

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 Tues., Thurs. & Fri. at 9 a.m.

ST STEPHEN'S: Mass Wed. at 9:30 a.m.
No Mass Keon Park Thurs. at 11a.m.

FERIALS, FEASTS & INTENTIONS—

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Mon. 33rd Week of Ordinary Time **No Mass**

Tues. 33rd Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: Antonio Morello (ill)

Wed. The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Intention:

Thurs. St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Intention:

Fri. 33rd Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: Patrick Michael Mayol & Leonie Gabriel

Sat. St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyrs **No Mass**

Intention:



The Partnered Parishes of

St. Gabriel, Reservoir

and

St Stephen of Hungary, East Reservoir

Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Hactor



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 18.11.2018 -

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TODAY'S MASS

First Reading: *Daniel 12:1-3 In the midst of tumult the Lord will protect his people.*

Psalm Response: **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:11-14 18 Jesus, in his death and rising, brings salvation to all.*

Gospel Acc: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: *Mark 12:38-44 The Lord will come again in great power and glory.*



NEXT SUNDAY—DOMENICA PROSSIMA

Solemnity of Christ the King—Cristo Rè
Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

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The cycle of the Church's year is coming to an end. The 'end of the world' – when God's great plan for creation will be realized – will be one of the themes of the liturgy during the coming weeks. In the time of Jesus, centuries of frustration under occupying powers had given rise among the Jewish people to a form of literature (today called 'apocalyptic') that expressed a confidence that, despite all appearance to the contrary, God's promises – so important in the faith of old Israel – would be fulfilled in 'a new heaven and a new earth'. Some of this literature is included in the Scriptures – the prophecy of Daniel, from which our first reading comes, is an example. This literature has often been misunderstood by 'fundamentalist' interpreters. Its startling images of the passing away of the present world were not intended to describe how the end will come; its essential message was an assurance that God's designs will be fulfilled, despite all appearances to the contrary. Jesus preached the coming of the final reign of God; it is not surprising, therefore, that he used some of the images and expression of this literature - as he does in today's gospel, the final section of a long passage that gathers together recollections of this teaching of Jesus.

The title, 'Son of Man' – adopted by Jesus as a subtle intimation of his role in the designs of God – comes from the prophecy of Daniel. Coming from God, the 'Son of Man' will fulfill the great destiny of Israel, bringing all the peoples of the world under God's reign. The community that gave us Mark's gospel rejoices in the knowledge that the Son of Man has truly come - Israel's hopes have been realized. For the early Christians, this confidence raised challenging questions, that took some time to resolve – if, in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery, God's final achievement in creation has been realized, what are we to make of our life in a world that seems to go on as before? In the face of this problem, today's gospel reflects the outlook of a community that is finding a healthy balance. Though it speaks with certainty of the coming of the end, it acknowledges that 'nobody knows' when it will be fully manifest 'but the Father'. Echoing the language of literature such as the prophecy of Daniel about the signs of the end, it nevertheless urges constant vigilance, lest believers be taken unawares – one of the themes of the preaching of Jesus. We know God's final achievement has been realized in the Christ's risen greatness; but we wait in faith and hope for our full sharing in all that Christ has promised. With Mark's community, we place our trust – whatever lies ahead of us - in the one who said: 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away'.

John Thornhill sm

GENERAL MEETINGS, EVENTS, NEWS & HUMOUR

LITURGY MEETING this Tues. at 7 p.m. in the **Bethany Room** of St Gabriel's Parish Centre to prepare for Advent and Christmas. All interested parishioners are welcome, especially if you ticked your interest on the Parish Groups and Ministry form.

ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday 2 December with Colin Jenkins, organist. The recital is free (and will run for 25 minutes) and will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre.

ENROLMENTS FOR THE OUT OF SCHOOL SACRAMENT PROGRAM FOR 2018 are now open for both Parishes. 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

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>

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.

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP PRODUCTION of *CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG* will perform in the Parish/School hall on Tues. 27 November, Thurs. & Fri. 29 & 30 November at 7:30 p.m. and Sat. 1 December at 4:00 p.m. Tickets from www.trybooking.com/XTFT Try Booking Website or Contact: Judy O'Meara 0488 580 145

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. at Sts Peter and Paul's, 377 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne

LOURDES DAY MASS—A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy, with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. On this occasion we celebrate Our Lady's appearance to a young girl, Bernadette, in 1858 in Lourdes, France. Through a set of private revelations, Mary revealed herself as 'the Immaculate Conception'. Sat. 1 December, 10.30 a.m. St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place East Melbourne

A VOCATION VIEW: *'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence.'* Let our Vocation be, to be one with God—forever.



Dates for your Diary

Sun. 25 Nov.

Solemnity of Christ the King

Tues. 27 November—St Gabriel's Theatre Group Production of *Chitty-Chitty Bang, Bang* commences.

Sun. 2 Dec.

1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)

In today's catechesis, we will address the Eighth Word of the Decalogue: "Do not bear false witness against your neighbor."

