

PROCESSIONAL HYMN AOV 76

Refrain

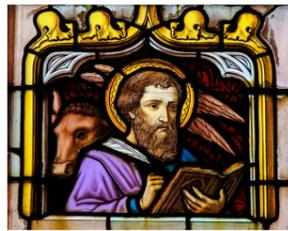
All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders God has done in ev'ry age. *Refrain*

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might
ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord. *Refrain*

The Lord has made his salvation known,
faithful to the promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth,
let the sea and all it holds
make music before our King! *Refrain*

LITURGY OF THE WORD



3rd Sunday of Advent C

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

Psalm Response

Cry out with joy and gladness;
for among you is the great Holy One of Israel."

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AOV 166

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love

I live within you
Deep in your heart, O Love
I live within you
Rest now in me

COMMUNION HYMN AOV 129

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew, servant or free
woman or man, no more *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works
one in the Lord, of all *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

AOV 133

The love we have for you, O Lord,
Is only a shadow of your love for us;
Only a shadow of your love for us,
Your deep abiding love.

Refrain Our lives are in your hands,
Our lives are in your hands;
Our love for you will grow, O Lord;
Your light in us will shine.

The bread we take and eat, O Lord,
Is your body broken and shared with us;
Your body broken and shared with us,
The gift of your great love. *Refrain*

Our own belief in you, O Lord,
Is only a shadow of your faith in us,
Only a shadow of your faith in us;
Your deep and lasting faith. *Refrain*

The joy we share today, O Lord,
Is only a shadow of your joys for us;
Only a shadow of your joys for us;
When we meet face to face. *Refrain*

RECESSIONAL HYMN AOV 131

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

Refrain Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's
goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all. *Refrain*

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days. *Refrain*

NEXT SUNDAY—DOMENICA PROSSIMA

4th Sunday of Advent C

Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44

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

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Third Sunday of Advent C 12.12.2021

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

Weekday Masses

13 December - 17 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

18 - 19 December

Saturday 6pm St Stephen's

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

Sunday 10am St Gabriel's

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

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.

*Cry out with joy and gladness;
for among you
is the great Holy One of Israel.*

Our joy at the approaching feast of Christmas is increased this weekend as we complete the Sacramental Initiation of candidates for Confirmation, and welcome Jonathon Abuthan as he formally commences his journey towards the Easter Sacraments. This has been an arduous year for all of us, and especially for our Sacramental candidates and their families, with many delays, cancellations, postponements and disappointments. Let the grace of the Holy Spirit flow today upon all of us - in his manifold gifts, and his fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, goodness and gentleness.

Baptism joins us with Christ. Confirmation gives us his Spirit. The Eucharist unites us with him. Confession reconciles us with Christ. Through the Anointing of the Sick, Christ heals, strengthens, and consoles. In the sacrament of Matrimony, Christ promises his love in our love and his fidelity in our fidelity. Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, Priests have the privilege of forgiving sins and celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

YOUCAT n. 193

Since the beginning of the Church, adult Baptism is the common practice where the proclamation of the Gospel is still new. The catechumenate (preparation for Baptism) therefore occupies an important place. This initiation into Christian faith and life should dispose the catechumen to receive the gift of God in Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Catechumens are already joined to the Church, they are already of the household of Christ, and are quite frequently already living a life of faith, hope, and charity. With love and solicitude mother Church already embraces them as her own.

Catechism nn 1247, 1249

Let's open our hearts to the joy of Christmas with a sincere Confession. Christ brings us his mercy which lifts us up, and his saving presence which fills our lives and frees us from fear, worry and anxiety.

**The Christmas Novena begins
on Friday 17 December.**
**Let's include the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
in our daily prayer.**

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

- **Visit the museum** that tells the story of St Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's birth place in Fitzroy.
- **Advent with Mary MacKillop** - Online Advent reflection program consisting of 4 one-hour sessions that will be held on Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm on November 24 and December 1, 8, and 15. The sessions will be based on the Advent readings and will be combined with reflections on St Mary of the Cross. Each session will incorporate aspects of the program *Blessed*. Access to sessions via a Teams link provided by MMHC after registration. Please consider donating \$7.50 per session or \$25 for the 4 sessions.

