

## Processional Hymn AOV 5

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.  
Words that I can't understand;  
meanings I must clearly hear!  
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!  
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!

*Refrain:* So I leave my boats behind!  
Leave them on familiar shores!  
Set my heart upon the deep!  
Follow you again, my Lord! (repeat)

As I gaze into the night, down the future of my years,  
I'm not sure I want to walk past horizons that I know!  
But I feel my spirit called like a stirring deep within,  
restless, 'til I live again beyond the fears that close me in!

*Refrain*

## Liturgy of the Word

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

### Psalm Response

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always,  
until the end of the world. Alleluia!

## Preparation of the Gifts AOV 31

Come as you are, that's how I want you.  
Come as you are, feel quite at home.  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;  
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.  
No need to fear, love never ends.  
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.  
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by my promise,  
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.  
Come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.  
All will be well, just come as you are.

## Next weekend

### Pentecost Year A

Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

## May our dead ascend to glory with Christ our priest and king

### Anniversary of death

Franco Locri  
Russo Family  
Eileen Guy  
Eduardo Chiofalo  
Elio Bragato

## Holy Communion AOV 125

*Refrain:* Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.  
*Refrain*

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert  
but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Refrain*

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,  
and I will raise you up on the last day. *Refrain*

Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever. *Refrain*

If you believe and eat this bread,  
you will have eternal life. *Refrain*

## AOV 56

God of day and God of darkness,  
now we stand before the night;  
As the shadows stretch and deepen,  
come and make our darkness bright.

All creation still is groaning  
for the dawning of your might,  
when the Sun of peace and justice  
fills the earth with radiant light.

Show us Christ in one another,  
make us servants strong and true;  
Give us all your love of justice,  
so we do what you would do.

Let us call all people holy,  
let us pledge our lives anew,  
make us one with all the lowly,  
let us all be one in you.

You shall be the path that guides us,  
you the light that in us burns;  
Shining deep within all people,  
yours the love that we must learn  
for our hearts shall wander restless  
'til they safe to you return;  
finding you in one another,  
we shall all your face discern.

Gentle Father, Loving Mother,  
Jesus: Brother, Saviour, Friend;  
Spirit of all grace and power,  
may we praise you without end.  
Grant us all a peaceful resting,  
let each mind and body mend,  
so we rise refreshed tomorrow,  
hearts renewed to kingdom tend.

## Recessional Hymn AOV 188

*Refrain:* We are companions on the journey,  
Breaking Bread and sharing life;  
and in the love we bear is the hope we share  
for we believe in the love of our God,  
We believe in the love of our God.

No longer strangers to each other,  
no longer strangers in God's house;  
we are fed and we are nourished  
by the strength of those who care,  
by the strength of those who care. *Refrain*

We have been gifted with each other,  
and we are called by the Word of the Lord;  
to act with justice, to love tenderly,  
and to walk humbly with our God,  
to walk humbly with our God. *Refrain*

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## Parish of St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir - Reservoir East

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St Stephen's Church  
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

## Ascension of the Lord Yr A 21.05.2023

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

## MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Wednesday *St Stephen's*  
Our Lady Help of Christians  
Patroness of Australia  
9am Holy Rosary 9.30am Mass

*Under the title of Help of Christians, Mary was chosen  
as Patroness of Australasia by the First Provincial Syn-  
od, convened by Archbishop John Bede Polding, in  
Sydney in 1844. The fledgling colonies needed Mary's  
help at that time, as the nation does today.*

Thursday 9am *St Gabriel's*

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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*

# Thank You!

- Sincere thanks to the Legion of Mary for the distribution of Miraculous medals and Our Lady of Fatima medals over recent weeks. We were glad to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima last weekend. Special thanks to Legion of Mary Preston Curia, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament praesidium Reservoir—Reservoir East, Maureen O'Dwyer, Albert Maatouk, Kelvin and Dolly Zinto, Shane Miranda and Preethi Saldanha.
- Our Parish RCIA and Mystagogia program concludes this Thursday 25 May, 7pm, St Gabriel's Parish Centre. Anna Krohn ANIMA Education will introduce the Divine Office. Sincere thanks to Mystagogia presenters: Matthew McDonald, Julie Zaar and Anna Krohn. Our next RCIA program commences Thursday 4 August.
- Altar servers Jonathan Abuthan and Tom Rebbechi will be admitted to the Guild of St Stephen at St Patrick's Cathedral Friday 26 May. Congratulations! We thank all our servers for their faithful ministry at the Altar, and welcome Anna Pham-Nguyen to our Parish serving team.

