

Processional Hymn AOV 133

The love we have for You, O Lord,
is only a shadow of Your love for us;
only a shadow of Your love for us,
Your deep abiding love.

The Bread we take and eat, O Lord,
is Your body broken and shared with us;
Your body broken and shared with us,
the gift of Your great love.

Refrain

Our lives are in Your hands,
Our lives are in Your hands.
Our love for you will grow, O Lord;
Your light in us will shine.

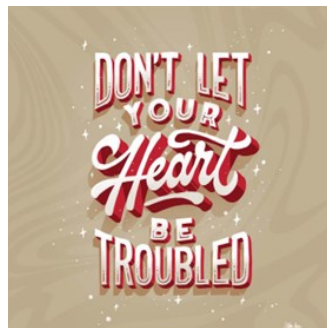
Our own belief in You, O Lord,
Is only a shadow of Your faith in us;
only a shadow of Your faith in us;
Your deep and lasting faith.

The dreams we share today, O Lord,
are only a shadow of Your dreams for us;
only a shadow of Your dreams for us;
if we but follow you. *Refrain*

The joy we share today, O Lord,
is only a shadow of Your joys for us;
only a shadow of your joys for us;
when we meet face to face. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12



Psalm Response

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father,
except through me. Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts AOV 166

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

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Holy Communion AOV 35

Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm we shall reign with him. *Refrain*

If any one serves me then they must follow me;
wherever I am my servants will be. *Refrain*

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit. *Refrain*

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
then you will be my disciples. *Refrain*

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them. *Refrain*

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
peace which the world cannot give is my gift. *Refrain*

AOV 37

Refrain:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy burdened,
and I shall give you rest.

Take up my yoke and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart.

And you'll find rest for your souls.

Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows
where he gives me rest. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn AOV 18

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the
earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be.
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.
I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back,
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. *Refrain*

Next weekend

6th Sunday of Easter Year A

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14: 15-21

**May our dead enter the eternal home
Christ has prepared for them.**

Stephen Power
recently deceased



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**

5th Sunday of Easter A 07.05.2023

**The month of May is the
month of Our Lady**

Wednesdays of May

Holy Rosary 9am *St Stephen's*

**Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima
Weekend 13-14 May**

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday
9am Holy Rosary 9.30am Mass
St Stephen's

11am Funeral Mass Giuseppe Alberti RIP
St Gabriel's

Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*

Friday *St Gabriel's*
9am Mass

11am Funeral Mass Stephen Power RIP

Saturday *St Stephen's*
5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday *St Gabriel's*
9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

**Thanksgiving, Clergy support
& Easter offering by direct debit**

**The Easter offering
provides extra support
for our Bishops and Priests. Thank you!**

St Gabriel's & St Stephen's Church
BSB: 083-347
account: 639372585



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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Parish preparation Sunday 7 May

11.30am—1pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Lunch included *Contribution \$10 (working)
\$5 (non-working, students)*

Anna Krohn ANIMA Education
will present the story of Our Lady of Fatima.
She appeared to 3 shepherd children at Fatima
Portugal 13 May to 13 October 1917.
She brought a message of peace and penance,
culminating in the Miracle of the Sun.

Parishioners are invited to support our 6 WYD Pilgrims.
They will travel direct to Lisbon, spend a few days at the
Shrine of Our Lady at Fatima, and then participate in
WYD in Lisbon lead by Pope Francis. We can support
our pilgrims, help with their WYD costs, and provide a
bit of spending money. Just place the attached enve-
lope in the weekend collection. Thank you!

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We welcome the Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima,
provided by the Legion of Mary, next Weekend 13-14
May. We will welcome Our Lady of Fatima at Mass. All
present will receive a Fatima medal. A envelope for
Mass offerings will be attached to the Parish bulletin.

MYSTAGOGIA

Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Parishioners are welcome to attend the following pro-
gram, accompanying the newly baptised in the period of
postbaptismal catechesis or *mystagogy*.

11 May Abraham & Moses
18 May Isaiah & Jeremiah
25 May The Divine Office
presenter: Anna Krohn

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Mass attendance is counted each weekend of May,
This count helps the Archdiocese to chart the Church's
life as more people come back to regular worship after
CPOVID 19. The count also assists provision of dioce-
san services, pastoral planning, *Take the Way of the
Gospel*, etc

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

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90
I'm Going to Mass For ages 2 to 5 \$15
Statue of St Gabriel's \$17
St Gabriel's Charm \$6

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Parish
17 Hardy St, Preston West
Wednesdays 1.30pm
Contact: Marijana Jurjevic 0422 340 675

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

This year's production
the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*
Enquiries: Judy O'Meara 0488 580 145
judeome@hotmail.com

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII

Sunday 11 May St Raphael's West Preston
2pm Holy Rosary 2.30pm Holy Mass
Enquiries: Mario 9470 1725
Felice 9478 8556

MENS FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY OF REPARATION

Knights of the Precious Blood is an organisation of Croatian Catholic men holds a Mens Rosary of Reparation on the first Saturday of the month St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. All Catholic men are encouraged to come and give witness and to pray in reparation

CARDINAL PELL LUNCHEON & LECTURE

Presented by Aid to the Church in Need
Sunday 21 May
Park Hyatt Hotel Melbourne
Promo code: GP2023 for \$100 discount
trybooking.com/CFYTF

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

O God,
to whom every human power is subject,
grant to your servant
His Majesty King Charles III
wisdom in the exercise of his high office,
so that, always revering you
and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the peoples of Australia and the Commonwealth
the freedom that comes from unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save The King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save The King!

