

### Processional Hymn AOV 21

God has chosen me, God has chosen me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
God has chosen me, God has chosen me  
to bring new sight to those searching for light:  
God has chosen me, chosen me:

Refrain

And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,  
to remove oppression and breakdown fear,  
yes God's time is near, God's time is near,  
God's time is near, God's time is near.

God has chosen me, God has chosen me  
to set alight a new fire.

God has chosen me, God has chosen me  
to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth:  
God has chosen me, chosen me: Refrain

God is calling me, God is calling me  
in all whose cry is unheard.

God is calling me, God is calling me  
to raise up the voice with no power or choice:  
God is calling me, calling me: Refrain

### Liturgy of the Word

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

### Psalm Response

Happy the people  
the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

The early Christians applied this teaching of Jesus to their expectation of his second coming. More generally speaking, today's Gospel parables should encourage us to be morally vigilant at all times and ever ready to encounter, in the midst of daily life, the 'God of surprises'. Paul has similar advice for us: "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith" (1 Cor 16:13).

### Preparation of the Gifts AOV 30

Come back to me with all your heart.  
Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;  
So must we to others' call.

Refrain

Long have I waited for  
your coming home to me  
And living deeply our new lives

The wilderness will lead you  
to the place where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice with tenderness  
you shall know. Refrain

You shall sleep secure with peace  
Faithfulness will be your joy. Refrain

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### Holy Communion AOV 49

I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
you who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father beckons. Refrain  
Refrain: And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you. Refrain

I am the resurrection  
I am the life.  
You who believe in me,  
even if you die,  
You shall live for ever. 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

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.

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 137

God of Abraham, lead us, lead us to your kingdom.  
Into fruitfulness, lead us,  
lead us together, lead us to freedom.  
God of Jesus Christ, lead us, lead us to your kingdom.  
Into your new creation,  
lead us together, lead us to freedom.  
Guiding light for our journey, lead us to your kingdom.  
Out of shadows and darkness,  
lead us together, lead us to freedom.  
Through the word that is spoken, lead us to your kingdom.  
Through the bread that is broken,  
lead us together, lead us to freedom.  
Lead us now and for ever, lead us to your kingdom.  
Give us now a new future.  
lead us together, lead us to freedom.  
Lead us to freedom now

### Next weekend 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53



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

Parish Priest: Fr Gregory Pritchard  
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St Stephen's Church  
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### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 07.08.2022

Please hand sanitise  
at entry & Holy Communion  
Face masks  
recommended indoors

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



### 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

### 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 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.



Sincere thanks to all who support our partnered parishes in Parish Thanksgiving. A mini renewal of Thanksgiving will take place on weekends November 5-6, 12-13. In preparation for this renewal we will update our parish census in October.

Sincere thanks to parishioner Joe Gangi for the gift of Bibles for our RCIA candidates.

Sincere thanks to parishioner Albert Maatouk he and his uncle have framed 2 tapestries of St John Vianney for the confessionals at each church. These were blessed at Mass on Thursday 4 August, the memorial of St John Vianney.

Sincere thanks to parishioners who look after church gardens and grounds.

The parish office is open  
Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am to 12.30pm  
Friday 9am to 3pm

Legion of Mary Preston Curia meets at St Gabriel's  
Parish centre Saturday 13 August.

### CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal takes place next weekend.

CatholicCare Victoria provides counselling and mental health programs, affordable housing, specialised supports for children and teenagers, pastoral care, support for separating families, refugee and asylum seeker help, employment help, crisis help, homeless and advocacy support, and courses helping to strengthen relationships and wellbeing.

We thank St Gabriel's and  
St Stephen's for your support and efforts to promote the  
work of CatholicCare Victoria. Together we can  
strengthen individuals, families and communities, and  
help everyone to live life to the full.

## Your Faith in Action

• Help bring hope, emergency relief and pastoral support to families and individuals fleeing Ukraine. Visit [cm.org.au/ukraine](http://cm.org.au/ukraine) or scan the QR code to make a difference today.



### 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](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved) [volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto: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

What if someone entrusted you with a million dollars and told you to use it to open a food bank? Would you keep it for yourself and use it to buy a fancy car or to travel to an exotic place? No, you would get to be work figuring out how to use the money wisely so that you could feed the poor and hungry.

Now, it's unlikely that someone would hand you a million dollars, but God has entrusted you with something infinitely more valuable. It's the gift of faith! And he doesn't want you to keep it all for yourself. As Jesus said in today's Gospel, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Luke 12:48). So what are you going to do with this precious gift? Let's take a look at this reading for some ideas.