This Commandment — says the Catechism — "forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relations with others" (n. 2464). To live of inauthentic communications is grave because it impedes relationships and, therefore, impedes love. Where there is a lie there is no love, love can't be exercised. And when we speak of communication between persons we mean not only words but also gestures, attitudes, even silences, and absences. A person speaks with all that he is and does. We are all in communication always. We all live communicating and we are continually poised between the truth and lies.

But what does it mean to tell the truth? Does it mean to be sincere or exact? In reality, this isn't enough, because one can be sincerely in error, or one can be precise in the detail but not gather the meaning of the whole. Sometimes we justify ourselves saying: "But I said what I felt!" Yes, but you have absolutized your point of view. Or "I only said the truth!" It may be so, but you have revealed personal or reserved facts. How much gossip destroys communion because it's inopportune or lacking in delicacy! Rather, gossip kills, and the Apostle James says this in his Letter. Gossipers are people who kill: they kill others because the tongue kills as a knife. Beware! A gossip is a terrorist because with his tongue he hurls the bomb and leaves calmly, but the thing that that hurled bomb says destroys others' reputation. Don't forget: to gossip is to kill.

But then, what is the truth? This is the question asked by Pilate, precisely while Jesus was carrying out the Eighth Commandment before him (Cf. *John* 18:38). In fact, the words "Do not bear false witness against your neighbor" belong to forensic language. The Gospels culminate in the account of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection; and this is the account of a trial, of the execution of the sentence and of an unheard of consequence.

Interrogated by Pilate, Jesus says: "For this, I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth" (*John* 18:37). And Jesus gives this "witness" with his Passion and Death. The evangelist Mark recounts that "the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that He thus breathed his last, he said:

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It was a disastrous year for farmers as the drought worsened. The government stepped in and provided relief. "It must be terrible," a government agent said to a farmer, "with such little rain." "Could have been worse," the farmer responded calmly. "My neighbour has needed more water." "How's that," said the city slicker, from the government agency. "More land," said the farmer.

PARISHES' INFORMATION



ROSTERS FOR 24 / 25 NOVEMBER Readers & Extraordinary Ministers

6 p.m. M Beck / L. Lillburn
O. Callegari / J. Callegari

8:30 a.m. L. Carusi / P. Bettin
M. Bettin

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.

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"Truly this man was the Son of God!" (15:39). Yes, because He was coherent, He was coherent: with his way of dying, Jesus manifests the Father, His merciful and faithful love. The truth finds its full realization in the person of Jesus himself (Cf. *John* 14:6), in His way of living and dying, the fruit of His relationship with the Father. This existence as children of God, He, risen, gives it also to us by sending the Holy Spirit who is Spirit of truth, who attests to our heart that God is our Father (Cf. *Romans* 8:16). In every act of his, man affirms or denies this truth — from little daily situations to more demanding choices. But it's always the same logic: that which parents and grandparents teach us when they tell us not to tell lies. Let us ask ourselves: what truths attest the works of us Christians, our words or our choices? Each one can ask himself: am I a witness of truth, or am I more or less a liar disguised as true? Each one must ask him/herself. We, Christians, aren't exceptional men and women. However, we are children of the heavenly Father, who is good and doesn't delude us and puts in our hearts love for brothers. This truth isn't said so much with speeches; it's a way of existing, a way of living, and it's seen in every single act (Cf. *James* 2:18). This man is a true man, that woman is a true woman: one can see it. But why, if he doesn't open his mouth? But he/she behaves as true. He/she says the truth, acts with truth — a good way of living for us.

The truth is God's wonderful revelation, of His face of Father, and His boundless love. This truth corresponds to human reason but surpasses it infinitely, because it's a gift come down on earth and incarnated in Christ crucified and risen; it is rendered visible by one to whom it belongs and shows his same attitudes.

Not to bear false witness means to live as a child of God, who never, never denies himself, never tells lies; live as children of God, letting emerge in every act the great truth: that God is Father and we can trust in Him. I trust God: this is the great truth. From our trust in God, who is Father and loves me, loves us, my truth is born and my being true and not a liar.

General Audience of 14 November

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK—THANK YOU!

Thanksgiving: \$274

Presbytery: \$277 Deaf Appeal: \$67

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

WE WELCOME into the Church and our Parish Family **Jamie Giannantoni & Ayden Estago** whose baptism we celebrate today.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues on 22 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.

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.*

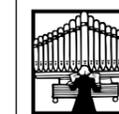
*Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,
to grow in faith and service*

*and to give without counting the cost.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May they rest in peace

RECENTLY DECEASED: Geraldine Noel Gebbie

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuseppe Acquaro, Bill Reilly, Joan Power, Patrick Michael Mayol, Leonie Gabriel



Music at Mass



10 a.m.

Entrance: CWB 457
Psalm Response: CWB 269 (old edition)
Gospel Acclamation CWB 43
Prep. Of Gifts: CWB 514
Communion: CWB 598

Final Hymn: CWB 577

Ordinary: ICEL

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK—THANK YOU!

Thanks. Envelopes: \$ 810

Weekly Average
as at 30.9.17 \$1022

Presbytery Envelopes: \$385

Loose: \$416

Deaf Appeal: \$689

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