## 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 COVID 19. The count also assists provision of diocesan services, pastoral planning, *Take the Way of the Gospel*, etc



Next Sunday 28 May after 10am Mass  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre  
*If you would like to help  
please contact Tim Rebbechi  
0412 799 845 tim.rebbechi@gmail.com*



Darebin RSL  
402 Bell Street Preston  
Tuesday 13 June 6.30pm  
Register: Tim Rebbechi  
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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](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved)  
[volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:judeome@hotmail.com)

MENS FIRST SATURDAY  
ROSARY OF REPARATION

Knights of the Precious Blood, 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.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS  
OF MARY MCKILLOP

Australian pilgrimage 17-28 October 2023  
[www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au)



*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet  
with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands,  
with which He blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
Christ has no body now but yours.*  
St. Teresa of Avila + 1582

Today's first reading describes the last time the apostles saw the risen Christ. Luke describes the scene in the very first chapter of his Book of Acts, but words alone can't capture the amazement and wonder the apostles must have felt when they saw Jesus "lifted up" into heaven (Acts 1:9). They were blessed indeed to have seen all that Jesus said and did, from the beginning of his ministry up to this dramatic moment.

But along with this privilege came a great responsibility. In his final instructions to his apostles, Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). This was their new purpose in life, the very reason why Jesus had chosen them in the first place. Upon their eyewitness, accounts would rest the faith of millions of believers - and the entire Church - through the centuries.

Of course, many other people have followed in the apostles' footsteps by witnessing to Christ. They may not have seen Jesus firsthand, but they have experienced his presence and the power of his Holy Spirit in their lives. In fact, every person who calls himself a believer is also, by default, a witness to Christ.

Do you think of yourself as a witness? If you follow Jesus, you can't help being one. You witness by the values that guide you, by the love you show others, and by your life of prayer. You witness when you share how God is working in your life or how he has forgiven you or answered a prayer.

Jesus' final words at his Ascension weren't just for his apostles; they are for you, too. So how might you witness to Jesus today? Every day presents a new opportunity - one that might just lead another person to a new or deeper love of the Lord.

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PARISH FINANCE REPORT  
JAN / FEB / MAR 2023

Month	Thanksgiving Envelope	Thanksgiving Direct Debit	Total
JAN	3,189	1,660	4,849
FEB	2,713	1,195	3,908
MARCH	2,672	1,275	3,947
TOTAL	8,574	4,130	12,704

Diocesan Quota <i>per quarter</i> St Gabriel's	\$1,600
Diocesan Quota <i>per quarter</i> St Stephen's	\$3,534
<i>With amalgamation, this levy is under negotiation with Diocesan Finance Office.</i>	
Catholic Church Insurance <i>per annum</i>	\$22,867
Yarra Valley Water	\$763
Electricity	\$1,107
Energy Australia—Gas	\$594
City of Darebin—Rates	\$786
Photocopy / Paper	\$2,140
Telephone / Internet	\$879
Security / Fire Equipment Services	\$495
Cleaning / Gardening	\$3,770
Repairs / Maintenance	\$5,038
Church Supplies	\$4,421
Accounting Fees	\$3,102

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2022

Caritas Australia / Project Compassion \$1,528  
Good Friday Holy Places \$ 232

PARISH THANKSGIVING

Parish Thanksgiving helps meet basic operating needs eg insurance, utilities, staff wages etc. It helps maintain our churches, St Gabriel's and St Stephen's, and parish facilities. It supports programs of faith education, pastoral care, outreach, evangelization and mission. Sincere thanks to 106 subscribers who support Parish Thanksgiving.

***All Parishioners are called to be  
part of Parish Thanksgiving!***



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members:  
Gary O'Dwyer  
Bonnie Wilson  
Charmaine Dmello  
Shane Miranda  
Preethi Saldanha

Parish Priest:  
Fr Gregory Pritchard

Accountant:  
Mazza Maurizio

Parish Office:  
Gracie Forde

Parish Finance Officer / St Margaret's Retirement Village  
Hung Chau

DIOCESAN QUOTA

A levy on all parishes to assist diocesan extension, agencies and initiatives: Proclaim Office for Mission Renewal, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Tertiary Education Ministry, Catholic Vocations Office, Migrant Chaplains, Priests on Special Duties, Presbytery Support, Pastoral Associates.

CLERGY SUPPORT

This supports our own Parish Priest. This includes quarterly stipend. Medibank, health care, housekeeping, clothes, car expenses, annual leave, retreat, clergy conference.

It also supports:  
Archbishop Comensoli and our bishops 5%  
Priests in needy parishes: 12.5%  
Sick and retired priests: 12.5%



WORLD YOUTH DAY

August 1-6 Lisbon, Portugal. We support 6 young parishioners who will attend WYD: Jonathan Abuthan, Mary Carmen, Andrew Dos Santos, Albert Maatouk, Elizabeth Rebbechi & Peter Rebbechi. Thank you for your support with the 1st Sunday WYD special envelope.

PARISH HALLS

St Gabriel's Hall is used almost exclusively by St Gabriel's MACS. OurPatch OHSC no longer uses St Stephen's Hall. Both halls are inspected quarterly by the Finance Committee. Their report was published in the Parish Bulletin weekend 6-7 May. It is expected that St Gabriel's and St Stephen's MACS will take responsibility for the good maintenance of Parish facilities they use and just remuneration.