

Processional Hymn CWB 586

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation.
All you who hear, now to his altar draw near;
Join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord
Let us offer our gifts at the altar.
Let not our sins and transgressions
now cause us to falter.
Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast,
victims with him on the altar.

Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work and defend us;
Surely his goodness
and mercy shall daily attend us;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now in praises before him!
Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again,
Now as we worship before him.

Liturgy of the Word

Ecclesiastes 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Psalm Response

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others. The rich man in today's Gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions. If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God. A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 595

Refrain: Seek, O seek the Lord, while He is near;
trust Him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.

God, be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling;
break the snares the world contrives,
keep us from falling. *Refrain*

God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint with mortal strife
his blood will save us. *Refrain*

Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another.

How can we love God above
and not our brother? *Refrain*

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Holy Communion CWB 455

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heav'n-ward,
great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my Inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me it's joys after vict'ry is won,
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Recessional Hymn CWB 573

O God, you made the Sabbath day,
your gift, your law, your healing way.
You also made, within each heart
a longing for this day apart.

You gave your children, long-oppressed,
your freeing gift of Sabbath rest.
You give us Sabbath freedom, too:
Our lives are more than work we do!

Life's sacred rhythm seems long gone;
the world, unblinking, carries on.
Your Spirit calls us! Slow our pace
that we may hear your word of grace.

Christ Jesus lives! He makes us new!
On Sundays now, we worship you.
With hearts uplifted, joy restored,
your church goes out to serve you, Lord.

Next weekend

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Recently Deceased

Christopher Grech, Gina Allori

Anniversary of death

Tom Santone, Maria Adda
Antonio Rosa & Nunzia Saitta
Vincenza & Grazia Adornetto



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

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1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

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71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 31.07.2022

**Please hand sanitise
at entry & Holy Communion**

**Face masks
recommended indoors**

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*
Wednesday 9.30am *St Stephen's*

**Thursday 4 August *St Gabriel's*
Memorial of St John Vianney (+1859)
8.30am Litany for Priests
9am Mass**

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

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

Our Parish RCIA program will commence with the Catholic Landscape series. Five men and women have asked to prepare for the Easter Sacraments! We need copies of the **Jerusalem Bible** for their use at weekly classes. If you have a copy of the Jerusalem Bible that you are not using, could you please drop it into the Parish office or bring it to weekend Mass? Thank you.

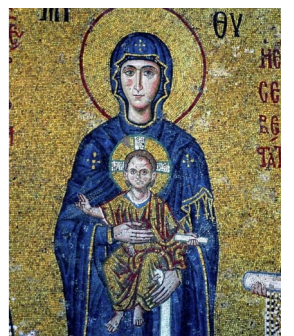
Sincere thanks to all who support our partnered parishes in **Parish Thanksgiving**. The new series of Thanksgiving envelopes were distributed in May and June. Our Parish Finance Committee is working towards a mini-renewal of Thanksgiving in August-September.

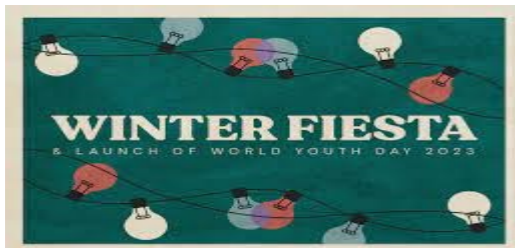
*Congratulations to Noah Greening
(St Stephen's MACS)
who receives First Holy Communion
at Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass.
A warm welcome to his parents,
family and teachers.*

Assumption of Our Lady Monday 15 August

**St Stephen's
Holy Rosary 9am
Mass 9.30am**

**St Gabriel's
Holy Rosary 7pm
Mass 7.30pm**





**Thursday 4 August 6.30-8.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral, EAST MELBOURNE**

Join Archbishop Comensoli for SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to great night of prayer, music, food and fun. The Archbishop will also launch our pilgrimages to WYD 2023.

udisciple.melbournecatholic.org. events/winter-fiesta

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 1.30pm 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

**PARISH FINANCE REPORT
APRIL / MAY / JUNE 2022**

MONTH	T/GIVING ST GABRIEL'S	T/GIVING ST STEHEN'S
APRIL	3830	1482
MAY	3405	1084
JUNE	3944	728
TOTAL	11183	3294

Diocesan Quota *St Gabriel's \$1585 per quarter*
St Stephen's \$3352 per quarter

Catholic Church Insurance (CCI)
St Gabriel's \$19633 per annum
St Stephen's \$12536 per annum

Yarra Valley Water *St Gabriel's \$780*
St Stephen's \$21

Electricity *St Gabriel's \$1021*
St Stephen's \$270

Gas *St Gabriel's \$366*
St Stephen's \$270

City of Darebin *St Gabriel's \$570*
St Stephen's \$134

Telephone/Internet /IT *St Gabriel's \$978*
St Stephen's \$2494

Security *St Gabriel's \$343*
St Stephen's Nil

Fire Equipment Services *St Gabriel's \$345*
St Stephen's TBA

Gardens / Grounds / Maintenance / Repairs
St Gabriel's \$2789
St Stephen's \$5525

