

Processional Hymn AOV 12

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30

Psalm Response

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

It is frustrating to arrive at a shop a few minutes after it has closed, or at an event only to discover that all tickets have been sold. There is nothing we can do about it. We have no automatic right of entry. The same applies to God's kingdom. To join the many people from east and west at the heavenly banquet we must strive to follow Jesus along the narrow and sometimes difficult path of love.

Preparation of the Gifts AOV 16

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.

We the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done
in ev'ry heart that sings. *Refrain*

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. *Refrain*

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
our God is waiting to save;
always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray. *Refrain*

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Holy Communion AOV 28

Refrain: Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for;
you are the one who speaks to us today;
you are the one who leads us to our future:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

You are the Word who binds us and unites us;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

AOV 35

Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground
and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.

If any one serves me then they must follow me;
wherever I am, my servants will be. *Refrain*

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit. *Refrain*

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
then you will be my disciples. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn AOV 158

Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
beckon our lives through your word,
open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
heal us of pride and of hurt,
may we go forth in your name
we pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. *Refrain*
Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream justice brings life, justice redeems. *Refrain*

Next weekend

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sirach 3:17-20,28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24 Luke 14:1,7-14



Recently Deceased

Dolores Grant

Anniversary of death

Gentile Biscontin
John & Peter Russell
Berna Nelson

*May they find eternal life in Christ,
the way, the truth, and the life.*



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

Parish Priest: Fr Gregory Pritchard
Parish Office: 1 Viola Street Reservoir 3073
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Friday 9am—3pm
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St. Gabriel's Church
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen's Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 21.08.2022

**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 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 25 (final)



The **Catholic Landscape** series concludes this week.
We will then commence weekly meetings for our RCIA
candidates, Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.
All are welcome to use these meetings as a way to re-
fresh our faith, and to support our candidates. Our basic
text will be YOUCAT: Youth Catechism of the Catholic
Church, presented by Pope Benedict XVI at World
Youth Day Madrid (Spain) 2011.

Our **Parish Thanksgiving** renewal will now take place
in November. During October we will update our parish
census database. Sincere thanks to all who support our
parish and priests in regular Thanksgiving.

Archbishop Comensoli has made the following clergy
appointments in our part of Melbourne:

Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury
Assistant Priest: Fr Trac Huy Nguyen

St Peter's Epping
Fr Jude Ezeme

Christ the Light Mernda
Assistant Priest: Fr Simeon Anthony

Corpus Christi College Carlton (Seminary)
Rector: Very Reverend Fr Cameron Forbes

Melbourne University
udisciple.melbournecatholic.org
Senior Chaplain for Youth, Young Adults and Campus-
Ministry: Fr Nicholas Pearce

Latrobe University
Chaplain: Fr Peter Fitzsimons

Fathers Day falls on Sunday 4 September.
3 candidates (St Gabriel's MACS) will receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation
St Gabriel's Church, Sunday 10am Mass.
The **Fathers Day Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests**
will be taken up at weekend Masses.

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

**Invitation to Day Retreat
'Growing Missionary Disciples'**

All parishioners and friends are invited to
St Francis of Assisi Mill Park Parish Retreat
Saturday 27 August 8.15am – 3.30pm
Loyola College Watsonia.

The Retreat will be presented by Lorraine McCarthy
& Proclaim Team Archdiocese of Melbourne.
'Come apart for a day to spend with the Lord'
Cost: \$5 BYO lunch Tea & Coffee provided
Bookings: 9407 6700 email: Ruth.Lees@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 place-
ment, 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 Mon-
day 1.30pm Bethany Room St Gabriel's Parish
Centre. *New members are always welcome.*

• Our Parish Legion of Mary invites families to wel-
come 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

Vocations are born in
prayer and only in prayer
can they persevere and
bear fruit.

Pope Francis

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all
nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has
called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore you
to choose from among us, your children, many priests
and religious who will love you with their whole hearts
and will gladly spend their lives to make you better
known and loved by all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

vocationsmelbourne.org

Have you ever noticed how rarely Jesus gave a direct
answer to a direct question? More often than not, he
told a parable instead or changed the subject altogether.

