

Processional Hymn CWB 583

Praise the Lord, you heav'ns, adore him;
praise him, angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord, who is all glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious,
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation.
Hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth and all creation
praise and glorify his name.

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer as our gift.
Young and old, your praise expressing,
our glad songs to you we lift.
All the saints in heav'n adore you,
we would join their glad acclaim;
as your angels serve before you,
so on earth we praise your name.

Liturgy of the Word

Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Psalm Response

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

The rich man in today's Gospel is condemned for his inactivity towards the poor man. Lazarus was starving and covered in sores, but the rich man did nothing to help him. In the Penitential Act at Mass we ask for forgiveness not only for the bad we have done but for the good we have failed to do.



Recently Deceased

Fr Fayeze Assaf, John Pannell, Georgette Best

Anniversary of death

Cisella De Pretto, Patrizia Falco,
Michele Gangi, Rosa Saitta

Pastors of St Gabriel's

Fr Patrick Ryan, Fr Edmond Nowlan
Fr John Phelan, Mgr Aldo Rebeschini

**May our dead rejoice forever
with Abraham, the angels and saints**

Preparation of the Gifts

Cantor: **All:**
Saint Gabriel, glorious Archangel, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, strength of God, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, who stands before the throne of God, **pray for us**

St. Gabriel, model of prayer, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, herald of the Incarnation, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, who revealed the glories of Mary, **pray for us**

St. Gabriel, Prince of Heaven, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, ambassador of the Most High, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, guardian of the Immaculate Virgin, **pray for us**

St. Gabriel, who foretold the greatness of Jesus, **pray for us**
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St. Gabriel, peace and light of souls, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, admirable teacher, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, strength of the just, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, protector of the faithful, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, first adorer of the Divine Word, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, defender of the Faith, **pray for us**
St. Gabriel, zealous for the honour of Jesus Christ, **pray for us**

St. Gabriel, whom the Scriptures praise
as the angel sent by God to Mary, the Virgin, **pray for us**

Holy Communion CWB 638

Refrain: Where there is charity and love,
there the God of love abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
let us revere and love the living God
and love each other with unfeigning hearts. *Refrain*

And so when we are gathered here as one,
let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
be our resolve all bitterness to shun
and in our midst be Christ, his love and peace. *Refrain*

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
to where the blessed glory in your sight;
there let us see and love you face to face,
gathered once more in everlasting light. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn CWB 407

Gentle Virgin Mother,
blest above all other,
guiding star of ocean,
lead us to salvation.

Now with Gabriel's blessing,
we, your grace confessing,
offer you our greeting,
for your peace entreating.

Teach us, maiden lowly,
to be pure and holy,
so by your endeavour,
we rejoice for ever.

Next weekend 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

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

Parish Priest: Fr Gregory Pritchard
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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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 25.09.2022

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

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*

★ **Wednesday 9am *St Stephen's*** ★

**Feast of
Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
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



Parish Thanksgiving Renewal

Parish Census Update Weekends October 8-9, 15-16
Renewal Weekends November 5-6, 12-13

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

Feast of St Gabriel

We anticipate our Parish feast day
at Sunday 10am Mass this weekend.
Fresh Roast Mobile Café
offers hot coffee after Mass.

The **Parish pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima**
will be blessed at Masses next weekend 1-2 October.
Parishioners are invited to register for the Pilgrim statue
to visit your home for family prayer.

The Parish office will soon place orders for:

Columban Art Calendar 2023 \$9
Padre Pio Calendario 2023 \$12
Magellan Christmas Cards \$7 (packet of 10)
Catholic Mothers Planner 2023 \$55

These will be available from
St Gabriel's Piety Stall later in the year.
Please phone or email the parish office 9460 6036
reservoir@cam.org.au to register your order

The **Annual Mass count** of people at Mass is conducted
each May. Average Mass attendance at St Gabriel's
& St Stephen's this year was 264 people each weekend.
In the light of this year's Mass count, the Vicar General,
Fr Joseph Caddy, comments:

*In 2022, approximately 79,000 people attended Mass
each week compared to about 124,000 in 2019 a drop
of about 45,000 people.*

Comparing the 2022 to 2019 Mass counts:

- about 32% of parishes have had more than 70% of their parishioners return
- 56% have had more than 60% return
- 22% have had less than 50% return

*This is worth us exploring further. It seems like we are
hopefully over the worst when it comes to Covid-19. I
doubt that we will return to the lockdowns that character-
ised the last couple of years but sensible precautions
still should be maintained.*

*I very much appreciate all your efforts in abiding by all
the various government health guidelines and re-
strictions over the past couple of years. It hasn't been
easy.*

