

PROCESSIONAL HYMN CWB 476

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God! *Refrain*

Refrain: We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! *Refrain*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

Psalm Response

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

A woman and Jesus meet. She is an adulteress and, in the eyes of the Law, liable to be stoned. Jesus, through his preaching and the total gift of himself that would lead him to the Cross, returned the Mosaic Law to its true and original intent. Here what is central is not the law or legal justice, but the love of God, which is capable of looking into the heart of each person and seeing the deepest desire hidden there; God's love must take primacy over all else. This Gospel account, however, is not an encounter of sin and judgement in the abstract, but of a sinner and her Saviour. Jesus looked that woman in the eye and read in her heart a desire to be understood, forgiven and set free. The misery of sin was clothed with the mercy of love. Jesus' only judgement is one filled with mercy and compassion for the condition of this sinner. To those who wished to judge and condemn her to death, Jesus replies with a lengthy silence. His purpose was to let God's voice be heard in the consciences not only of the woman, but also in those of her accusers, who drop their stones and one by one leave the scene. Jesus then says: "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?... Neither do I condemn you. Go your way and from now on do not sin again". Jesus helps the woman to look to the future with hope and to make a new start in life. Henceforth, if she so desires, she can "walk in charity". Once clothed in mercy, even if the inclination to sin remains, it is overcome by the love that makes it possible for her to look ahead and to live her life differently.

Pope Frances

NEXT WEEKEND 2-3 APRIL

Palm/Passion Sunday C

Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14—23:56

Recently Deceased

Fr Josip Vranjes

*May those who have died
reach the perfection
that comes through faith in Christ*

PREPARATION OF GIFTS CWB 580

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see has been given to me,
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

HOLY COMMUNION CWB 579

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*

CWB 293

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
This love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God. *Refrain*

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
Whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God. *Refrain*

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong
and love that never grows weary.
God will seek and save the lost until we all return,
so let us place our trust in God. *Refrain*

RECESSIONAL HYMN CWB 494

Go now, you are sent forth
to live what you proclaim
To show the world you follow Christ
in fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
To walk this troubled earth,
To share your faith with everyone
And prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth
As God's ambassador;
By serving him in those we meet
We love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth
And Christ goes with you too.
Today you help his kingdom come
In everything you do.

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

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St. Gabriel's Church
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen's Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

5th Sunday of Lent C 3.04.2022

*Please hand sanitise at entry
& Holy Communion*

Masses Lent Reconciliation

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday *St Stephen's*

8.30am Morning Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

9.30am Mass

Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Friday *St Gabriel's*

8.30am Way of the Cross

9am Mass

Saturday *St Stephen's*

Reconciliation 5pm

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday *St Gabriel's*

Reconciliation 9am

10am Mass

Thanksgiving contribution by direct debit

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

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



**Our Parish is committed
to the safety, wellbeing and dignity
of all children and vulnerable adults**

Sincere thanks to parishioners who participated in our Parish meetings after Masses last weekend. All of us understand that the time has come for amalgamation of Reservoir - Reservoir East, affirming much good work and co-operation that has been achieved over the last 10 years. All of us are realistic too about the diocesan program, *Take the Way of the Gospel*, which will see greater levels of cooperation amongst the parishes of our area in the near future. A proposal has been submitted to the Vicar General, suggesting that this area would be best served by 2 full-time priests, an Italian-speaking priest and a permanent deacon. The Dominican Sisters of the Holy Rosary (Philippines) are very keen to come to our part of Melbourne and to serve the mission of the Church among us. In time, Archbishop Comensoli will formally announce the amalgamation.

St Gabriel's & St Stephen's MACS have advised that 9 candidates will present for 1st Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and there are 17 Confirmation candidates. 13 candidates are being prepared for the Sacraments by parish catechist Jen Rebecchi

First Reconciliation Friday 13 May
Confirmation Sunday 15 May 3pm
First Holy Communion Sunday 19 June 10am

Our **thanks** to Ange Braysha and Gary O'Dwyer for a solid morning's work in the gardens and grounds of St Gabriel's Church and Presbytery last weekend.

