

PROCESSIONAL HYMN AOV 90

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Refrain: Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thess 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Psalm Response

Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AOV 115

Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.
The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in him.

Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.
The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in him.

Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.
The word of the Lord is fire burning strong
His love can never grow weary.
He will seek and save the lost until we all return,
so let us place our trust in him.

COMMUNION HYMNS AOV 164

Refrain: Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again. *Refrain*

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain:
just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. *Refrain*

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup:
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. *Refrain*

AOV 153

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

RECESSIONAL HYMN CWB 598

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.

Shout with gladness, dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. *Refrain*

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. *Refrain*



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

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St Stephen's Church
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First Sunday of Advent C 28.11.2021

***Fully Vaccinated Only**
***Trybooking required**
***Hand sanitise at entry &**
Holy Communion
***Please place Thanksgiving**
in baskets on entry

Weekday Masses

29 November - 3 December

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 4pm St Raphael's
Wednesday 8.30am St Raphael's
Thursday 8.30am St Raphael's
Friday 8.30am St Raphael's

Weekend Masses 4 - 5 December

Saturday 6pm St Stephen's

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVZBZ>

Sunday 10am St Gabriel's

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVZCA>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Stephen's Saturdays 5pm
St Gabriel's Sundays 9am

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.

Thank you for welcoming Fr David Cartwright last weekend. Fr Cartwright also celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening (25.11.2021) at St Gabriel's Church.

We welcome Fr Fayez for Masses this weekend.

Fr Pritchard continues a slow recovery from shingles.

Please note that **weekday Mass** is available at St Raphael's Church Preston West.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal envelopes, can be placed in the collection baskets at the church entry.

Priests appreciate the extra support given in the **Christmas offering**.

Archbishop Comensoli will ordain **5 new priests** for the Archdiocese of Melbourne at St Patrick's Cathedral next Saturday 4 December 10am. The auxiliary Bishops are ordaining a number of transitional deacons in coming weeks. We thank God for the blessing of vocations, and for our seminarians at Corpus Christi College, Carlton.

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 pack \$7
2022 Daily Mass Book \$25

Available from the Parish Office and St Gabriel's church.

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

St Gabriel's Church account
BSB: 083-347 account: 639372585

St Stephen's Church account
BSB: 083-347 account: 145763498

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.
Contact Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE

362 Albert Street East Melbourne www.mmhc.org.au



*Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face
and we shall be saved*

Jesus' warning about anxiety is one of the best pieces of advice we could receive right now. We have all heard the statistic that people are more likely to feel worried or depressed during the month of December than at any other time of the year. The "anxieties of daily life" seem amplified as the holidays approach, and all the emphasis on parties and family gatherings can make some people feel more stressed or isolated. It's not surprising to find our hearts feeling a little "drowsy" as we begin the season of Advent (Luke 21:34)!

But Advent isn't meant to be a season of anxiety. It's meant to be a season of expectation and hope. The Lord is near! He is coming to establish his kingdom! For all the warnings Jesus gives in today's Gospel, and for all the dark and foreboding images of the end that he portrays, his promise outweighs them all: "Your redemption is at hand" (Luke 21:28).

So Jesus warns us to guard our hearts so that we can experience our "redemption" more deeply this Advent. He warns us not to let anything burden us so much that it keeps us from turning to him in prayer or talking with him during the day. He knows that if we keep him at a distance, for whatever reason, we run the risk of becoming spiritually drowsy - dull to his Spirit and unable to sense his presence.

There is so much that your heavenly Father wants to give you during this time of grace: inner healing, a deeper sense of peace or joy, a powerful encounter with his mercy, and wisdom and guidance for your life. If you can spend just a few minutes each day with the Mass readings, you'll be opening your heart to these gifts and more.

*Don't let Advent slip away!
Your redemption is at hand!
Stay awake so that you can receive it!*

May They Rest In Peace

Recently Deceased

Fr Christopher Seton OLSC
Claude McCarter
Richard Jansz
Raffaele Caruso

Anniversaries of Death

Orland Cardinali
Toma Gorial
Erbert Suliman

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2021

Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Wednesday 8 December

St Stephen's 8.30am Holy Rosary
Eucharistic Adoration
9.30pm Mass

St Gabriel's 6pm Holy Rosary
Eucharistic Adoration
7pm Mass

Third Sunday of Advent

Weekend 11-12 December

St Stephen's Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass Confirmation
St Gabriel's Sunday 10am Mass Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens of Jonathan Abuthan

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Stephen's

Saturday 4 December 5pm
Saturday 11 December 5pm
Saturday 18 December 5pm
Wednesday 15 December 10am
Wednesday 22 December 10am

St Gabriel's

Sunday 5 December 9am
Sunday 12 December 9am & 3pm
Sunday 19 December 9am & 3pm
Tuesday 14 December 9.30am
Thursday 16 December 9.30am
Friday 17 December 9.30am
Tuesday 21 December 9.30am & 7pm
Wednesday 22 December 7pm
Thursday 23 December 9.30am & 7pm
Friday 24 December 9.30am

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday 24 December

St Stephen's Reservoir East 6pm
<https://www.trybooking.com/BVPUI>

St Gabriel's Reservoir 7.30pm
<https://www.trybooking.com/BVPUL>

St Gabriel's Reservoir 9pm
<https://www.trybooking.com/BVPUO>

Saturday 25 December

St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am
<https://www.trybooking.com/BVPUS>

Registration by Trybooking ONLY

Christmas Season Blessing of Homes

Register: Parish office 9460 6036
Or email reservoir@cam.org.au

God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming and he prepared for it specifically through the Old Testament, culminating with John the Baptist who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent. Compendium n102

Blessing of Family Advent Wreath

Lord God,
your Church joyfully awaits the coming of her Saviour, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,
I love You, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with You there.*

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the Cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendour, remind us of the life-giving Cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Blessing of the Family Meal

God, the Father of mercies, You willed your Son to take flesh, In order to give life back to us. Bless these gifts With which we are about to nourish our bodies, So that, receiving new strength, We may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.