

Processional Hymn AOV 90

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

Psalm Response

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.

Preparation of the Gifts AOV 115

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love,
this love can never be measured;
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in God. *Refrain*

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God,
whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
if we can place our trust in God. *Refrain*

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong
and love that never grows weary.
God will seek and save the lost until we all return,
so let us place our trust in God. *Refrain*

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Holy Communion AOV 164

Refrain: Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again. *Refrain*

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain;
just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. *Refrain*

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup:
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. *Refrain*

AOV 153

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn CWB 598

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Shout with gladness, dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.

And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. *Refrain*

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds: the dead shall be raised,
I know my Saviour lives. *Refrain*

May the dead rejoice forever in the house of the Lord

Recently Deceased

Nancy Keele, Michelle Laffin

Anniversary of Death

Ayooz Al-Jazrawi, Sulaiman Ayooz, Ghazala Shaboo,
Sabre Shaboo, Toma Gorial, Erbet Sulaiman

McGoon family:
John, Seva, Benny, Lito, Peter, Pauline



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

Parish Priest: Fr Gregory Pritchard
Parish Office: 1 Viola Street Reservoir 3073
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Friday 9am—3pm
Phone: 9460 6036
Email: reservoir@cam.org.au
www.stgabrielsreservoir.org



St. Gabriel's Church
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen's Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 27.11.2022

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

FUNERAL MASS

Tuesday 10.30am Michelle Laffin RIP
St Gabriel's
Wednesday 11am Nancy Keele RIP
St Gabriel's

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

*At Christmas we provide extra support
to our Bishops and priests, retired and sick priests.
The Christmas offering envelope
is included in our parish Thanksgiving envelopes.
Christmas offering envelopes are also available
at St Gabriel's & St Stephen's churches.*

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***

PARISH THANKSGIVING RENEWAL

Sincere thanks to all who have made a generous commitment to our newly amalgamated parish in Thanksgiving. A report on the outcome of our Thanksgiving Renewal and the new series of envelopes will be available next weekend. 3-4 December. We especially thank Stephen Littleton ParishFirst and Parish Finance Committee.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Young parishioners who want to attend WYD Lisbon 2023 must register and pay their \$800 deposit by Wednesday 30 November
www.disciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd

We will commence preparation with the diocese, and between Reservoir - Reservoir East and West Preston early in the New Year. Our parish will also embark on fundraising to support our pilgrims. \$5900 per person includes a visit to Fatima, WYD Lisbon and Melbourne retreat.

ADVENT

- Our St Vincent de Paul Parish conference asks our support for their outreach to needy families at this time. The attached envelope can be placed in the weekend collection.
- Our parish RCIA candidates will be accepted into the Order of Catechumens next Sunday 4 December 10am Mass (St Gabriel's).
- A coffee truck will provide hot coffee after 10am mass next Sunday 4 December (St Gabriel's)
- Parishioners, are invited to bring slices, cannoli, Christmas sweets to coffee after 10am Mass next Sunday (St Gabriel's).
- 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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2022

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

Veritatis Calendar 2023 \$10
Magellan Christmas Cards \$7.50 (packet of 10)
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
Journey to Bethlehem Advent Wreath \$100



Here is a book that will help young children join in the celebration of Mass! Little hands will enjoy lifting the flaps to discover what happens next, whether its singing with the choir or shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. At home or at Mass, *I'm Going to Mass* will engage toddlers and preschoolers with its colourful illustrations and simple language. For ages 2 to 5. \$15

- *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

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

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

Welcome to Advent!

May you be deeply blessed during this season as you prepare for the coming of Christ. And what better way to begin this season than with the invitation in today's first reading: "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" (Is 2:5).

At Mass today, the first candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. Then, for the next three Sundays, the light coming from that wreath will grow stronger as one more candle is lit. And that's how Advent is supposed to be for us spiritually: four whole weeks of coming more and more deeply into the light of Christ. There are lots of ways you can let that light grow stronger in you as Christmas approaches.

- Bring yourself to the light through daily prayer. Spending just a few minutes a day in Jesus' presence can open your heart to the warmth of his love. You can even use this magazine to help you.
- Enlighten your heart and mind through reading the daily Scripture. Let Jesus "instruct (you) in his ways" so that you can "walk in his paths" (Is 2:3).
- Ask the Lord to shine a light on those parts of your life where you are content to live in the shadows. Then, take those areas to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and do as St. Paul says: turn from darkness and "put on the armour of light" (Rom 13:12).
- Spread the light of Christ by joining other believers to serve those in need. Provide them with meals or Christmas gifts. Bring supplies to a homeless shelter. Pray for them.

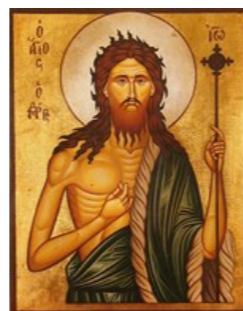
We don't have to walk in darkness!
Every time you turn to the Lord in these ways,
his light in you becomes brighter
and shines out more clearly.
So let the Advent wreath remind you that Jesus,
the light of the world, can overcome all darkness.
Come and walk in the light of the Lord!
wau.org

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope:

- waiting-memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; waiting-supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge
- conversion, to which the Liturgy at this time often refers quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3: 2)
- joyful hope that the salvation already accomplished by Christ (Rm 8: 24-25) and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (Jn 3: 2)

Next weekend 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12



HOLY ROSARY

Wednesdays of Advent
9am Rosary 9.30am Mass
St Stephen's

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

Thursday 8 December *St Gabriel's*
8.30am Holy Rosary 9am Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekend 3-4 December
Sunday 10am Mass *St Gabriel's*
Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens
Coffee cart after Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Stephen's
Saturday 3 December 5pm
Saturday 10 December 5pm
Saturday 17 December 5pm
Wednesday 21 December 10am
St Gabriel's
Sunday 4 December 9am
Sunday 11 December 9am
Sunday 18 December 9am
Tuesday 20 December 9.30am, 7pm
Wednesday 21 December 7pm
Thursday 22 December 9.30am, 7pm
Friday 23 December 9.30am, 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 24 December
6pm *St Stephen's*
8pm *St Gabriel's*
Sunday 25 December
10am *St Gabriel's*

CHRISTMAS SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

Register: Parish office 9460 6036
email reservoir@cam.org.au

Blessing of Family Advent Wreath

Lord God,
your Church joyfully awaits the coming of her Saviour,
who enlightens our hearts
and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.
Pour forth your blessings upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath;
may their light reflect the splendour of Christ,
who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.
All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.



Blessing of the Family Nativity Scene

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Saviour was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace.
justice, mercy, and love.
Lord,
bless our family and all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen
All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate
the birth of your Son,
who rescued us from the darkness of sin
by making the Cross a tree of life and light.
May this tree, arrayed in splendour,
remind us of the life-giving Cross of Christ,
that we may always rejoice in the new life
that shines in our hearts.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.

Blessing of the Family Meal

God, the Father of mercies,
you willed your Son to take flesh,
in order to give life back to us.
Bless these gifts
with which we are about to nourish our bodies,
so that, receiving new strength,
we may wait in watchfulness
for the glorious coming of Christ.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.