St Gabriel's Theatre Group announces this year's production, the musical Peter Pan at St Gabriel's Hall. Auditions Sunday 28 August 5.30—10pm. Performances: Tuesday 29 November, Thursday 1 December, Friday 2 December 6pm, Saturday 3 December matinee 2pm; Inquires; Judy O'Meara 0488 580 145 judeome@hotmail.com

The **Archdiocese** has reminded parishes that hand sanitiser must still be available in our churches and face masks must be worn in larger gatherings. Ministers of Holy Communion must wear a face mask and hand sanitise. Parish staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated.

Archbishop Comensoli asks Melbourne Catholics to save the date for two special diocesan celebrations:

175th Anniversary
of the Archdiocese of Melbourne
Saturday 25 June
125th Anniversary
of the Consecration of St Patrick's Cathedral
Thursday 25 October

"I DID ALPHA"
BEAR GRYLLS

WWW.ALPHA.ORG.AU

DISCOVER LIFE'S ULTIMATE ADVENTURE... THE ALPHA COURSE

STARTING 5 MAY
ST FRANCIS HALL 7PM

9407 6700

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
200 Childs Road,
Mill Park 3082
www.cam.org.au/millpark

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
- Donation boxes are below statue of St Joseph in St Gabriel's Church, and near baptismal font in St Stephen's Church.
- **Vinnies Reservoir 10 Edwardes St Reservoir**
1300 736 933 vinnies.org.au/getinvolved
volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au

Vinnies Reservoir welcomes Uni students for placement, year 10+ for work experience, and Duke of Edinburgh award applicants. Volunteers needed 7 days 9am to 12pm

LEGION OF MARY

- Our Parish praesidium (group), dedicated to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, meets every Monday 7.30pm Bethany Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre. *New members are always welcome.*
- Our Parish Legion of Mary invites families to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week of family prayer. *Enquiries Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520*

ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

St Paul's Holy Week Missal \$10
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$60
New Order of Mass \$7
My Simple Mass book \$8 (children)
My Little Missal \$8 (children)
Baptism Candles & Stoles \$15

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Parish 17 Hardy St, Preston West
Wednesdays 1.30pm Contact: Nikki Daniel 9470 5840

HOLY WEEK 2022

St Paul's Holy Week Missal \$10
available from St Gabriel's Piety Stall

Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities," just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of sacraments" (the Great Sacrament). St. Athanasius calls Easter "the Great Sunday" and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week "the Great Week." The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him. Catechism of the Catholic Church 1169

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 9-10 April

Saturday 6pm Mass St Stephen's
Sunday 10am Mass with Procession St Gabriel's

Holy Thursday 14 April

730pm Mass of the Lord's Supper St Gabriel's
10pm The Office of Night Prayer St Gabriel's

Good Friday 15 April

10am The Way of the Cross St Stephen's
3pm The Lord's Passion St Gabriel's

The Easter Vigil 16 April

8pm St Gabriel's

Easter Sunday 17 April

Masses at St Gabriel's 8.30am & 10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2 April, 5pm St Stephen's
Sunday 3 April, 9am & 3pm St Gabriel's
Tuesday 5 April 9.30am St Gabriel's
Wednesday 6 April 10am St Stephen's
Thursday 7 Apr 9.30am St Gabriel's
Friday 8 April 9.30am St Gabriel's
Saturday 9 April 5pm St Stephen's
Sunday 10 April 3pm St Gabriel's
Tuesday 12 April 9.30am & 7pm St Gabriel's
Wednesday 13 April 10am St Stephen's,
7pm St Gabriel's
Thursday 14 April 9.30am St Gabriel's
Saturday 16 April 9.30am St Gabriel's

The celebration of mercy takes place in a very particular way in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Here we feel the embrace of the Father, who comes forth to meet us and grant us the grace of being once more his sons and daughters. We are sinners and we bear the burden of contradiction between what we wish to do and what we do in fact. Yet grace always precedes us and takes on the face of the mercy that effects our reconciliation and pardon. God makes us understand his great love for us precisely when we recognize that we are sinners. Grace is stronger than sin: it overcomes every possible form of resistance, because love conquers all.