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

Magellan Christmas cards 10 pack \$7
2022 Daily Mass Book \$25
Columban Art Calendar \$9
Journey to Bethlehem Advent Wreath \$95

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PARISH THANKSGIVING

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.stgabrielreservoir.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

Priests appreciate the extra support given in the Christmas offering.



ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

*After the Homily,
the candidates make a Profession of Faith.*

Celebrant:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.
All: Amen

Celebrant:

Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.

Through Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

*The candidates that are anointed with Sacred
Chrism. The Universal Prayer follows;*

Prayer over the People

Celebrant:

Confirm, O God, what you have brought about in us, and preserve in the hearts of your faithful the gifts of the Holy Spirit: may they never be ashamed to confess Christ crucified before the world and by devoted charity may they ever fulfil his commands. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

*Father Pritchard administers
the Sacrament of Confirmation
by special delegation
of Bishop Terrence Curtin DD Canon 882*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Weekend 11-12 December
St Stephen's Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass Sacrament of Confirmation
St Gabriel's Sunday 10am Mass
Acceptance into the Order
of Catechumens of Jonathan Abuthan

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Stephen's

Saturday 11 December 5pm
Saturday 18 December 5pm

St Gabriel's

Sunday 12 December 9am
Sunday 19 December 9am, 3pm
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
email reservoir@cam.org.au

May They Rest In Peace

Recently Deceased
Fr Lyall Cowell OLSC

Month's Mind
Enzo Torrelli

Anniversary of Death
Greg Neilson

Examination of Conscience for Advent

This Advent, Jesus is inviting you to prepare your heart for his coming—not just his first one, in Bethlehem, but his second, when he comes again in glory. He wants you to know the joy of being one with him and of playing your part to build his kingdom on earth. He is ready to remove every barrier, big or small, so that you can say and live a deeper yes and receive more of his life. And so he invites you to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify areas of your life that need God's healing and loving touch. Take time to reflect, and use the following questions as a starting point. Ask Mary to pray for you, too. She is your mother, after all, and she longs to see you traveling the narrow road that will end with Jesus' welcome, "Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

Yes to Love of God

Am I loving and serving God with my whole heart, mind, and strength? Where could I do better? Am I waiting and watching for the Lord through daily prayer? Am I learning to meet him and listen to him in his word? Have I sought him through faithful Mass attendance and the sacraments? Have I used my gift of speech in a way that honours God and builds up his people? Is there anything about it that needs cleaning up—foul language, gossip, complaining, verbal abuse? Do both my mouth and my actions say, "yes, Lord!" Does God hold first place in my life, or has something or someone else weaselled in? Is he the Lord of my time, money, and other resources? Have I been using these gifts to build his kingdom? Has desire or anxiety over money and material things affected my decisions and distracted me from God? Can I honestly say I trust God with every part of my life?

Yes to Love of Neighbour

How am I doing in my relationships with family members, friends, co-workers, neighbours, parishioners? Have any of my words, attitudes, or actions caused disunity? Am I harbouring anger, resentment, or hatred toward someone? Is there anyone I need to forgive? Is there anyone whose forgiveness I need to ask? Do I give appropriate respect to parents, teachers, employers, and all legitimate authority? Do I accept correction from them or from others, or have I sometimes pridefully insisted on my own way? Have I done violence to anyone or treated them with disrespect? Have I used or taken advantage of anyone? Am I helping to build a world where every human being is valued and seen as having dignity? Am I more focused on building myself a cosy, comfortable life than on caring for others? Is God inviting me to say "yes" to some service to people in need? How am I working for the coming of Christ's kingdom of justice and peace? Am I sinning by omission in any of these areas?

*Mother Mary,
help me to surrender my whole life and self to God,
with complete confidence
in both his love and his power
to transform me.*

*Let everything about me echo your own total gift of self:
"Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).*

*Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry
and the respect due to people
every confessor, without any exception
and under very severe penalties,
is bound to maintain "the sacramental seal"
which means absolute secrecy
about the sins revealed to him in confession.
Compendium n309*