



Processional Hymn CWB 400

Hail, Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain: Angels, saints and nations sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Psalm Response

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he
who inherits the kingdom
of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

With a wooden cross for a throne, at a place where thieves were crucified, the king of the Jews meted out a judgment to a common thief: 'this day you will be with me in paradise'.

This king can still be found among the criminals and outcasts of our society, in the worst parts of our cities and towns. Serving him in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience his compassionate judgment.

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Preparation of the Gifts AOV 152

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom
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Holy Communion CWB 398

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Oh, magnify the Lord and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for all his saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way his faithful followed then.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let love's all reconciling might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn CWB 400

King most holy, King of truth,
guide the lowly guide the youth;
Christ, thou King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

Refrain: Angels, saints and nations sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."

Shepherd King, from mountains steep,
homeward bring the wand 'ring sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and nations, new and old. *Refrain*

**May Christ
who forgave the good thief
welcome the dead into paradise.**

Recently Deceased

Fr Michael Long, Mark Ciavarella

Anniversary of Death

Luigi & Giuseppe Gangi, Giacomo & Rosa Caruso

Jesus Christ is Lord of the world and Lord of history. He is over us, and the only One to whom we bend the knee in worship; he is with us as Head of his Church, in which the kingdom of God begins even now; he is ahead of us as Lord of history, in whom the powers of darkness are definitively overcome and the destinies of the world are brought to perfection according to God's plan; he comes to meet us in glory, on a day we do not know, to renew and perfect the world. We can experience his nearness especially in God's Word, in the reception of the Sacraments, in caring for the poor, and wherever two or three are gathered in my name (Mt 18:20).

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Parish of St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East

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1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen's Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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

NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD

*The November Offering
can be placed in the weekend collection.
Envelopes are also available at
the presbytery front door with the Parish bulletin.
The November offering provides for Masses
for our deceased parents, family members & friends.*

Thanksgiving and Clergy support offering by direct debit

St Gabriel's Church
BSB: 083-347
Account: 639372585



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

**Please hand sanitise
at entry & Holy Communion
Face masks optional**

With the **amalgamation of St Gabriel's and St Stephen of Hungary**, Archbishop Comensoli has appointed Fr Pritchard Parish Priest of the new parish. Fr Pritchard will make the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity (Canon 833) at 6pm Vigil Mass Saturday 19 November. We welcome Fr Nicholas Peace, Diocesan Youth Chaplain, who will announce the letter of appointment and witness the Oath.

Our **Parish prayers** have been revised, incorporating both prayers into one. A proposed new prayer is included in today's bulletin. Please let Fr Pritchard know what you think after Mass or by email.

We complete the **Thanksgiving Renewal Program** this weekend. Parishioners are invited to finalise their Thanksgiving Pledge and hand in groups and ministries forms. The new Thanksgiving series commences weekend 3-4 December.

**Archbishop Comensoli ordained
new priests and deacons
at St Patrick's Cathedral Saturday 19 November**

*Fr Do Hoang Vinh
Fr Le Hoang An
Fr Nguyen Xuan Huy
Deacon Thomas Christie
Deacon Tien Tran
Deacon Peter (Ngoc) Nguyen*

**Advent commences next weekend 26-27 November.
We prepare for Christmas at home and in the Church.**

- Every family should have a Nativity set along with their Christmas tree.
- Aid to the Church in Need provides a beautiful Advent Wreath for the home. This helps each one, young and old, await the coming of the world's True Light: www.thatcatholicshop.com
- Fidelity Books & Pieties has a Catholic Advent Calendar, Nativity sets and other Advent and Christmas items: www.fidelitybooks.com.au
- 2023 calendars and Majellan Christmas cards available from St Gabriel's Piety Stall today.

*Weekly meetings for our RCIA candidates
Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre
Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens
Sunday 4 December 10am Mass*

*Parishioners are invited to bring slices, cannoli,
Christmas sweets to coffee after 10am Mass
Sunday 4 December*

*Registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation,
First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2023 can be
made by phone or email to the Parish office.*

St Gabriel's Theatre Group

Peter Pan

St Gabriel's Parish Hall

Tuesday 29 November 7.30pm

Thursday 1 December 7.30pm

Friday 2 December 7.30pm

Saturday 3 December 4pm

Adults \$20 Children / Concession \$15

Family \$60 2 adults, 2 + children

U/5 children free admission

Enquiries & Bookings: Judy 0488 580 145



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne

Sunday 20 November 2pm Prayers Mass Procession

www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com

OPEN DAY MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE AND MUSEUM

362 Albert Street East Melbourne

Saturday 26 November 10am - 4pm. Special exhibition presents Fr Julian Tenison Wood's work as a missionary priest, his advocacy of Catholic education for the poor, scientific endeavours and spirituality. Fr Tenison Woods and St Mary MacKillop are co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph.



VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL 2022

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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*

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Parish

17 Hardy St, Preston West

Wednesdays 1.30pm

Contact: Nikki Daniel 9470 5840

What does the word "king" bring to mind? A man sitting on a throne with servants ready to do his every bidding? Someone with the power to move armies, eliminate enemies, make laws, tax citizens, and build palaces?

But look at Jesus, our King, in today's Gospel. He is mocked and jeered at while he hangs on a cross. He seems about as far from the popular idea of a king as we can imagine.

