

SUNDAY MASSES TIMES

Sat.	6 p.m. Vigil	St Stephen's
Sun.	8:30 a.m. (<i>It. & Eng.</i>)	St Gabriel's St Stephen's
	10 a.m.	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., Tues., Thurs., at 9 a.m.
Fri. at 8 & 9 a.m.
ST STEPHEN'S: Mass Wed. at 9:30 a.m.
Fri. at 11 a.m.
Mass Keon Park Thurs. at 11a.m.

FERIALS, FEASTS & INTENTIONS—

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Mon. ANNIV. of DEDICATION of our CHURCH.

Tues. 30th Week of Ordinary Time
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Wed. 30th Week of Ordinary Time

Thurs. SOL. OF ALL SAINTS

Intention:

Fri. COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Masses: 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. St Gabriel's
11 a.m. St Stephen's

Sat. 30th Week of Ordinary Time **No Mass**
Intention:



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

Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Hactor



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 28.10.2018 -
30a Domenica in Tempo Ordinario

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Mark invites us to join him as he describes Jesus' progress to Jerusalem: situating ourselves among the group that – though they are truly attached to the Saviour – still have so much to learn. At Jerico, with the journey to Jerusalem almost completed, Mark includes the story of Bartimeus the blind beggar. Typical of Mark's style, the brief story has a vivid ring of immediacy. But it also has a telling lesson. Making the blind see is the first of the messianic signs appealed to by Jesus, when – from his prison – John the Baptist sent his friends to ask of Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come?'. Jesus is surrounded by blindness – the bewildered confusion of the twelve; the cruel reaction of the crowd, who 'scolded Bartimeus and told him to keep quiet'; the blindness of those in Jerusalem determined to destroy him. Through his miracle, Jesus makes Bartimeus a living sign of what he is doing in the name of his Father – healing the world's blindness, leading the human family to see in him the truth of God's ways.

God's grace has prepared the blind beggar. As he works the miracle for him, Jesus commends his 'faith'. Unfortunately, many people have a very abstract understand of 'faith' – as an acceptance of revealed truths. 'Faith' has a very concrete meaning when it is referred to by Jesus. For old Israel, God was known through the 'great things' God had done for Israel. God had a plan that was unfolding through the history of the chosen people. The reading from the prophet Jeremiah gives us a glimpse of the startling confidence of old Israel's faith. Though the people have lived through the horrors of defeat and exile, they must look forward, the prophet assures them, to a future filled with blessings – 'Shout with joy... Proclaim! Praise! Shout! The Lord has saved his people'. If they 'left in tears' for the trials of life in a foreign land, their return will be like a new Exodus, the whole company – the strong and the weak – will be led back, as God shows himself to be their loving 'Father'. The 'faith' Jesus frequently speaks of as he works a miracle is a blessed openness that recognises in his coming that the Father's generous plan is beginning to be realised. In contrast to those around Jesus, Bartimeus has this openness. He is the first person in the gospel accounts to address Jesus publicly with the messianic title, 'Son of David' – a title Jesus avoided because of the political overtones it had assumed in his time. He throws off his cloak and hurries forward to ask for the miracle that had been promised as a sign of the messiah of Israel's hopes. His readiness is instantly rewarded, and he joins the company of Jesus' disciples. It is unusual for a person miraculously healed to be named in the gospels. Perhaps Bartimeus was a character who became well known in the apostolic community – soon to be dramatically enlightened by the blessings of the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. The reading from Hebrews develops the theme of Christ, 'given the glory of becoming high priest of the order of Melchisedech' by the Father. Through his resurrection, in the Paschal Mystery, he is revealed as a messiah far greater than Israel's expectations – the eternal Son who comes forth from the Father.

