

## Processional Hymn CWB 520

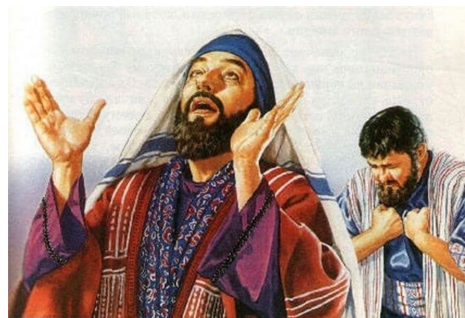
*Refrain:* In faith and hope and love  
with joyful trust we move  
t'wards our Father's home above.

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

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-18  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

### Psalm Response

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation  
he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!

*Last Sunday's Gospel told of the determined struggle of a good person, a widow, for justice. Through this story Jesus teaches that God hears the persistent cries of the just. In today's Gospel it is a sinner who prays to God for mercy and, wonderfully, God hears the sinner's humble prayer also. The only prayer to which God cannot respond is that of the self-righteous who effectively says to God: 'I do not need you.'*

Prayer is lifting the heart to God.  
And yet Jesus himself taught his disciples  
to pray with words.  
With the Our Father  
he left us the perfect vocal prayer  
as his testament to show how we should pray.

While praying we should not try to think pious thoughts. We should express what is in our hearts and offer it to God as complaint, petition, praise, and thanks. Often it is the great vocal prayers—the Psalms and hymns of Sacred Scripture, the Our Father, the Hail Mary—that direct us to the true substance of prayer and lead to a kind of free, interior prayer. YOUCAT 501

## Preparation of the Gifts AOV 17

O Lord hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer.  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me

The Lord is my song,  
The Lord is my praise:  
All my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my praise:  
God, the well-spring of life.

## Holy Communion CWB 470

"Come to me, all your who labour;  
come, and I will give you rest."  
So we hear your invitation  
to each soul to be your guest;  
and we answer with deep longing,  
while our sinfulness we see,  
"Jesus, Lord, I am not worthy,  
yet in mercy come to me."

Here, among your pilgrim people  
is the home of your true love,  
where we praise you, Lord and Master,  
reigning from your throne above;  
life without you would be lonely,  
so our prayer must ever be:  
"Jesus, Lord, I am not worthy,  
yet in mercy come to me."

All is joy when you are with us,  
earth can never joy impart  
like the peace and holy splendour  
of your visit to each heart;  
all forgotten grief and sorrow,  
as with trust we make our plea,  
"Jesus, Lord, I am not worthy,  
yet in mercy come to me."

## Recessional Hymn CWB 472

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds;  
tell of love which knows no limits,  
grace which meets all human needs.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people he intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your master sends:  
royal priests, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service  
sing his praise, his love declare.

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

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**St. Gabriel's Church**  
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

**St Stephen's Church**  
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 23.10.2022

**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*  
Friday 9am *St Gabriel's*

### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday *St Stephen's*  
5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday *St Gabriel's*  
9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

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

**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**

## WORLD MISSION DAY

This year's Catholic Mission Appeal continues our support for the people of Ethiopia. Many communities members struggle to earn stable income to provide for their families, lacking skills, opportunities, secure work. Fr Habte and the local church have begun to build a centre to provide agricultural training and jobs. Through this year's appeal Catholic Mission invites us to support the community of Emdibir. *The World Mission Appeal is taken up this weekend. Envelopes are provided with the parish bulletin. Support can also be given on line: catholicmission.org.au*

## PARISH THANKSGIVING RENEWAL

Thank you for helping to update our Parish database over the last 2 weekends. Our Parish Thanksgiving Renewal will take place on weekends November 5-6, 12-13. From Tuesday 1 November we become one Parish family. 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*.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY

Young parishioners are invited to attend an information session at St Patrick's Cathedral Thursday 27 October 7.30pm. We can travel together by train.

Please speak to Fr Pritchard or email the Parish office [reservoir@cam.org.au](mailto:reservoir@cam.org.au)

We will also host a local information session with Preston West Parish Sunday 13 November 2pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.

## ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION

Archbishop Comensoli invites Melbourne Catholics to St Patrick's Cathedral 1pm Mass Thursday 27 October to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral (1897). We will celebrate this anniversary at St Gabriel's 9am Mass.

St Gabriel's Church was consecrated on 29 October 2000. We will celebrate the anniversary of consecration 10am Mass next Sunday. Sausage sizzle after Mass.

- Parish RCIA meets Tuesday 25 October 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre
- Parish office Thursday 27 October 9am—3pm *Closed Friday*
- Parishioners are invited to join the Altar Linen roster, maintaining the church linens: training provided. Contact Parish office 9460 6036





**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
VICTORIA *good works*

**VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL 2022**  
13 18 12  
donations@svdp-vic.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

**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**

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

**CALENDARS 2023**

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

These will soon be available from  
St Gabriel's Piety Stall.

Please phone or email the parish office 9460 6036  
reservoir@cam.org.au  
to register your order

**LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP**

St Raphael's Parish 17 Hardy St, Preston West  
Wednesdays 1.30pm  
Contact: Nikki Daniel 9470 5840

Let's not get off on the wrong foot with the Pharisee in this parable. He seemed to be doing pretty well spiritually. He was not greedy, dishonest, or adulterous. He fasted twice a week and went so far as to pay tithes on all his income. He prayed at the Temple regularly. That was better than most people. So why did Jesus say he didn't go home justified?