So why did the Church choose this Gospel for today's feast of Christ the King? Why not a passage that portrays Jesus like the popular image we described above? Because no such passage exists in the Bible. Because that's not how Jesus exercises his kingly role. He doesn't see power as a way to control people or ensure his wealth and comfort. He exercises his kingship when he serves his people, not himself.

That vision of a selfish, entitled ruler may be what the unbelieving criminal in today's Gospel thought a king was all about. That may explain why he mocked Jesus as being powerless. The other criminal, however, grasped where Jesus' power truly lay. He saw that Jesus was a humble Saviour. And what he saw moved him to confess his sin with humility and faith and to receive the promise of "Paradise".

This is how Jesus exercises his power - by changing human hearts and minds, not by using brute force. He may have seemed the least kingly and the most powerless while on the cross, but that's when he did the most powerful thing possible: he changed the course of human history. And today, he wants to continue his work by changing our hearts a little bit at a time.

So come and honour Jesus your King today. Come and bow down to him and let him reign in your heart through love! wau.org

Proposed New Parish Prayer

God our Father,
you guide the life and mission
of your Church
in every time and place.

May St Gabriel, the archangel,
whom you chose to announce
the mystery of the Incarnation
to the Blessed Virgin Mary,
help us to grow strong in faith.

Grant that from his place in heaven,
St Stephen, King of Hungary,
may continue to defend your Church
and increase the number of her children.

Under their watchful care
may we advance along the way of salvation,
and generously use
our talents, gifts, and vision,
in the service of our Parish,
and to the honour and glory of your name.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Peter Comensoli Welcome Home!

My dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Over recent years, our freedom to be physically present in the Lord and with each other has been severely curtailed. We, God's pilgrim people, have had to withhold from assembling as Christ's tangible Body, and have been reduced to relying on virtual and mediated ways of gathering. Thanks be to God for the technological means that have sustained us!

We found a way to hear God's Word and to pray together, but we have not been free to physically gather together in the Lord. We are rightfully grateful for the many ways in which we reached out in Christian faith and service over the past few years -- online rosary, care check-ups, prayer circles, support drop-offs, zoom and phone ministry, to name a few. Yet, it has been difficult to experience in person the words of Jesus, "When two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Mt 18.20). Gathering virtually is not the fullness of the presence we bring of ourselves to God and to each other.

At the heart of our Catholic faith, we believe in the Word who became flesh, Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus offered his body on the Cross, so that we might have life in him. And we believe that Christ's Body and Blood is now given to us sacramentally in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus, who bound himself to us on the Cross, left for us his sacramental presence, to bind us together in Him. Perhaps we lost contact with this bodily reality over the time of the pandemic. In desperate times, what was needed to be done was done. We learnt many things, particularly about loss, but also gratitude for what we so easily take for granted. Now that we are able to come back together as the Body of Christ, we should do so with joy, thankfulness and renewed energy.

From the earliest days of the Covenant, God called his People to assemble with Him. "Keep holy the Sabbath" is God's command to take up this happy invitation. (Exodus 20.8) The Lord's Day - for Christians, Sunday - is precious to us, borne out of our love for Christ, who first loved us. Dispensation from our Sunday obligation to physically gather for the Eucharist during the pandemic was always meant to be a temporary exemption for the sake of the common good, without dispensing us from the ongoing sanctifying of our day in some form of prayer and charity in our homes and families. The need for this dispensation has now passed.

Therefore, as from the First Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. As always, the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g., for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.).

Similarly, there is no longer a general need for televising or streaming local Masses, now that we can fully gather without restrictions. I note that some online and telecast options will continue to be offered where needed -e.g., the I I am Sunday Mass from the Cathedral on Community TV C3 I (Channel 44) and the Archdiocesan YouTube channel, as well as daily Mass via YouTube at any time.

Our communities of grace look forward to welcoming you this Advent. As the anticipation of Jesus' nativity grows, might we also extend our arms in invitation and welcome to others. Many family, friends and neighbours still experience uncertainty at this time. Being a people who can warmly provide a place of refreshment, hope and light is a gift. In all the messiness of parish life, here we can know that the door of grace is opened for us, the medicine of healing is there for us, and the hand of help is outstretched towards us.

We will continue to update the Liturgical Guidelines on the Archdiocesan website (melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines), which answers many of the practicalities that might aid with our safe return and acceptable sacramental practices.

May I offer one final word of encouragement: be open to seeking the Lord's mercy and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we return to the assembly of God's people, let our return be a reconciled one. (Mt 5.23-24) I am sure our priests will willingly open the doors of mercy at convenient times, so that we might find ourselves back at the Table of the Lord knowing that a banquet of mercy and forgiveness awaits us. (cf. Lk 15.24)

May the Lord who gathers us into his Eucharistic Body continue to deepen our desire to be with him and each other in joy and hope. As the lyrics go for a popular song with our young people, "We are one Body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone."

*Welcome back and welcome home
this Advent and Christmas!*

*With every grace and blessing, I remain,
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,*

*Most Rev Peter A Comensoli DD
Archbishop of Melbourne
15 November 2022*

Next weekend 1st Sunday of Advent Year A

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

*Advent has a twofold character,
for it is a time of preparation
for the Solemnities of Christmas,
in which the First Coming
of the Son of God to humanity is remembered,
and likewise a time when,
by remembrance of this,
minds and hearts are led to look forward
to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.
For these two reasons,
Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.*