

## Processional Hymn CWB 457

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you;  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded;  
You alone to God can win us,  
you must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
light of light, from God proceeding;  
open lips and ears and heart,  
help us by your Spirit's leading;  
hear the cry your church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

## Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

## Psalm Response

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word  
with a generous heart and yield a harvest  
through perseverance. Alleluia!

*Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.*

## Preparation of the Gifts CWB 461

Brother, sister let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

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## Holy Communion CWB 589

*Refrain:* Priestly people, Kingly people, holy people,  
God's chosen people, sing praise to the Lord.

We sing to you, O Christ, beloved son of the Father.  
We give you praise, O wisdom everlasting,  
and Word of God. *Refrain*

We sing to you, O son, born of Mary the Virgin.  
We give you praise, Redeemer, born to heal us,  
our saving Lord. *Refrain*

We sing to you Messiah foretold by the prophets.  
We give you praise, O Son of Abraham,  
born of David's line. *Refrain*

We sing to you, the Way to the Father in heaven.  
We give you praise, the Way of Truth,  
and Way of all grace and light. *Refrain*

We sing to you, the Shepherd  
who leads to the kingdom.  
We give you praise, who gathers all your sheep  
in the one true fold. *Refrain*

We sing to you, O Manna which God gives his people.  
We give you praise, O living bread,  
which comes down to us from heaven. *Refrain*

We sing to you, O Lord, whom the Father exalted.  
We give you praise, in glory you are coming  
to judge all the peoples. *Refrain*

## Recessional Hymn CWB 541

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

## Next weekend

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

## May they rest in peace

### Recently Deceased

Fr Francis Arnold, Frank Bartlett

### Anniversaries

Pauline Farrugia

Assunta Barberio

Antonio D'Amore



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

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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 17.07.2022



## WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday 9.30am *St Stephen's*

Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Friday 9am *St Gabriel's*

## WEEKEND MASS

Saturday *St Stephen's*

5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday *St Gabriel's*

9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

## Thanksgiving and Clergy support offering 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**

Thank you for your warm welcome on my return to our Parish last weekend. Sincere thanks to Fathers Hctor & Fayeze who have celebrated weekend and weekday Masses, and priests who have assisted with Baptisms and Funerals during the last 3 months. We also thank Gracie Forde, Hung Cha, Bonnie Wilson, Maureen O'Dwyer, Rebbechi family and those who look after our churches (Ange & Ofelia Braysha and John Lilburne).

Archbishop Comensoli ordained 3 new priests on Friday evening (15 July): Frs Andrew Kwiatkowski, Brian Muling and Ignatius Tan. During recent months 3 Melbourne priests have died: Frs Michael Mulcahy (26/4), Eric Hodgens (25/5), Francis Arnold (11/7).

We congratulate those who have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation in recent weeks. Bishop Curtin confirmed 17 candidates on Sunday 15 May. 13 candidates received First Holy Communion on Sunday 19 June.

Sincere thanks to all who support our partnered parishes in Parish Thanksgiving. The new series of Thanksgiving envelopes were distributed in May and June. Our Parish Finance Committee is working towards a mini-renewal of Thanksgiving in August-September. Support for the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal can be placed in the weekend collection.

At the recent Conference and AGM of Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy. I was elected National Chairman for the next 12 months. During my visit to Fatima Portugal, I spoke with hotel management and the leadership of the UK Confraternity of St Gregory the Great about an international conference for English-speaking priests in January 2024.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls next Sunday 24 July. Our parish will also hold the annual appeal for Catholic Mission next weekend. *Ethiopian Cardinal Souraphiel visited Melbourne in June. 70% of the population is short of food. He is promoting education for girls. He hopes by keeping them at school until year 8 they will be educated and able to promote the education and the health of their children. Catholic Mission is assisting communities in Ethiopia to set up goat farms to provide goat's milk to young children to increase their chance of survival.*

The family of longtime St Stephen's parishioner Patricia (Pat) Jamieson have advised that their mother has moved to Embracia Aged Care Reservoir. *Our mother has made an enormous contribution to the benefit of her local community and the well-being of countless families and individuals. She has lived her life truly according to her faith and in the service of others, and we are enormously proud of her effort and achievements.*

Clare Ryan, RE leader at St Gabriel's and St Stephen's MACS has been appointed Principal of St Luke's MACS Blackburn South. We thank her for many years service in Catholic education and School leadership. We wish Clare well in her new position.

## THE CATHOLIC LANDSCAPE

Introduction to the  
Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Presented by Anna Krohn  
ANIMA Education  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre  
(rear St Gabriel's Church) Reservoir  
Thursdays 7pm August 4, 11, 18, 25



*Ideal introduction to the Catechism and the Catholic Faith for RCIA inquirers, team leaders and members, parents, teenagers and young adults, adult formation.*

**Enquiries: Parish Office 9460 6036  
reservoir@cam.org.au**

## 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



Isn't it mysterious? Genesis 18:1 tells us that "the Lord appeared to Abraham." But then, Abraham sees "three men". The visitors are later identified as angels, but one seems to be the Lord himself. It's hard to know exactly what Abraham saw and at what point he realized that he was in the presence of almighty God.

