordinary Time
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Fri. 22nd Week of Ordinary Time
Spring Ember Day
Intention:

Sat. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass



The Partnered Parishes of
St. Gabriel, Reservoir
and
St Stephen of Hungary, East Reservoir

Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Hactor



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 02.09.2018 -
22a Domenica in Tempo Ordinario

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We resume our readings from Mark's gospel. Life in a human community is governed by 'laws and customs', as Moses reminds the people of old Israel in the first reading. These regulations and their interpretation can give rise to confusion; so Moses urges the people to 'add nothing' and 'take nothing from' the law which he gives them in the name of God. We meet the same issue in today's gospel reading: Jesus is being hounded by antagonists – some of whom have come from Jerusalem for the purpose. They resent the fact that the disciples of Jesus 'do not respect the traditions of the elders' and observe ritual purifications. The response of Jesus has an important lesson for every age, as we endeavour to make Church regulations that are truly life-giving.

As is usually the case, the Response to the Psalm expresses well the message of the liturgy's readings: 'The just will live in the presence of the Lord'. As the Sermon on the Mount teaches us, we are truly the People of God if our life together gives expression to the ways of our Father in heaven. This is the standard against which we should evaluate the 'laws and customs' we draw up for the Church's common life, and the way they are applied.

The words of Jesus, in this and similar exchanges, are surprisingly sharp. Those who were leaders in Israel should have been helping the people to live according to the ways of God – as the prophets had taught. Instead they had lost sight of Israel's great destiny, and worked against it, in fact, by elaborating a system of self-serving regulations.

Jesus shows himself a true interpreter of Israel's faith as he urges his followers to find integrity through the motives of the heart rather than in the observance of external rituals of purification. No wonder the people followed him so eagerly.

But in what follows – as Jesus departs radically from the provisions of the Old Law concerning foods considered to make a person 'impure' – we recognise that he is conscious of an authority that is above the Law of Moses.

In the second reading we begin to read from the Letter of James. This letter, associated with the name of James 'the brother of Jesus', a leader of the Jerusalem church, gives us a glimpse of the outlook that united the first Jewish converts to faith in Christ. It is very down to earth and practical, filled with the spirit of the Wisdom literature of the Old Testament. And because this literature fosters life in harmony with the ways of God, it illustrates well the spirit Jesus advocates in the gospel. James points to 'the Father of lights', the giver of 'everything that is perfect'; he urges making the message of the 'Word' of God our life standard; and we should honour God especially by our generosity to those in need.

John Thornhill s m

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8* Moses rejoices at the great gifts of the Law, which the Lord has given to his people, and urges them to keep his commandments.

Psalm Response: **The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Second Reading: *James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27* St James insists that true religion involves not just words but actions like helping widows and orphans.

Gospel Acc: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
The Father gave us birth by his messenger of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23* Jesus tells us to make sure we observe God's commandment and not just human traditions.



NEXT SUNDAY—DOMENICA PROSSIMA

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—23a Domenica in Tempo Ordinario
Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

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GENERAL MEETINGS, EVENTS, NEWS & HUMOUR

RCIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Evangelisation and the RCIA, Melbourne 11-13 October 2018, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR PARISH TO ENLIVEN YOUR RCIA TEAM OR SET UP A NEW ONE. For more information go to: <http://www.cianetwork.net> or email: treasurer-cianetwork@outlook.com Places are limited and can now be secured through Trybooking.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Are you a mechanic with a mission? All skills needed! Could you make a wheel difference mentoring local me-

Palms Australia mechanics in Myanmar? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more mission opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just yet? Check out palms.org.au/encounters

ST MARGARET'S RETIREMENT VILLAGE— currently has one and two bedroom units available. The prices start from \$222,000. If you are interested or have any queries please call Erin on 8414 6000.