What's your dream home? Maybe it's a beachfront villa or a cabin on a picturesque mountainside. Maybe it's a castle high on a hill or a modern apartment in a bustling city. Each of us has a different picture of what is ideal.

When Jesus told his disciples that he was returning to the Father in today's Gospel, he said he was going to prepare a place for them. And just as it is with our dream homes, those heavenly abodes aren't one size fits all. In fact, there's one that is made just for you!

Does this mean each one of us gets our own personal "dream home" in heaven? Yes and no. Heaven isn't a resort filled with personalized vacation homes. But it is very real, and it's a place where each of us receives the deep rest and refreshment we need. The Catechism tells us that heaven is "the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness". That means that Jesus has each of us in mind as he prepares to bring us to our perfect dwelling place. He knows us through and through. He knows our deepest yearnings. He knows what makes for our ultimate happiness. And he is preparing a place suited just for us.

But that "place" is so much more than a dwelling. It's where we will find God himself, the One who quenches every thirst and satisfies every longing. Nothing that we currently experience could add to the happiness that we will know when we see the Lord, our God, face-to-face! We will be with him fully and without hindrance. Our eyes will be opened to the beauty and holiness and power of God, and that vision will take our breath away.

Jesus promised to take us to himself so that where he is, there we also may be. In his presence, everything is fulfilled. And that makes heaven infinitely better than a dream home!

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PARISH NEWS AND UPDATE

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The committee has met twice this year, joined by CAM Property & Infrastructure team, and members of St Raphael's Preston West Parish Finance Committee.

The Committee will undertake an audit of Parish buildings for safety, integrity, ongoing maintenance and repairs. CAM Property and Infrastructure will inspect 16 Olive Street, St Stephen's Presbytery and Hall, St Gabriel's Hall and Presbytery. They will also inspect St Raphael's Presbytery to assess its suitability as a Convent for the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Rosary.

PARISH HALLS

Representatives of our Parish Finance Committee inspected both St Gabriel's and St Stephen's Halls during the Easter School holidays. St Gabriel's and St Stephen's MACS and OSHC contractor *ourpatch* had sole use of both buildings in term 1. We thank parishioner Dave Wilson for inspecting and servicing air-conditioner split systems, smoke detectors and hall chairs.

St Gabriel's Hall

The following were found to be in good order: hall floor, main kitchen, small kitchen (except exhaust fan), main hall toilets, external doors, yellow room (walls, cupboards, toilets, window ledges).

The following were found to be dirty and below standard for health and food safety: main kitchen (sink, benches, stove, splash back, bain marie, fridge, mobile bench, toaster, kettle, microwave); small kitchen (exhaust fan and missing fridge); foyer; Yellow Room (floor, bench, 5 damaged fly screens, hallway obstructed by partitions and stands).

St Stephen's Hall

St Stephen's MACS has advised that *ourpatch* OSHC closed business at St Stephen's Hall 6 April 2023.

Parish Finance Committee inspection in the Easter School holidays reported the following:
Hall not locked securely, lights and fans left on; kitchen left in a disgraceful condition: ants and weevils in food, cupboards, fridge; ovens and microwave dirty inside and out; food past expiry date; female toilet dirty, soap dispensers missing.

Ourpatch signs, banners and materials left behind in St Stephens Hall. St Stephen's MACS has been provided with photographs and advice that *ourpatch* materials must be removed by 12 May.

SYRO-MALABAR EPARCHY

The Eparchy continues use of St Stephen's Church, Presbytery and Hall. Construction works on the new Cathedral in Craigieburn are ongoing. Fr Varghese and Fr Pritchard meet regularly for updates on progress and use of St Stephen's.

PARISH EVENTS



WYD 2023: 6 young parishioners from Reservoir—Reservoir East will travel to Portugal for WYD 1-6 August. The Archdiocese has 600 bishops, priests, seminarians and young people attending from 60 parishes. Young adults from Reservoir—Reservoir East and Preston West meet for WYD preparation 1st Sunday of the month, St Gabriel's Parish Centre. Parish Pilgrims participated in Diocesan preparation Sunday 30 April.

The Archdiocese of Melbourne will host Australian Catholic Youth Festival *Pilgrims of Hope* 2025.

We were glad to welcome seminarian Xavier Ryan during Holy Week.

Jessica Dawson, Awais Khan and Ruben Wild received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Vigil of Easter. They meet each Thursday evening for Mystagogia, supported by our Parish RCIA team.

Easter season blessing of homes: 4 families.

6 inquiries have been received for RCIA, commencing August 2023.

13 candidates were confirmed by Bishop Curtin on Sunday 30 April.

Our Parish hosted Holy Hour and dinner for Priests and Seminarians on Good Shepherd Sunday 30 April.

Altar servers Jonathan Abuthan and Tom Rebbechi will be admitted to the Guild of St Stephen, St Patrick's Cathedral Friday 26 May.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: weekend 12-13 May.

Sausage sizzle: after 10am Mass Sunday 28 May.

Blessing of St Anthony's bread: weekend 3-4 June.

St Vincent de Paul membership: weekend 17-18 June.

First Holy Communion: weekend 10am Mass Sunday 6 August.

Catholic Landscape: Thursdays of August 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.