

## SUNDAY MASSES TIMES

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

### 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.  
Mass at Keon Park Thurs. at 11a.m.

### FERIALS, FEASTS & INTENTIONS—

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**Mon.** Ordinary Time 4 **NO MASS**

**Tues.** Ordinary Time 4 **NO MASS**

*Funeral Mass for Raffaele Graziano at 10:30 a.m.*

**Wed.** St Agatha, virgin, martyr  
*Intention:*

**Thurs.** St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs  
*Intention:*

**Fri.** Ordinary Time 4  
*Intention: Catherine Heagerty—Anniv.*

**Sat.** Ordinary Time 4 **NO MASS**  
*Intention:*



The Partnered Parishes of  
**St. Gabriel, Reservoir**  
and  
**St Stephen of Hungary, East Reservoir**  
Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Hactor



**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**- 03.02.2019 -**  
**4a Domenica in Tempo Ordinario**

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## TODAY'S MASS

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19* God has appointed Jeremiah to be his prophet and promises to be with him.

**Psalm Response:** **I will sing of your salvation.**

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13* Paul's hymn to love—the greatest of all gifts.

**Gospel Acc.:** **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 4:21-30*

*Approval quickly turns to hostility as Jesus preaches the good news in his home town.*



### NEXT SUNDAY—DOMENICA PROSSIMA

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—5a Domenica in Tempo Ordinario**

*Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11*

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The theme of today's liturgy is the role of the prophet. Prophets have always had an important place in the life of the Church. This comes as a surprise to most people – probably because they think of prophets as those who predict future events: something that rarely happened. Prophets are people who – because they are in tune with God – help us to see things as God sees them. They point out the way God is calling us to follow, and remind us of the future God has in store for those who trust in him. At Vatican II, it was recognized that the important contribution such people can make has been neglected in the life of the Church in recent centuries. Every healthy Christian community has its prophets; we should be grateful for them and open to what they have to contribute to our life together. As Vatican II has told us, we are all called – through our baptism – to share in Christ's role as the Father's great Prophet.

The first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us of the importance of the prophets of the Old Testament. In tune with God's ways, they called the people and their rulers to recognize these ways and to live by them. Jeremiah knew that he was called to a difficult role. His life was in constant danger, and he knew great suffering, because he answered God's call. We are all called to stand up for the ways of God. Down through the ages, even to our own day, many Christians have given their lives because they knew that they were called to challenge the world's selfishness and blindness.

Jesus – sent to give his witness to the ways of his Father – was the greatest of all prophets. In the end, he gave his life for the truth he brought to the world. In today's gospel reading from Luke – a continuation of the passage we heard last Sunday – we see Jesus sharing in the kind of experience many have had, as they have tried to build up the life of a small, closed community. When they heard him speak, the people of his village were filled with surprise and admiration at first; but they found it hard to accept the new role Jesus had assumed – why had he ministered in rival towns before coming to them? In the end, however, Jesus experienced the violent reaction Jeremiah had known. As he challenged them to broaden their horizons and recognize that God's blessings to be given to the gentiles, their mood changed, and they came close to lynching him. It is obvious that this took place when the ministry of Jesus was well established. However, Luke begins the story of the ministry in Galilee with this incident because it provides a kind of summary of what is to follow – the Good News of God's generous ways is rejected by the people of the Synagogue, who seek his death. Luke may well, in the mysterious escape of Jesus, be foreshadowing the final triumph of the Resurrection.

Today's familiar reading from St Paul to the Corinthians is a splendid complement to our main theme. Having 'the gift of prophecy' and an 'understanding of all the mysteries' will achieve nothing if it is not inspired by love. Nothing opens the way to the hearing of a challenging message more effectively than an approach full of good will – if faith, hope and love are the constants in the shared life of the Church, 'the greatest of these is love'.