*I thank you for both your vigilance and understanding in
ensuring that your parishes complied with the Govern-
ment Covid-19 regulations and appreciate the extra
work this involved.*

St Gabriel's Theatre Group Rehearsals

2022 production *Peter Pan*
Sunday 25 September 4pm
St Gabriel's Parish Hall
Family groups welcome
Come along
or phone Judy 0488 580 145



ST PETER CLAVER MISSION FETE

Saturday 8 October 9am — 2.30pm
154 Cotham Road Kew

This year the proceeds will be forwarded to Sr Sol Meda B Pomey OSA Delegate Superior for financial aid to construct a wall needed for landslide prevention and the safety of their Chapel. Enquiries Phone 9817 3715

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



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How did the rich man do it? Did he avoid using the door where Lazarus lay? Did he have a servant clear the poor man off the doorstep before he came or went? Did he keep his eyes upward as he walked? It can be hard to understand how this man, who dressed in fine garments and ate "sumptuously," could have ignored the poor man who suffered just under his nose (Luke 16:19). He must have been pretty callous to step over Lazarus and just go on his way!

And yet it happens all the time. Just look at the people in the first reading: "Stretched comfortably on their couches,... they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!" (Amos 6:4, 6). Obviously, it happens in our time too. It's easy to become numb to the plight of those who are suffering or in need. Busyness can get the better of us. Or fear of getting involved. Or just a tinge of that self-concern that had so consumed the rich man in the parable.

We ourselves may be guilty of looking the other way sometimes when we encounter another person's need. Think about the homeless man on the footpath that you drive by on your way to work. Or that young mum in your neighbourhood who could use a listening car or a helping hand. Or the people at the local nursing home with no one to visit them. How often do we "step over" them on our way to somewhere else?

Given today's readings, it's a good time to examine how we treat people who are less fortunate than we are. The truth is, we can't take care of everyone's needs. But we can ask the Lord to help us see people through his eyes. We can try to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit showing us a need. And we can trust that if we feel God is asking us to do something, he will give us the grace to respond.

HOLY ARCHANGELS 29 SEPTEMBER

This is a unique feast day! Feast days dedicated to saints naturally encourage us to examine the life of that saint and reflect on how we can follow their example in our own lives. But it would certainly be hard to do this when it comes to archangels. After all, they're... angelic! However, we still can celebrate the work that these archangels have done on our behalf and strive to follow their example of quick obedience and love for God. Let's consider what we can learn from each one of the archangels we celebrate today.

St. Michael is best known for doing battle against Lucifer. We believe that St. Michael continues to serve God by interceding for us when we need protection against the snares of the devil. This is not just a single battle; it requires daily vigilance and fortitude against temptation. Like St. Michael, we can make sure we are wearing the "armour of God" each day so that we are always ready to fight the spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:11).

St. Gabriel is the messenger angel who brought God's world-changing news to Mary and who told Zechariah about the birth of his son, John the Baptist. Following Gabriel's example, we can try to be more attuned to listening to the Lord and more eager to share what we hear. His example of delivering good news should encourage us to not hesitate to deliver the good news of God's love to the people around us.

Disguised as a man, St. Raphael accompanied Tobias on his dangerous journey, where he cast out an evil spirit and helped Tobias cure his father's blindness. Following Raphael's lead, we can also be "angels" to people we meet and accompany them on their walk through the ups and downs of life.

These three archangels are always ready to hear God's mission for them and fulfil it immediately. May we follow their example and make ourselves instruments of God's grace to everyone he sends us to. wau.com



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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8 September 2022

Rev Gregory Pritchard PP
1 Viola Street
RESERVOIR VIC 3073

Dear Father ^{Greg} Pritchard,

My warm and prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

Thank you for your letter received 6 September 2022 informing me of the outcome of the consultation of the faithful of St Gabriel's and St Stephen's as to a desired name for the new Parish. I am happy to endorse this desire.

Now that this has been settled, I have set a date of 1 November 2022, All Saints Day for the suppression of the two parishes in accordance with Canon.515, §2, and the creation of a new parish, which is to be named the **Parish of St Gabriel and St Stephen of Hungary, Reservoir – Reservoir East**. I hope this provides sufficient time to undertake all the practical requirements for this change.

You might look to be in contact with various Archdiocese offices (especially the Vicar General's Office and Stewardship) to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for the work that has been undertaken. I remain grateful for the continued consultation with the Parish communities. Please be assured of my ongoing prayers for all who will be embraced by the new Parish of St Gabriel and St Stephen of Hungary, Reservoir – Reservoir East.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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