John Thornhill sm

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-9</i>	<i>God promises salvation for the scattered remnant of Israel, return from exile, and a joyful homecoming.</i>
Psalms Response:	The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.	
Second Reading:	<i>Hebrews 5:1-6</i>	<i>Jesus is for ever our great high priest, a kingly priesthood bestowed by God the Father.</i>
Gospel Acc:	Alleluia! Alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through the gospel. Alleluia!	
Gospel Reading:	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>	<i>A blind beggar cries out to Jesus in faith and out of need, and Jesus cures him.</i>

NEXT SUNDAY—DOMENICA PROSSIMA

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—31a Domenica in Tempo Ordinario
Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

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GENERAL MEETINGS, EVENTS, NEWS & HUMOUR



Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting global mission. Your faithful gifts will help provide for so many people around the world. We invite you to consider continuing being a part of mission and furthering life-giving work with us through a regular monthly gift, by volunteering or simply through prayer.

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ENROLMENTS FOR THE OUT OF SCHOOL SACRAMENT PROGRAM FOR 2018 are now open for both Parishes. Enrolments will close on Fri. 2 Nov. Please contact Gracie at the Parish office 9460 6036.

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

VILLA MARIA CATHOLIC HOMES—Aged Care | Affordable Housing | Retirement Living | Home Care | Disability and Specialist Education. A Catholic, not-for-profit organisation providing services to more than 7000 people across Victoria. We observe the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church by celebrating the life of individuals and their communities as expressed in their physical, social and spiritual wellbeing. For more information please phone 1800 036 377 or visit www.vmch.com.au

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.

HAMER SINGERS: THE TENDERNESS OF SILENT MINDS—Memories and hopes, laughter and grief, deep anger at what was, exquisite visions of what could be. Extraordinary music by Gustav Mahler, Jóhann Jóhannsson (*The theory of everything*), Sir John Tavener and Arvo Pärt, in the soaring beauty of St Patrick's Cathedral. Sun. 25 November, 3.30 p.m. St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne Bookings: <https://www.hamersingers.com.au/concert-info.html>

MERCY IN THE CITY—To end the Year of Youth, all are welcome to join young people from all over Melbourne for the fourth 'Mercy in the City'. The event will include Adoration followed by a celebration with live music, food and festivities. Sat. 24 November, 7 p.m. Sts Peter and Paul's, 377 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne

A VOCATION VIEW: *“Master grant that I may see’. The values we were blind to in our youth, now become clear. Blindness gives way to vision through faith in Jesus. As children of God, we are called to do good things, and to witness God’s love.*



Dates for your Diary

Mon. 29 October
Anniversary of the dedication of St Gabriel's
Thurs. 1 Nov.
Solemnity of All Saints—St Gabriel's at 9 a.m.
Fri. 2 Nov.
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)
St Gabriel's at 8 & 9 a.m.; St Stephen's at 11 a.m.

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended our Parish Forums and heard about our recent achievements and our future plans. Much has been accomplished in our parishes and we are thankful for all the parishioners past and present that have been a part of our parish family. In recent weeks we have reflected our parish as a *community of faith* – gathering for Mass and how we can make our own contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries.

This week brings it all together. We look to the future – imagining what sort of parish we want to be. Ours is one filled with optimism – but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual is we are to achieve our dreams.

This week we ask you to finalise your commitments by: Signing up for a Parish Group or Ministry Making your meaningful pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Program

We kindly ask parishioner sto complete a pledge card and a Groups & Ministries form this weekend to help keep our follow-up to a minimum

We welcome **Fr James Grant** who will be with us over the weekend encouraging us with our commitments. We also welcome the **Program Co-ordinator, Lorella Di Paolo** from the Parish Development team of the Archdiocese of Melbourne who will be available after Mass for any questions you may have.

We thank you in advance for your generous support.

FROM ST PETER: *“The Church of God that will last into eternity is the Church of living stones, built upon the cornerstone of Christ that must constantly be built up.” (1 Peter 2:5)*

PROGRAMMA DI RINGRAZIAMENTO

Siamo arrivati all'ultima settimana del nostro Programma di Ringraziamento. Ringraziamo tutti i parrocchiani che hanno partecipato ai nostri Incontri Parrocchiali mercoledì



A young couple moved to a new neighbourhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbour hanging the washing on the line. “That laundry isn't very clean” she said sourly, “that woman doesn't know how to wash. Perhaps she needs better detergent. Her husband looked on and said nothing. Every time the neighbour hung out her washing the young woman said the same thing. About a month later the young woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the neighbour's line and said to her husband, “She has finally learned how to wash! I wonder who taught her.” The husband replied, “I got up early this morning and washed our windows.”