Take today's Gospel. Someone asks, "Will only a few
people be saved?" (Lk 13:23). Instead of saying, "Yes,
and here's how many" or "No, a whole host of people
will be saved," Jesus pivots. "Strive to enter through the
narrow gate," he responds. He warns the people that
rather than looking for an inside scoop about who is in
and who is out of the kingdom of God, they should be
concerned about their own hearts.

It's tempting to get caught up in a similar kind of specu-
lation. Will heaven be full or empty? What about hell?
How about this person or that person? Will they get in?
But Jesus tells us the same thing he told the crowd:
don't focus on who is in and who is out. That's for the
Lord to decide.

You don't need to know how big heaven is in order to
get there. But you do need to follow Jesus' command to
love the Lord with your whole heart and to love your
neighbour as yourself (Lk 10:25-28). Do that, and every-
thing else will fall into place.

Of course, as simple as the call to love is, it is also chal-
lenging. That's why Jesus says that the gate is narrow.
And the love he talks about is not a matter of conjuring
up loving feelings but of dedicating ourselves to acts of
kindness, mercy, and compassion. It's why he tells us
not to get caught up in those times we have failed to
love but to rely on the mercy of God to heal us and
strengthen us for the next challenge.

So keep your eyes focused on that narrow gate, and
don't get distracted by side concerns or questions. Be-
cause the more you love, the easier you will make it for
other people to pass through that gate as well. wau.org

Heaven is the endless moment of love.

Nothing more separates us from God,

whom our soul loves

and has sought our whole life long.

Together with all the angels and saints

we will be able to rejoice forever

in and with God.

YOUCAT 158

Archaeologists claim to have found St Peter's birthplace

Archaeologists excavating an early church in Israel say they have uncovered evidence confirming their belief it marks the birthplace of St Peter, the most prominent disciple and first leader of the Christian faith. In the Gospel according to St John, the birthplace of Simon Peter, his brother St Andrew and a third apostle, St Philip, is given as Bethsaida. In St Luke's Gospel it is near Bethsaida that Jesus performs the miracle of the feeding of the 5000.

Three places in more modern times have been claimed to be the remnants of ancient Bethsaida. The archaeologists digging at one of them, el-Araj, which is to the northeast of Galilee, say they have found strong evidence for its claim: signs of its habitation in the 1st century AD, along with a Byzantine church.

Now the archaeologists have uncovered an inscription showing the church was dedicated to St Peter. It records a prayer for intercession to "the chief and commander of the heavenly apostles", the term used by the Byzantine church for him.

The Byzantine period refers to the era after the fall of the Roman empire in the West, when large parts of the modern-day Middle East were under the sway of Constantinople.

A place called "the Church of the Apostles" was visited by an 8th-century German bishop, Willibald, as he travelled from Capernaum, another claimed site of St Peter's birth, to the town of Kursi. He did not give its exact location but said it was at "Bethsaida from which came Peter and Andrew. There is now a church where previously was their house"

The newly discovered dedication, written in Greek, the language of the Byzantine Empire and the church at the time, was found on a mosaic. It also names a man called Constantine, not the Roman emperor, as the donor who funded the church.

The archaeologists, from the Kinneret Institute for Galilee Archaeology in Israel and Nyack College, New York, previously found a Roman bathhouse at a deeper layer than the church. They say that fits with the records of the settlement of Bethsaida, which had been the Roman town Julias, named after the wife of the Emperor Augustus.

The layer in between is silt, indicating that between the two periods the town was flooded by a rise in the level of the Sea of Galilee, which would account for its disappearance from the historical record.

The team also found evidence of occupation dating back to the first century.

"One of the goals of this dig was to check whether we have at the site a layer from the first century, which will allow us to suggest a better candidate for the identification of Biblical Bethsaida," Mordechai Aviam, the excavation's director, said.

"Not only did we find significant remains from this period, but we also found this important church and the monastery around it."

Moreover, the name Bethsaida means "home of the fishermen", which is fitting for Simon Peter and Andrew.

Weekend Australian 13-14 August 2022



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- Over 100 abortion centers closed

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- **Vigil location:** Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, near Jolimont Station (NB the vigil site is at the marked 'exclusion zone.')
- **Vigil hours:** 8 am to 8 pm daily

Local contact: Kathy Clubb 0450 464 786 / kathy.clubb@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign: www.40daysforlife.com/Melbourne