Pope Francis

THE THIRD SCRUTINY

The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

RCIA 128

After the Homily, Jonathon and his sponsor, come forward and stand before the Celebrant. The Celebrant first addresses the assembly of the faithful, inviting them to pray in silence, and to ask that the elect will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God. The Celebrant then addresses the elect, inviting him also to pray in silence.



Intercessions for the Elect
Prayer of Exorcism
Laying on of hands
Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens
Profession of Faith

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & FEAST 2022 NOVENA

Good Friday 15 April
to Saturday 23 April 7pm

FEAST OF MERCY

Sunday 24 April
1pm Confessions Adoration,
Prayers Hour of Mercy Holy Mass
Holy Cross Church
707 Glenhuntly Road Caulfield South
www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com



In the great crises of Our Lord on Good Friday, there were many instances of men failing; but there is not a single instance of a woman failing. Peter denied Him, Judas blistered His lips with a kiss; the Apostles slept. But women solaced Him on the way to Calvary; a woman made her way into Pilate's court-room to plead His case. A woman wiped His face on the road to Calvary and became known as "Veronica", which means the "true image", for He left the imprint of His Sacred Face on her veil.

At the foot of the Cross there were three women, and their names were Mary-Mary Magdalene, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary of Nazareth, the Mother of the Saviour. These three women symbolized the three women who do not fail civilization. Mary Magdalene symbolizes those who take hold of tangled skeins of a wrecked and ruined life and weave out of them the beautiful tapestry of saintliness and holiness; she is the model of women who inspire others in the social, political, and economic order to make love redemptive through kindness, affection, and sacrifice.

Mary of Cleophas, the mother of James the Less, taught obedience to her son-an obedience that eventually made him the apostle of the Wisdom of the World. She is the model of all others who raise children in virtue and goodness.

Finally, there was Mary the Contemplative, who left the lights and glamour of the world for the shade and shadows of the Cross, where saints are made.

These are the women who do not fail. We salute them! We toast them-not as modern women, "once our superiors, now our equals". Rather, we toast them as women who never fail, women who were closest to the Cross on Good Friday, and first at the tomb on Easter Morn.

Servant of God Fulton J Sheen

PARISH FINANCE REPORT JANUARY-MARCH 2022

	THANKS-GIVING ST GABRIEL	CLERGY SUPPORT ST GABRIEL	THANKS-GIVING ST STEPHEN	CLERGY SUPPORT ST STEPHEN
JAN	5130	2282	735	326
FEB	5178	1728	874	725
MAR	4742	2484	918	514
GST REFUND	2799	0	0	0

EXPENDITURE	ST GABRIEL	ST STEPHEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE	3960	Paid 2021
YARRA VALLEY WATER	919	10
AGL	441	319
ENERGY AUSTRALIA	500	70
CITY OF DAREBIN	568	268
PRINTING	554	276
TELSTRA	270	64
CHURCH REQUISITES	1005	502
GARDENS & GROUNDS	1283	2540
MUSIC MINISTRY	1725	919
CHURCH CLEANING	160	3240
ELECTRICAL WORKS	468	3071
SECURITY	107	-
INTERNET SERVICES	808	358
STAFF SUPERANNUATION	464	394
PAYROLL TAX	551	400
PAYROLL	8750	3212
DIOCESAN QUOTA	500	4162
BANK FEES & ADMINISTRATION	90	2178

All Parishioners are called to be part of Parish Thanks-giving!

Parish Thanksgiving helps meet basic operating needs eg insurance, utilities, staff wages etc. It helps maintain our churches, St Gabriel's and St Stephen's, and parish facilities. It supports programs of faith education, pastoral care, outreach, evangelization and mission.

The **Diocesan quota** is a levy on all parishes to assist diocesan extension, agencies and initiatives.

The **collection for the clergy** supports our own Parish Priest. This includes quarterly stipend, Medibank, health care, house-keeping, clothes, car expenses, annual leave, retreat, clergy conference.

It also supports:
Archbishop Comensoli and our bishops: 5%
Priests in needy parishes: 12.5%
Sick and retired priests: 12.5%

The **Parish Finance Committee** is planning a midway review of Parish Thanksgiving for August-September this year.