DAY RETREAT, WITH FR JOEL PEART—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Day Retreat, directed by Fr Joel Peart, will take place on the Birthday of Our Lady. The program includes Rosary, chanted Lauds (Morning Prayer of the Church), two talks by Fr Joel, Holy Mass, Holy Hour with Exposition, chanted Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) and Benediction. Sat. 8 September, 9.45 a.m. –4 p.m., Mercy College, 760 Sydney Road, Coburg. BYO lunch. Cost: Free entry Details: Caroline Fernandez on 0423 838 756 or smtcsf@gmail.com

PROGETTO CORELLI: In Concert - Progetto Corelli presents 'Inspiration Corelli!' St Brigid's Church welcomes back this chamber music ensemble to play the works of composers Corelli, Geminiani and Telemann Sun. 9 September, 4 p.m. at St Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North. **Cost:** Donation

A Prayer in Time of Drought

O God, Lord of all creation,
by whose power the whole earth came to be,
look upon our parched land, we pray,
and bestow upon it abundant rain,
that pastures, fields and paddocks
may by your goodness thrive once more.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A VOCATION VIEW: *Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the Lord tells you.' Be doers of*



Dates for your Diary

Sun. 2 September

Father's Day and Priests' Retirement Collection

Sun. 9 September

Child Protection Sunday

Last weekend I undertook a trip to Ireland to take part in the World Meeting of Families. I'm sure you saw it on television. My presence was above all to confirm Christian families in their vocation and mission. The thousands of families — spouses, grandparents, children — gathered in Dublin, with all the variety of their languages, cultures and experiences, were an eloquent sign of the beauty of God's dream for the whole human family. And we know it: God's dream is unity, harmony and peace in families and in the world, fruit of fidelity, forgiveness and reconciliation, which He has given us in Christ. He calls families to take part in this dream and make of the world a home where no one is alone, no one is unwanted, no one is excluded. Think well about this: what God wants is that no one be alone, no one be unwanted, no one be excluded. Therefore, the theme of this World Meeting was very appropriate. It was called thus: "The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World."

I am grateful to the President of Ireland, to the Prime Minister, to the different government, civil and religious Authorities, and to the many people of all levels who helped to prepare and to carry out the Meeting's events, a many thanks to the Bishops, who worked so much. Addressing the Authorities in Dublin's Castle, I confirmed that the Church is the family of families and that, as a body, she sustains her cells in their indispensable role for the development of a fraternal and solidary society.

True and proper "light-points" of these days were the testimonies of conjugal love given by couples of every age. Their stories have reminded us that marital love is a special gift of God, to be cultivated every day in the "domestic church," which is the family. How much need the world has of a revolution of love, of a revolution of tenderness, which saves us from the present culture of the provisional! And this revolution begins in the heart of the family.

I met in Dublin's Pro-Cathedral with spouses committed in the Church and many couples of young spouses, and many small children. Then I met with some families that face particular challenges and difficulties. Thanks to the Capuchin Brothers, who are always close to the people, and to the larger ecclesial family, they experience the solidarity and support that are the fruit of charity.

The culminating moment of my visit was the great celebration with the families on Saturday evening in Dublin's Stadium, followed on Sunday by the Mass in Phoenix Park. In the Vigil we heard very touching testimonies of families that suffered due to the wars, families renewed by forgiveness, families that love saved from the spiral of addictions, families that

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Working for CentreLink is the most intense job of all. Even if you are fired you still need to come to work the next day.

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? **Same middle name.**

A retired husband is often a wife's full-time job.

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve telling them to sit down and shut up.

PARISHES' INFORMATION



ROSTERS FOR 8 / 9 SEPTEMBER Readers & Extraordinary Ministers

6 p.m. P. Bettin / H. Nowak

M. Bettin / D. Nosedo

8:30 a.m. V. Pennisi / G. Tieri

ST STEPHEN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS - 'EVERY DAY IS OPEN DAY' — If you know of any family who has a child ready to start School in 2019 please let them know and encourage them to visit the school.

