

Processional Hymn CWB 520

Refrain: In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
t'wards our Father's home above.

Christ, our star, our map, our road
to the Father's high abode. *Refrain*

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray. *Refrain*

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
our beginning and our end. *Refrain*

Christ, our hope and our reward;
our redeemer and our Lord. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Psalm Response

The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

After being cured by Jesus, nine lepers went immediately to show themselves to the temple priests in fulfilment of the law. Their primary concern was to satisfy legal requirements. Only one, a foreigner, thought first of thanking Jesus. Hopefully our primary purpose in coming to Sunday Mass is not to meet some legal requirement but to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received in Christ and in the community.

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 530

Refrain: Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us
and is risen from the dead.
He is our saving Lord,
he is joy for all ages.

If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.
If we endure with the Lord,
we shall reign with the Lord. *Refrain*

In him all our sorrow, in him all our joy.
In him hope of glory, in him all our love. *Refrain*

In him our redemption, in him all our grace.
In him our salvation, in him all our peace. *Refrain*

Next weekend

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time C



Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

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Holy Communion CWB 512

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast".
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live.
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

Recessional Hymn CWB 561

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
Lord, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father, and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heav'n and earth adore;
who ever was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

*May those who have died in Christ
live and reign with him*

Recently Deceased

Joan Winch
Maria Dal Maso
Anita Csar
Silvana Cherubin

Anniversary of Death

Tom Pandolfo
Mary Nguyen
Mary Borg



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
Phone: 9460 6036
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St. Gabriel's Church
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen's Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
09.10.2022

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

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 9am *St Gabriel's*
Wednesday *St Stephen's*
9am Holy Rosary 9.30am Mass
Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*
St Gabriel's MACS Years F-6
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***

PARISH THANKSGIVING RENEWAL

At Mass this weekend and next we are asked to provide updated details for our Parish database. Cards will be distributed for us to complete. This personal information will be respected as confidential: it will never be handed on to the diocese or any others. Our Parish Thanksgiving Renewal will take place on weekends November 5-6, 12-13. From Tuesday 1 November we become one Parish family. Catholic Development Fund, Catholic Church Insurance, Diocesan HR / Payroll and Stewardship office are helping us to consolidate our accounts, policies, employment and financial commitments. Our Parish Thanksgiving Renewal will set us on a path together, building on a long tradition of Parish life in Reservoir and Reservoir East, and Archbishop Comensoli's initiative, *Take the Way of the Gospel*.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Mysteries of the Rosary are recited
at 9am each Wednesday of October
at St Stephen's Church Reservoir East.

PARISH RCIA

Weekly meetings for our RCIA candidates
Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.
All are welcome to use these meetings
as a way to refresh our faith
and to support our candidates.

GARDENS & GROUNDS

Sincere thanks to parishioners who worked
in St Gabriel's Church grounds on Saturday 8/10!



*We plan to have a Sausage Sizzle
after 10am Mass Sunday 30 October.
If you would like to help
please contact
Tim Rebbechi
0412 799 845*

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 'A light into the city'

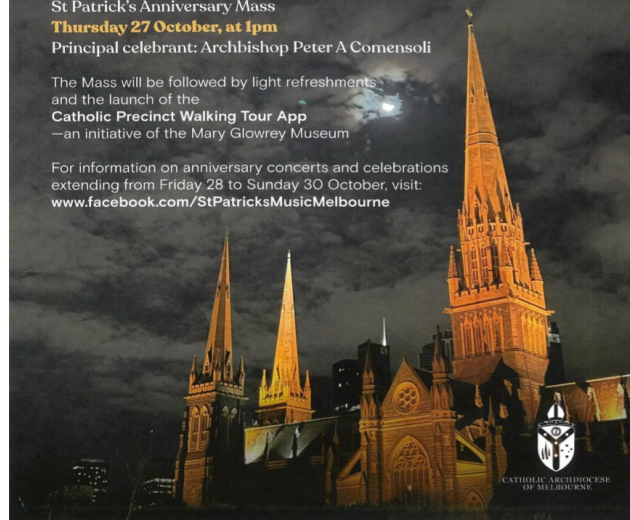
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION
1897-2022

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne,
warmly invites you to join in the celebration of the

St Patrick's Anniversary Mass
Thursday 27 October, at 1pm
Principal celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

The Mass will be followed by light refreshments
and the launch of the
Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App
—an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum

For information on anniversary concerts and celebrations
extending from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October, visit:
www.facebook.com/StPatricksMusicMelbourne



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

LEGION OF MARY

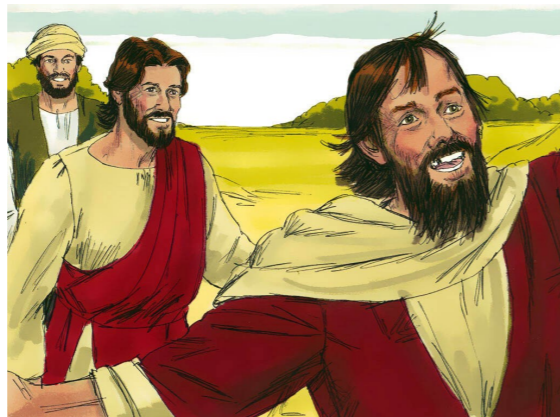
- Our Parish praesidium (group), dedicated to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, meets every Monday 1.30pm Bethany Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre. *New members are always welcome.*
- Our Parish Legion of Mary invites families to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week of family prayer.
- *Enquiries Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520*

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Daily Mass Book \$24
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



Imagine how this Samaritan must have felt when he heard Jesus say these words to him! As a foreigner, he was outside of God's covenant with Israel, and yet this Jewish miracle worker had just assured him of salvation—all because of his faith. His heart must have been bursting with gratitude!