John Thornhill sm

## GENERAL MEETINGS, EVENTS, NEWS & HUMOUR

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION AND ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday 7 February, 6:30–8:30 p.m., St Patrick's Cathedral. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, the South Sudanese Catholic Community and the broader community will mark this important day with a Holy Hour at 6.30 p.m. followed by the Vigil Mass of St Josephine Bakhita at 7:30 p.m. Enquiries: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)

**PALMS INFORMATION SESSION** Saturday 2 March 2019, 10:30 a.m. Ross House, Jenny Florence Room, 247-251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

### FOUNDATIONS IN YOUTH MINISTRY CAMP: CORE

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth invites all new youth ministers (1–3 years' experience) to join us for a camp to build foundations in leadership, ministry and the life of Christ. This camp will allow you to learn practical skills in planning and running all aspects of youth ministry as well as an opportunity to meet others in the same role as you. Cost: \$85 including all meals and accommodation. Fri. 22 to Sun. 24 February Don Bosco Camp, 52–62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach Registrations: [www.trybooking.com/YSJJ](http://www.trybooking.com/YSJJ) Enquiries: [aoy@cam.org.au](mailto:aoy@cam.org.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 8414 6000.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - Listen to what the Spirit is saying.** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

“You too, dear young people, can experience this whenever you think that your mission, your vocation, even your life itself, is a promise far off in the future, having nothing to do with the present.

As if being young were a kind of waiting room, where we sit around until we are called. And in the “meantime”, we adults or you yourselves invent a hygienically sealed future, without consequences, where everything is safe, secure and “well insured”. A “make-believe” happiness. So we “tranquilize” you, we numb you into keeping quiet, not asking or questioning; and in that “meantime” your dreams lose their buoyancy, they begin to become flat and dreary, petty and plaintive (cf. Palm Sunday Homily, 25 March 2018). Only because we think, or you think, that your now has not yet come, that you are too young to be involved in dreaming about and working for the future.”

*Excerpt from Homily of Pope Francis, WYD Panama 27 Jan.*

**A VOCATION VIEW:** *The Lord says: “Before I formed you in th womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you.” Always listen to an Old Friend.*



### Dates for your Diary

**Sun. 17 February**

St Gabriel's 90 Year Celebration

Today I will reflect with you on the Apostolic Journey I undertook in the past days to Panama. I invite you to render thanks to the Lord with me, for this grace that He willed to give to the Church and to the people of that dear country. I thank Mister President of Panama and the other Authorities, the Bishops and I thank all the volunteers— there were so many — for their warm and friendly welcome, the same that we saw in the people everywhere, who rushed to greet us with great faith and enthusiasm. Something that struck me very much: the people lifted the children with their arms as if saying: “Here is my pride, here is my future!” And they made us see the children, but there were so many! And the fathers and mothers were proud of that child. I thought: how much dignity there is in this gesture, and how eloquent it is for the demographic winter that we are living in Europe! The children are the pride of the family. The children are the security for the future. The demographic winter, without children, is hard!

The reason for this trip was the World Youth Day; however, to the meetings with young people were interlaced others with the country's realities: the Authorities, the Bishops, young prisoners, the consecrated and a family house. Everything was as though “infected” and “amalgamated” by the joyful presence of the young people: a celebration for them and a celebration for Panama, and also for the whole of Central America, marked by so many dramas and needy of hope and peace, and also of justice.

The meeting of young people of native and Afro-American peoples preceded this World Youth Day. A beautiful gesture: native young people and Afro-descendent young people had five days of encounter. There are so many in that region. They opened the door of the World Day. And this was an important initiative, which manifested still better the multi-form face of the Church in Latin America: Latin America is *mestiza* [mixed blood]. Then, with the arrival of groups from the whole world, the great symphony was formed of faces and languages, typical of this event. To see all the flags parade together, dancing in the hands of young people, joyful to meet one another is a prophetic sign, a counter-current sign in relation to today's sad tendency to conflictive nationalisms, which raise walls and are closed to universality, to the encounter between peoples. It's a sign that Christian young people are leaven of peace in the world.

This WYD had a strong Marian imprint because it's theme was the Virgin's words to the Angel: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). It was intense to hear these words pronounced by representatives of young people of five Continents, and especially to see it shown on their faces. As long as there are new

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It was the day of the big sale at a store and the advertising and word of mouth resulted in a large and eager crowd of shoppers who formed a long queue well before the doors were opened. A little man tried to push his way to the front of the line, only to be pushed back and told where to go in no uncertain terms. The little man tried a second time to get to the front of the queue only to be punched and pushed and shoved around. His glasses were knocked to the ground and as he bent to pick them up he was pushed harder again to the end of the line. As he dusted himself down and fixed his glasses he said to the man in front of him, at the end of the line: “That does it! If they hit me and push me back one more time, I won't open the store!”