PARISHES' INFORMATION



ROSTERS FOR 3 / 4 NOVEMBER Readers & Extraordinary Ministers

6 p.m. M. Beck / L. Piazza
B. Harris / J. Callegari / O. Callegari
8:30 a.m. E. Palermo / C. Carnovale

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.

scorso. Riconosciamo tutti voi che per tanti anni avete sostenuto la nostra parrocchia e vi ringraziamo di cuore. Nelle ultime settimane abbiamo riflettuto sul ruolo della fede nelle nostre vite e sull'importanza di riunirci per celebrare la Santa Messa insieme. Abbiamo riflettuto sulla nostra parrocchia come una comunità di fede e nel essere partecipe nei gruppi e ministeri che abbiamo qui. Questa settimana rifletteremo sul nostro futuro - immaginando che tipo di parrocchia vogliamo essere nel futuro. La nostra è piena di ottimismo - ma una che ha bisogno del sostegno e del contributo di ogni persona.

Oggi a messa avete ricevuto un 'pledge card'. Chiediamo a tutti i parrocchiani di partecipare nel nostro Programma. Riempite il 'pledge card' e riportatelo a Messa la prossima settimana. Questo cartellino serve per ricevere le buste dell'offerta che già avete. Sono tanti anni che non chiediamo ai parrocchiani di assistere nel mantenere la parrocchia ma ora é necessario. Se già avete le buste siete pregati di riempire il cartellino con la nuova promessa. Se non le avete, oggi avete l'opportunità di contribuire alla nostra parrocchia.

Ringraziamo tutti coloro che hanno già le buste che portano a messa ogni settimana. Chiediamo un nuovo impegno. La Signorina Lorella Di Paolo che parla italiano sarà con noi alla messa e vi aiuterà se avete qualche domanda.

Ringraziamo la nostra splendida comunità italiana qui a St Gabriel's e St Stephen's per tutto ciò che fate nella nostra parrocchia e per tutto la fede che vi accompagna. Sia lodato il Signore.

Stewardship Program Prayer

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.
Through our Baptism we are called to service
and to witness.
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.
By serving others we follow your example
and proclaim our beliefs.
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate
our love and care.
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,
to grow in faith and service
and to give without counting the cost.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK—THANK YOU!

Thanksgiving: \$235
Presbytery: \$371 Catholic Mission: \$149
Thanksgiving Collection is the 'life-blood' of the parish because it is regular income. Consider joining and showing your support!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues on 15 November.



2019 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available from the Piety stall at \$9 each. **MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS** are also available for \$7—pack of 10.

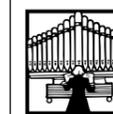
A Prayer in Time of Drought

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.

May they rest in peace

RECENTLY DECEASED: Christine McKernan, Mary Rebbechi, Carmel Brown

ANNIVERSARIES: Dan O'Donahoe, Peg Anderson, Margaret Stone, Terry Torney, Peter, Margaret, Frank Chetcuti, George, Carmen, Joe, Charlie Farrugia, Rita & Joseph Vella, Georgina & Silvo Satler



Music at Mass



10 a.m.

Entrance:
Psalm Response: CWB (old edition)
Gospel Acclamation
Prep. Of Gifts: **No Hymn List available at time of Printing.**
Communion:
Final Hymn:
Ordinary: Freedom

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK—THANK YOU!

Thanks. Envelopes: \$903
Presbytery Envelopes: \$356
Loose: \$402 Catholic Mission: \$668
Weekly Average as at 30.9.17 \$1022

Respond to our Stewardship Program!