First, we need to put our faith into action. In Jesus' parable of the good steward, the vigilant servants await their master's return and are ready to open the door "immediately" when he arrives (Luke 12:36). Jesus wants us to be prepared for his Second Coming. But he also wants us to be vigilant as we await his coming into our hearts in this life. We need to stay faithful to prayer, always listening for his voice and ready to do what he is asking of us.

Second, we need to be ready to share our gift of faith. We know that God wants us to help people come to know how much he loves them. Yet as we go about our daily lives, it's easy to get side-tracked and distracted by the things of this world. Then, like those servants in the parable, we risk missing opportunities to share our faith when they arise.

Yes, much has been entrusted with us-more than we can ever imagine. Today and every day, let's ask for the grace to also do what is required of us. May we always be like those vigilant servants who faithfully await their master's return!  
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### Solemnity of St Mary Mackillop Monday 8 August

Mary MacKillop, who took the religious name Mary of the Cross, was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1842 and died in 1909. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children, sharing the life of the poor and the itinerant, and offering special care to destitute women and the young. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010.

### PATRICK ORATION III

A Church lived outwardly will be lively with difference and even disagreement, but even more so it will be filled with a life of self-giving and remarkable acts of grace and charity. It is where we build friendships with people of other faiths and traditions, and where we reach across the social divides to find allies in our struggles, all done in a spirit of fraternity. The faith family shapes us, and in turn it shapes our dialogue and engagement with others.

Over the years, the local Church in Melbourne has been blessed with so many outstanding lay apostles. They stand with us as saints among the saints of our own local Church. I would like to mention four such women and men.

Mary Glowrey was one of the first women to study medicine at Melbourne University, and a founding leader of the Catholic Women's Social Guild in 1916-now known as the Catholic Women's League, whose work sought to bring about change in world affairs through prayer and action. Her cause for sainthood is already underway.

BA Santamaria, or Bob Santamaria, was a young journalist and political activist when he co-founded The Catholic Worker newspaper in 1936. At its height, it sold 70,000 copies a week. Deeply influenced by the social teaching of the Catholic Church, Bob - a family man at heart - was a leading figure in economics, politics and social activism throughout his life.

Evelyn and John Billings - a married couple - were physicians and scientists who pioneered in the 1950s natural fertility treatments for couples that would allow for responsible family planning in harmony with Church teaching. Known as the Billings Ovulation Method, it was recognised by the World Health Organisation, and is now practiced across the world.

Mary, Bob, Evelyn and John were all members of our local Church. It was here, among our own families and in our own neighbourhoods, that they were formed in faith at home, gathered in hope with their neighbours, and went out in love to our own society.

But what of us, here now? Where are the Glowreys, Santamarias and Billings of our time? Well, with us this evening is a group of parishioners who have used the distressing closure of the Flemington towers last year to grow a mission to the struggling families in their neighbourhood. Also with us is a Catholic high school teacher who, with others, is developing a new educational framework in liberal arts, for piloting in 2022.

Among us is someone who leads an organisation that supports at-risk mothers and mothers-to-be to keep their children. There is someone here who, with a couple of friends, produces a weekly podcast discussing faith, science and life. And with us are some people who began a nightly rosary on Zoom during lockdown, gathering dozens of families in prayer every single evening.

But all of us here are making contributions to the lives and needs of those who live in Melbourne. Whilst I speak to you today from the heart of the Christian Gospels, each of us are called to live our lives for the good of each other - a life of holiness that witnesses to a more human way of living in our society. A domestic priestly life is yours to claim, by the grace of baptism, and yours to live as a leaven, a 'Mother dough' that brings life to others.

Let me finish, then, with some prophetic words of Pope Francis, naming the call of every household of faith in our extraordinary city, the saints of our own household churches, along with our patron saint, Patrick:

*You have to go to the edges of existence if you want to see the world as it is... You have to make for the margins to find a new future.*

*Archbishop Peter Comensoli*

*We adults can often be tempted to list all the problems and failings of today's young people. Perhaps some will find it praiseworthy that we seem so expert in discerning difficulties and dangers. But what would be the result of such an attitude? Greater distance, less closeness, less mutual assistance.*

*Anyone called to be a parent, pastor or guide to young people must have the farsightedness to appreciate the little flame that continues to burn, the fragile reed that is shaken but not broken (cf. Is 42:3). The ability to discern pathways where others only see walls, to recognize potential where others see only peril. That is how God the Father sees things; he knows how to cherish and nurture the seeds of goodness sown in the hearts of the young. Each young person's heart should thus be considered "holy ground", a bearer of seeds of divine life, before which we must "take off our shoes" in order to draw near and enter more deeply into the Mystery.*

*Pope Francis Christus Vivit (2019)*



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

#### Recently Deceased

Mother Marie Ellen Quinn OCDM  
Garry Cameron, Antonio Mancuso, Giovanna Rosa

#### Anniversary of death

Venera Fratangelo