Church Supplies *St Gabriel's \$224*
St Stephen's \$224

St Gabriel's Hall painting & floor repair \$12,350

ABS CENSUS 2021 Reservoir 3073

No religion	16,774	32.8%
Catholic	14,199	27.8%
Eastern Orthodox	4,640	9.1%
Islam	3,278	6.4%
Not Stated	3,328	6.5%

THANKSGIVING RENEWAL 2022

Weekends August 27-28
September 3-4, 10-11

PATRICK ORATION II

For people of faith, the family home is where God's household gathers. It is the Church in domestic form, in which all her members are called to exercise a domestic priestly life. Each is anointed to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ: to offer words of healing and reconciliation, and gestures of blessing; to teach the faith and grow disciples; to feed the body and the soul.

The households of God's people are indeed a leaven, indeed a 'mother,' from which comes the bread of life.

St Paul described one such household, that of the missionary couple Aquila and Priscilla, as "the Church that meets in their house." (1Cor 16.19) It is the earliest definition we have of a parish, where God's people gather as a household of households, a neighbourhood of Christian families assembling in faith and life. The Church that meets... I like that definition. As two different popes have said: a parish is "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters."

It is worth noting that these images of a parish do not draw on a territorial framing. Rather, the language is incarnational - it is flesh and blood. A parish is essentially a body with a distinctive face, and not a building in a certain location. It is to this image of a parish that our own local Church in Melbourne will need to look if we are to build family and neighbourhood communities of grace and of gospel energy, that go out beyond territorial boundaries.

Pope Francis has been bold enough to pose four key questions we might ask of our local parish:

Is it "in contact with the homes and the lives of its people?"

Is it "an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration?"

Does it "encourage and train its members to be evangelisers?"

And is it "a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach?"

But is this even possible? I heard recently of the Diocese of Miao, located in the mountainous north-east of India, on the border with China. Because of its location and the political sensitivities of the region, this has been a diocese in lockdown for more than forty years. The total extent of the resources available to the bishop when he first arrived was himself and a lay missionary. There was no parish Church, no house to live in, and no existing Christian community. Today, 40 years later, the Diocese has over 90,000 baptised Catholics, which is 20% of the total population.

The Bishop identified three factors for this extraordinary growth in Christian life: the intentional transmission of faith within family homes; the regular gathering of neighbours in small communities of prayer, formation and fellowship; and the charitable and social outreach to those in need. Armed only with the grace of baptism and an apostolic confidence, they have simply done what was asked of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Of course, north-east India is not south-east Australia; Miao is not Melbourne. Yet, as different as we might be in social, cultural and ecclesial histories, we do share the same gospel calling, and can ask the same questions of discipleship:

Have we responded to God's word and are we walking in God's presence?

Have we shared the company of our brothers and sisters and joined with them in prayer and fellowship?

Have we advanced in a life of love and service of others?

Why these three questions, you might ask? Well, for those of you who have been involved in RCIA and who have gone to the Rite of Election, you should recognise them. They are the questions asked of the sponsors to the catechumens who will soon receive the Easter Sacraments. These are, in other words, the questions that define a disciple of Jesus Christ.

We can tend to think the biggest questions in our Church are about a shortage of priests and religious, or a lack of lay governance, or not enough resources, or a weakening of Catholic schooling, or a disassociation of young people. If only we can solve these, we ask, then all will be well. But really, as a brother bishop has put it rather bluntly, the greatest challenge faced by the church today is a loss of confidence in Jesus Christ.

We need to face into this perhaps uncomfortable truth. As I read recently, "We are built for a church that no longer exists, and we have an infrastructure for a Church that no longer exists." Again, Pope Francis has been quite explicit about this, calling on local Churches not to struggle to hold on to what it has left behind but to see itself as a mission church moving outward. This is going to require a renewal of the lay apostolic life.

At this time when the institutional Church is being pushed ever further to the margins of social discourse and life, this baptismal calling of the laity is to be a leaven in the world and it strikes me as deeply important sense, and in need of being reclaimed. The call to renewal of parish life is also a call to renewal in the social fabric of contemporary Victorian and Australian life. It is the laity who are the ones to be sent as instruments of apostolic grace, to work for the transformation of the world 'from within'.
Archbishop Peter Comensoli

***The Church's task
is to make the kingdom of God,
which has already begun with Jesus,
germinate and grow in all nations.***

Wherever Jesus went, heaven touched earth: the kingdom of God was inaugurated, a kingdom of peace and justice.

The Church serves this kingdom of God.

She is not an end in herself. She must carry on what Jesus started. She should act as Jesus would act.

She continues the sacred signs of Jesus (the Sacraments). She hands on Jesus' words.

That is why the Church, for all her weakness, is a formidable bit of heaven on earth.