Because the Temple was a place of encounter with God. A holy location where God and his children came together. This Pharisee seemed to be missing that connection with the Lord. Instead of speaking his prayer to God, he prayed "to himself" (Lk 20 18:11) and itemized his accomplishments. By focusing on his righteous acts, he was not really making himself present to God. He wasn't inviting God to be present to him either. So he missed the chance to encounter God and receive his mercy and grace. In that sense, the Pharisee left the Temple basically the same way he had entered.

The tax collector, on the other hand, laid himself bare before God. He knew his failings and unworthiness and had no list of righteous acts to display to God. He opened his heart and begged for mercy. There, in that vulnerable, humble moment, God and man came together in a real way. And as a result, the tax collector went home a new man. Prayer isn't always a raw, gut wrenching experience like the tax collector had. But if we want to encounter God as we pray, we do need to approach him with honesty and humility. We need to open our hearts to God and ask him to come in.

When you go to Mass today, you'll be entering a holy place where God and his children come together. Come, like the tax collector, without pretence and ready to receive his grace and mercy. wau.org

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL 125**

It all started out very small. The Port Philip settlement of 1836 had fourteen known Catholics. Well before the first priest arrived, they would gather on Sundays to recite the Rosary. The first Mass did not take place until Pentecost Sunday in 1839 with the newly arrived Fr Geoghegan. Children, parents, families: this was the early Church in Melbourne.

Melbourne became a Diocese in its own right in 1847, some ten years after the first Catholics arrived. Faith was present and growing before any structures or organisational functions existed. The Gospel came to Melbourne through lay people and was lived and grew in homes, passed on by parents to children. It was only as populations and communities swelled, and children needed education, that churches, parishes, and at last a Diocese, came into being.

This year marks the establishment of the Diocese of Melbourne 175 years ago. From our beginning, however, it was in family households that the Church in Melbourne was formed, and from them that the faith in our city was sustained.

And, of course, how we started is how we have continued since. This diocese - now an Archdiocese - is properly a family of families, united in the one family of God. In celebrating our 175th anniversary as a diocesan family, might we especially recognise that this ecclesial faith family of Melbourne finds its proper foundations in the household families of faith who have lived out the Gospel through the generations. Archbishop Comensoli Footprints June 2022

**THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING III**

Marriage and family are central institutions that must be supported, strengthened, and encouraged. The same goes for local communities. This is really part of the concept of subsidiarity, which holds that decisions regarding care for one another are best handled at the lowest possible level, closest to the people affected by those decisions. This means that "a community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order" (Catechism, 1883). Ultimately, that should lead us to an understanding of our place in the world - which is ultimately in connection with one another.

I saw a beautiful example of this some years back, when I was leaving work to take the subway home. I stopped at a local bakery to pick up a dozen bagels. Waiting just inside the subway station was an older homeless man rattling a cardboard cup, asking for any change. I offered him one of my bagels. He eagerly accepted it and thanked me. He disappeared down the platform. When my train came and I was about to board, I looked to see where he'd gone and noticed him at the end of the platform. He was breaking his bagel in two and giving half to another man sitting on the floor of the platform.

I was moved beyond words: a man who had next to nothing gave half of what he had to someone who had even less. Here was caring for the common good, measured as one small community of two homeless hungry men living underground Here too was something else vital to Catholic social teaching:

We are one big family, and we need to work together for the common good, Pope Francis has said that the principle of solidarity is more necessary than ever because of the pandemic, which highlighted our need for one another. "To emerge from this crisis better than before," he said, "we have to do so together; together, not alone.... Either it is done together, or it is not done."

Solidarity goes beyond just helping others, the pope explained. "It is a matter of justice," which requires us to care about the conditions under which many people are forced to live. It also means that we care for and respect the earth, "a common home which God has entrusted to us" Deacon Greg Kendra wau.org

**Next weekend  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

Wisdom 11:22-12:2  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2  
Luke 19:1-10

*May our deceased be cleansed  
in the mercy of Christ*

**Recently Deceased**

Geoff Tranyis  
Gemma Geiberras  
Lucia Di Nello  
Alfonsina Rodighiero

**Anniversary of Death**

Paul Darbis

**POPE FRANCIS**

**MESSAGE FOR WORLD MISSION DAY**

Once we experience the power of God's love and recognise his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus' relationship with his disciples and his humanity, as revealed to us in the mystery of his Incarnation, shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns. Everything about Christ reminds us that he knows well our world and its need for redemption, and calls us to become actively engaged in this mission: Go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find.

The apostles are the first to tell us this; they remembered even the day and the hour when they first met him: It was about the tenth hour. Experiencing the Lord's friendship, watching him cure the sick, dine with sinners, feed the hungry, draw near to the outcast, touch the unclean, identify with the needy, propose the Beatitudes and teach in a new and authoritative way, left an indelible mark on them, awakening amazement, expansive joy, and a profound sense of gratitude. The prophet Jeremiah describes this experience as one of a consuming awareness of the Lord's active presence in our heart, impelling us to mission, regardless of the sacrifices and misunderstandings it may entail. Love is always on the move, and inspires us to share a wonderful and hope-filled message: We have found the Messiah.

On World Mission Day, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message.

Contemplating their missionary witness, we are inspired to be courageous ourselves and to beg the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion. He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

May Mary, the first missionary disciple, increase in all the baptised the desire to be salt and light in our lands.

**St Gabriel's Theatre Group  
Rehearsals**

2022 production *Peter Pan*  
Sunday 4pm  
St Gabriel's Parish Hall  
Enquiries: Judy 0488 580 145