## PARISHES' INFORMATION



### ROSTERS FOR 09 / 10 FEBRUARY

Readers & Special Ministers

6 p.m. L. Piazza / H. Nowak

O. Callegari / J. Callegari

8:30 a.m.

V. Pennis / P. Bettin / M. Bettin

**ST STEPHEN'S 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 about us and encourage them to visit the school!

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generations capable of saying “here I am” there will be a future for the world.

Among the stages of the WYD, there is always the *Via Crucis*. To walk with Mary behind Jesus, who carries the cross, is the school of Christian life: one learns there patient, silent and concrete love. I will share a confidence with you: I like very much to do the *Via Crucis* because it is to go with Mary behind Jesus. And I always carry with me a pocket *Via Crucis*, which was given to me by a very apostolic person in Buenos Aires, to do it at any moment. And when I have time, I take it and follow the *Via Crucis*. You, too, do the *Via Crucis*, because it is to follow Jesus with Mary on the way of the cross, where he gave His life for us, for our Redemption. In the *Via Crucis*, one learns patient, silent and concrete love. At Panama, young people carried, with Jesus and Mary, the weight of the condition of so many suffering brothers and sisters in Central America and in the whole world. Among these are so many young people victims of different forms of slavery and poverty. And, in this connection, there were very significant moments: the Penitential Liturgy I celebrated in a House of re-education of minors and the visit to the “Good Samaritan” Family-House, which hosts people affected by HIV/AIDS.

The culmination of the WYD and of the trip was the Vigil and the Mass with young people. In the Vigil — in that field full of young people who did the Vigil, they slept there and at 8 o'clock in the morning they took part in the Mass — renewed in the Vigil was the lively dialogue with all boys and girls, enthusiastic and also capable of silence and listening. They passed from enthusiasm to listening to silent prayer. I proposed Mary to them as she who, in her littleness, “influenced” more than any other the history of the world: we called her the “influencer of God.” Reflected in her “*fiat*” were the beautiful and strong testimonies of some young people. On Sunday morning, in the great final Eucharistic celebration, Christ Risen, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, spoke again to the world's young people, calling them to live the Gospel today, because young people aren't the “tomorrow”; no, they are the “today” for the “tomorrow.” They are not “in the meantime,” but they are the today, the now of the Church and of the world. And I appealed to the responsibility of the adults so that the new generations do not lack education, work, community, and family. And this is the key at this moment in the world because these things are lacking — instruction, that is, education. Work: how many young people are without it. Community: that they feel welcomed, in the family, in the society.

The meeting with all the Bishops of Central America was, for

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK—THANK YOU!**

Thanksgiving: \$220

New weekly amount pledged: \$356

Presbytery: \$258

**WE WELCOME** into the Church and our Parish Family Lucia Gianna Garcia & William Saia whose baptisms we celebrate today.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** continues this Thurs. 7 Feb. 2019.

**ST GABRIEL'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL** celebrates its 90th birthday this year. If you have photos and memorabilia please contact Fr Hoctor

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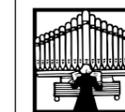
me, a moment of special consolation. Together we let ourselves be taught by the witness of the holy Bishop Oscar Romero, to learn ever better to “feel with the Church” — it was his episcopal motto —, in closeness to young people, to the poor, to priests, to the holy faithful People of God.

The consecration of the altar of the restored Cathedral of Santa Maria La Antigua in Panama had an intense symbolic value. It was closed for seven years for the restoration — a sign of rediscovered beauty, to the glory of God and for the faith and celebration of His People. The Chrism that consecrates the altar is the same that anoints the baptized, Confirmation candidates, priests, and Bishops. May the family of the Church in Panama, and in the whole world, be able to draw from the Holy Spirit ever new fruitfulness so that the pilgrimage of the young missionary disciples of Jesus Christ may continue and spread over the earth.

### May they rest in peace

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Helen Maund SGS, Raffaele Graziano, Bill Bowdern

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paola Rizzi (1st. Anniv.), Catherine Heagerty



### Music at the

6 p.m. & 10 a.m. Masses



Entrance: CWB 457  
Psalm Response: CWB 360 (old ed.)  
Gospel Acclamation: CWB 43  
Prep. Of Gifts: CWB 443  
Communion: CWB 553

Final Hymn: CWB 588

Ordinary: *Shalom* CWB 27

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Thanks. Envelopes: \$1029 *New weekly amount pledged \$1235*

Presbytery: \$345

Loose: \$406

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