Here's another mystery: this same Lord will be with everyone gathered at every Mass today. We will hear his voice in the readings and see him in the unlikely appearance of bread and wine. So let's take a look at how Abraham responded to God's presence to see how we can respond today.

First, Abraham gave God his *full attention*. He stopped what he was doing and "ran" to meet God. As Mass begins, you can imitate Abraham as you try to put aside distractions and be attentive to the Lord.

Next, he *bowed down*. While this might have been a traditional greeting, it also showed that Abraham recognized his visitors' dignity. Imagine yourself bowing low as you pray the Gloria and praise God in the responsorial psalm.

Then, Abraham offered to God *the best he had* - fine flour and a choice steer. When the gifts are brought to the altar, you can offer your life to the Lord. Give him your love and fidelity.

Finally, Abraham *waited on his guests*. That's something you can do after Holy Communion, as you pray quietly in adoration. Enjoy your time with the Lord and listen to him.

So when you come to Mass, remember Abraham. Let the mysterious, surprising presence of God fill you with reverence and generosity. Offer him your attention, your worship, the best of who you are. As you do, you'll come to see him more and more clearly. Just like Abraham. wau.com

*Abraham is a model of prayer because he walked in the presence of God, heard and obeyed him. His prayer was a battle of faith because he continued to believe in the fidelity of God even in times of trial. Besides, after having received in his own rent the visit of the Lord who confided his plan to him, Abraham dared to intercede for sinners with bold confidence.*

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church n536

## POPE FRANCIS CALLS "HOLY YEAR OF HOPE" 2025

Pope Francis has announced that hope will be the central theme for the 2025 Jubilee Year, voicing his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global brotherhood and solidarity with the poor, as well as care for the environment.

After two years marked by the coronavirus pandemic and the crisis left in its wake, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision," the pope said.

The coming Jubilee "can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire," he said. "That is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, 'Pilgrims of Hope.'"

The first-ever "Holy Year" was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 and was initially celebrated every 100 years. Then, following biblical tradition, it was marked every 50 years, and it was finally decided by Pope Paul II in 1490 to observe the jubilee year every 25 years, so that each person could experience one in his or her lifetime.

Jubilees, designed to be a time of conversion and increased emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins, are marked by the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. The Holy Doors, present in each of the four papal basilicas in Rome, are destination points for pilgrims who travel to Rome during the Jubilee and who pass through seeking special graces and outpourings of God's mercy.

The last Ordinary Jubilee was the Great Jubilee of 2000, celebrated by Pope Saint John Paul II.

A new custom of calling "extraordinary" jubilees, meaning outside of the 25-year rotation, and which can last a few days to a few months, began in the 16th century. There have only been a handful of extraordinary jubilees since, the latest being the 2015-2016 Jubilee of Mercy called by Pope Francis.

The Holy Year of 2025 will be the 27th ordinary jubilee year of the Catholic Church.

"As the first twenty-five years of the new century draw to a close, we are called to enter into a season of preparation that can enable the Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all its pastoral richness," Pope Francis said.

Pope Francis said a Bull of Indiction outlining the guidelines for the celebration of the Jubilee of 2025 will be issued "in due course."  
Apostles of Mary Autumn 2022

Our Lord told us to make disciples (Mt 28:16-20). Through Jesus Christ, God's love invites all people to share in a life of joy and mercy. To serve Christ is to find freedom and love as a disciple. Through Baptism, this task belongs to all of us, whatever our personal calling. Each agency, organisation and ministry of the local Church is a means of sharing in the work of making disciples through a witness to truth, mercy and love.

It is not a task for a privileged few, but for all of us. To serve the Lord faithfully, we must be prepared and taught, humbly learning the craft of sharing the Good News. In other words, to *share the Gospel*, we must be well formed. All of us are being formed in some way, whether we are aware of it or not. The ideas and beliefs that shape us over time make us witnesses to those values.

Allowing the world to uncritically form us is contrary to the Gospel. To be formed in the school of Christ, we first receive the gift of faith in all its freedom, fan its flame within us and courageously share it. Such a task will require humility and patience, and a share in Christ's cross.

Baptism is the point of entry and provides the model for the path of formation as missionary disciples (Francis, general audience, 15 January 2014; St John Paul II, Angelus address, 9 January 2005). Baptism is not merely a 'once and for all', event, but a rich source of grace throughout one's life, providing for ongoing replenishment, because together we are a people on a 'journey' (*Lumen Gentium*, n6). All formation, therefore, is a pilgrimage that can only be made fruitfully and fearlessly by being close to Jesus Christ (*Evangelii Gaudium*, n23). From this dynamic of repentance, conversion and mission, the life of discipleship emerges and flourishes.

Formation for discipleship in Christ is both a right of the baptised as it is a responsibility of the Church. Finding new paths of catechesis and witness attuned to the needs of the time is urgent and fundamental to our mission. To find new paths and be able to speak the word of Christ fruitfully, a consistent and clear vision of what our mission is will guide every formative experience.

While we all need formation in Christ, those who aspire to leadership will be committed to his mission with a creativity and sensitivity, always 'led by the Holy Spirit' (*Gaudium et Spes*, n43).

As Jesus promised, out of good treasure in the heart, good will grow, and we will be known by our fruits (Lk 6:43-45).  
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