

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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.
Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330

LEGION OF MARY

Our Parish Legion of Mary invites families to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week of family prayer.

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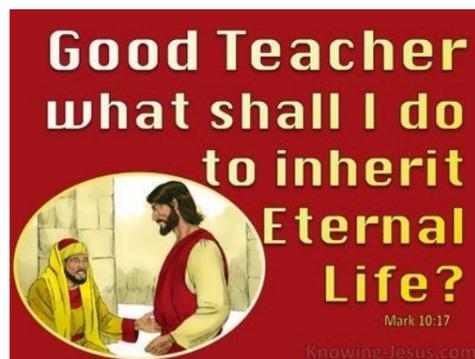
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$60
My Simple Mass book \$8 (children)
My Little Missal \$8 (children)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

"The Spirit of Wisdom" is preferable to all else because it enables us to see all of reality with perfect clarity. This is what the rich young man lacks. He comes to Jesus weighed down by his own weaknesses and attachments, unaware that his greatest treasure is standing right before him, looking at him with love. The disciples fear that total abandonment to Christ is impossible, but the Word of God in flesh is able to penetrate our hearts and make them capable of amazing generosity. We have only to pray, "Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice."



NEXT SUNDAY—DOMENICA PROSSIMA

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Isaiah 55:10-11
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

May They Rest In Peace

Recently Deceased
Deacon Charles English
Francis Jansz

Anniversaries of Death
Jack Lynch
Leacy & Lynch Families

Prayer during times of crisis

The last eighteen months have been difficult—and for some of us, the difficulties still remain. Everyday the media floods us with news that is not always uplifting. But this experience can also be an invitation to draw closer to God and to deepen our life of prayer. He is the "eternal Rock" (Isaiah 26:4) - our only security, our true hope. In order not to fall into worry or discouragement, we need to rediscover or deepen this relationship. He is the one who, in times of crisis, makes himself closer to us. He is the one who loves us infinitely and who asks only to support and encourage us.

We have a great need to put ourselves regularly under God's gaze, to welcome his gentle presence, to nourish ourselves with his love and his word. It is there, near the God of peace, in this "Ocean of peace that is the Holy Trinity," as Catherine of Siena says, that we will find peace of heart. It is there that we will find all that we need to face our situations in faith and in trust. As St. John Paul II said in his apostolic exhortation *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (2001), Christians who do not pray are "Christians at risk".

There are two aspects to our prayer life. The first one involves making our whole lives, as much as possible, a conversation with God. In the course of our days, in a simple and familiar way, we should turn our hearts and thoughts toward him often, believing that he is always looking at us with love. Everything that is part of our lives can nourish this conversation: the beautiful things help us give him praise and thanks, the difficulties help us to ask for his aid, and even our faults help us ask him for forgiveness! This should be very encouraging to us. Everything, good and bad, can become an opportunity to talk to God and to draw closer to him, as a child draws close to his father.

The second one involves taking breaks to regularly spend time just with God—to disconnect ourselves for a moment from the demands of our lives in order to be in his presence. For example, we can start with just fifteen minutes a day, and then periodically devote a longer amount of time, such as an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the parish chapel. In these times, God can pour out his grace upon us. He can bring us strength and hope, and in his presence, our hearts can change.

Fr. Jacques Philippe wau.org

The Our Father is the only prayer that Jesus himself taught his disciples (Mt 6:9-13; Lk 11:2-4). That is why the Our Father is also called "the Lord's Prayer". Christians of all Christian denominations pray it daily, both in the liturgy and privately. The conclusion, "For thine is the kingdom..." is mentioned as early as the "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles" (Didache, ca. A.D. 150), and so it can be added to the Our Father.

The Our Father is "the most perfect prayer" (St. Thomas Aquinas) and the "summary of the whole Gospel" (Tertullian).

The Our Father is more than a prayer - it is a path that leads directly into the heart of our Father. The early Christians recited this original prayer of the Church, which is entrusted to every Christian at Baptism, three times a day. We, too, should not let a day pass without trying to recite the Lord's Prayer with our lips, to take it to heart, and to make it come true in our lives.

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Partnered Parishes of St Gabriel Reservoir & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time B
10.10.2021

**CHURCHES ARE CLOSED
DURING LOCKDOWN**

Sunday Mass

from

St Patrick's Cathedral

11am

Channel 44

melbournecatholic.org.au

**Daily Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral
Prayer of the Day
Daily readings**

St John XXIII—Monday 11 October

Before he was elected Pope John XXIII in 1958, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli had served as a military chaplain and a Vatican diplomat in Bulgaria, Turkey, and France. He had ministered to war-wounded soldiers and helped Jews fleeing the Nazis obtain transit visas. As pope, he convened the Second Vatican Council on 11 October 1962. That evening, he told the gathered faithful, "When you head home, find your children. Hug and kiss your children and tell them: 'This is the hug and kiss of the pope.'... Give anyone who suffers a word of comfort. Tell them, 'The pope is with us especially in our times of sadness and bitterness.'" He died in 1963.

BAPTISMS

Sundays 11:30am
by appointment
Covid-19 restrictions apply.

WEDDINGS

At least six months notice.
No Sunday weddings.
Covid-19 restrictions apply.

The partnered parishes of St Gabriel Reservoir and St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East are committed:
- to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community;
- to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the 2001 legislation of the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.
A copy of the Parishes' Privacy Policy is available to parishioners on request from the Parish office.

*O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing.
Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation
and especially for our Brother Sun,
who brings us the day and the light;
he is strong and shines magnificently.
O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.
Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars
which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens.
Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air
and every kind of weather by which you, Lord,
uphold life in all your creatures.
Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water,
who is very useful to us,
and humble and precious and pure.
Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother,
who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth
fruits and vegetables of many kinds
and flowers of many colours.
Be praised, my Lord,
for those who forgive for love of you;
and for those who bear sickness and weakness
in peace and patience - you will grant them a crown.*

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MenALIVE offers weekly refuel! each Tuesday 7.30pm on zoom us02web.zoom.us/j/87979703609 This time spent with men throughout Australia and New Zealand to review next Sunday's Mass readings using the SOAP method: Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer.

Columban Art Calendar 2022 \$9

Magellan Christmas cards 10 cards \$7

Available from the Parish Office. These can also be delivered to your home address. Please contact the Parish Office 94606036 or reservoir@cam.org.au

Sincere thanks to our parishioners who continue to support our parish, collecting a **Parish Bulletin** and leaving **Parish Thanksgiving** and clergy support at St Gabriel's presbytery. The Parish bulletin can also be found on our website: www.stgabrielsreservoir.org

Thanksgiving contribution by direct debit

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BSB: 083-347 account: 639372585

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BSB: 083-347 account: 145763498