PLEASE NOTE the new address for Fr Brian McMahon PE: Justin Villa, Room 3, 2 Caravan St., Balwyn, 3103. Phone: 9816 0133

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learned to use well mobile phones and tablets and families giving priority to time spent together. Highlighted was the value of communication between generations and the specific role that corresponds to grandparents in consolidating family bonds and transmitting the treasure of the faith. Today — it's hard to say it — but it seems that grandparents disturb. In this throw away culture, grandparents are "discarded," they grow away. But the grandparents are the wisdom; they are the memory of a people, the memory of families! And the grandparents must transmit this memory to the grandchildren. Young people and children must talk with grandparents to carry history forward. Please, don't discard the grandparents. May they be close to your children, to your grandchildren.

On Sunday morning, I went on pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine of Knock, so dear to the Irish people. There, in the chapel built in the place of the Virgin's apparition, I entrusted all families to her maternal protection, in particular those of Ireland. And although my trip didn't include a visit to Northern Ireland, I addressed a special greeting to its people and encouraged the process of reconciliation, pacification, friendship and ecumenical cooperation.

My visit to Ireland, in addition to great joy, was also to take on the pain and bitterness of the sufferings caused in that country by different forms of abuse, also on the part of members of the Church, and of the fact that in the past Ecclesiastical Authorities were not always able to address these crimes in an appropriate way. The meeting with some survivors left a profound sign — they were eight — and several times I asked the Lord for forgiveness for these sins, for the scandal and for the sense of betrayal procured. The Irish Bishops have undertaken a serious course of purification and reconciliation with those that suffered abuses, and with the help of the national Authorities, they have established a series of severe norms to guarantee the safety of young people. And then, in my meeting with the Bishops, I encouraged them in their effort to remedy the failures of the past with honesty and courage, trusting in the Lord's promises and counting on the profound faith of the Irish people, to inaugurate a season of renewal of the Church in Ireland.

The faith exists in Ireland, there are people of faith, a faith with great roots. But do you know something? There are few vocations to the priesthood. How is it that this faith doesn't so

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK—THANK YOU!

Thanksgiving: \$266

Presbytery: \$326

Thanksgiving Collection is the 'life-blood' of the parish because it is regular income. Consider joining and showing your support!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT to conclude with Benediction at 12 Noon follows the 9 a.m. Mass this Fri. 7 September.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues on 6 September.

NEW MEMBERS TO THE THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN are welcome. **SOME VISITORS or PARISHIONERS** may wish to make a contribution to the Parish Offering but without signing up to the envelope system. Please use the envelopes marked PARISH OFFERING ST GABRIEL'S RESERVOIR.

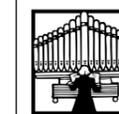
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succeed <here>? Because of these problems, the scandals, many things . . . We must pray that the Lord may send holy priests to Ireland, send new vocations. And we will do so together, praying a "Hail Mary" to Our Lady of Knock. [Recitation of the Hail Mary] Lord Jesus, send us holy priests. . . The next World Meeting of Families will be held in Rome in 2021. We entrust all of them to the protection of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, so that in their homes, parishes and communities they can truly be "joy for the world." Excerpt from Pope Francis, Wednesday General Audience 29 August

May they rest in peace

RECENTLY DECEASED: Charles William Webber

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Forde, Ferdinando Del Romano, Peter, Margaret & Frank Chetcuti, George & Carmena Farrugia, Rita & Joseph Vella



Music at Mass



10 a.m.

Entrance: AOV 28
Psalm Response: CWB 396 (old edition)
Gospel Acclamation
Prep. Of Gifts: AOV 166
Communion: AOV 65
AOV 64
Final Hymn: AOV 131

Ordinary: Freedom

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK—THANK YOU!

Thanks. Envelopes: \$812

*Weekly Average
as at 30.9.17 \$1022*

Presbytery Envelopes: \$367

Loose: \$333

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