But what about his nine friends, who did not return to Jesus? Surely they had faith as well. What else would compel them to cry out to Jesus for healing or to call him "Master" (Luke 17:13)? Why would they go show themselves to the priests if they didn't believe that Jesus would heal them along the way? Of course they had faith!

But there was something different about this Samaritan. He had the kind of faith that opened him up to worship and gratitude and praise to God. He saw Jesus in a different light than the other nine. Jesus wasn't just a "Master," as in a teacher of spiritual truths. He was a vessel for God's grace. Realizing he was healed, this man knew that God was working through Jesus, and that moved him to return and praise the God who had been so good to him. And that act of worship opened him up to the greatest healing of all: salvation.

Readings like today's can prompt us to examine our faith. Does it include the grateful, joy-filled worship of the Samaritan? Or like the nine, do we limit ourselves mostly to prayers of petition and acts of obedience?

Don't worry; everyone needs to deepen their faith. Just don't think that you have to do it on your own. Worship is a two-way street. Just as deeper faith can lead to more joyous worship, so too can prayers of worship and praise deepen your faith. So lift your heart to Jesus. Proclaim his greatness. Praise him for his love and mercy. Let your worship—and your faith—help you experience his salvation more and more. wau.org

Everything that we are and have comes from God.

St Paul says,

*"What do you have that you did not receive?"
Being grateful to God, the giver of all good things,
makes you happy.*

The greatest prayer of thanks is the Eucharist (thanksgiving) of Jesus, in which he takes bread and wine so as to offer in them to God all of creation, transformed. Whenever Christians give thanks, they are joining in in Jesus' great prayer of thanksgiving. For we, too, are transformed and redeemed by Jesus, and so from the depths of our hearts we can be grateful and tell God this in a variety of ways. [YOUCAT 488](http://YOUCAT488)

THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING I

What is Catholic social teaching? At first blush, it sounds like a topic for a thesis paper.

But wait! It's a lot more interesting than you may think. In fact, it's probably something you have already put into practice. The more we learn, the more we'll be inspired to reach out creatively to those in need.

The Church's teaching on issues of justice, fairness, and human dignity makes up one of its most important cornerstones—and one of its great gifts to the whole world. As the Catholic bishops have said, "Catholic social teaching is a central and essential element of our faith." The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it succinctly: "To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (1397).

However, if you want to boil down the social teachings of the Church to their essence, you only need this one sentence: "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).

It's just that simple—and just that challenging.

We can think of Catholic social teaching as something relatively new, beginning when Pope Leo XIII articulated the doctrine in his landmark encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891. But its origins go much further back.

Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came "to bring glad tidings to the poor... liberty to captives... recovery of sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18), and who identified himself with "the least of these," the hungry and the stranger (Mt 25:45). Catholic social teaching is built on a commitment to the poor.

You can find all of this explained at greater length in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, released during the pontificate of St. John Paul II in 2004. And indeed, John Paul himself summed up Catholic social teaching in 1999 by noting that the foundation of social justice "rests on the threefold cornerstone of human dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity".

[Deacon Greg Kendra wau.org](http://DeaconGregKendra.wau.org)

St Gabriel's Theatre Group Rehearsals

2022 production *Peter Pan*
Sundays
St Gabriel's Parish Hall
Enquiries: Judy 0488 580 145



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Let me be crystal clear.

Unborn children, the most vulnerable among us because they have no voice of their own, have only ourselves to make the plea for their just protection.

Let me be equally clear, faithful and fruitful marital covenants, which men and women freely enter into, also deserve our committed support and encouragement.

I hold these beliefs, and always have, and so do many others, because they speak to the good of our humanity.

To hold these beliefs does not mean I am excused from pursuing the good of people who hold differing beliefs, or who struggle to live by such beliefs. Everybody matters, and the good of everybody matters. Unborn children and expectant mothers both matter. My efforts to ensure this are the measure of my commitment to the common good of all.

What is this common good? It is the pursuit of the good of everyone, while also pursuing the good of each individually. It is where justice and mercy meet, so that all may live and flourish.

There has been little evidence of the common good being pursued by the leadership of the Essendon Football Club over the last couple of days. It has been a polarising and divisive time, that has abandoned any genuine respect for honouring diversity.

Helpful diversity draws people together. Harmful diversity pushes people apart.

The Premier was right in saying that the Essendon affair is much bigger than the forced resignation of the Club's new CEO because of the beliefs he holds. And indeed, as he rightly noted, our language about other people matters.

However, the Premier's own words about his beliefs and how they play out for the sake of others have tended toward the harmful, because they have sought to uphold the good of one by undermining the good of another.

Referring to Andrew Thorburn's church and the Bombers' decision to sack its new CEO, the Premier used words like 'intolerant', 'bigotry', 'absolutely appalling', and 'no sympathy'. Such language pitches some members of the community against others and contributes to an unhelpful spirit of division. It leaves ordinary people of faith questioning if they can publicly hold their committed beliefs, or even to be able to exercise leadership and service in the community.

The Premier stated, 'Aren't we all God's children?' The answer is yes, absolutely and irreducibly, every person is a child of God. But for a leader of Government to distinguish between particular 'children of God' stirs up a spirit of divisiveness between people instead of one of inclusion. In this election year there is an onus of responsibility for all political leaders to appeal to their better judgment.

We cannot claim to be inclusive if we stir up polarisation between sectors of the community, because in our Nation and, I hope, our State, every person, and every community, matters.

If the Essendon situation, and some broader reactions to it, is a litmus test of the place and value of people of faith in Victorian society, then we are in big trouble.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli
Herald Sun 6 October 2022