

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*)

In my memories, I know
how you send familiar rains
falling gently on my days;
dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more,
in the fortress of my mind,
to believe in falling rain
as I travel deserts dry! *Refrain*

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

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

Psalm Response

The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower; all who come to him
will live forever. Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's Almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine
And soft refreshing rain.

Chorus All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above.
So thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gift have we to offer,
For all thy love imparts,
And that which thou desirest, *Chorus*

Holy Communion 1

Come journey with us, walk with us,
Listen to our story.
Our hopes, our dreams, our struggles, our joy,
Our story of life, we share with you,
As we journey, Jesus our God.

Chorus
May our hearts be warmed and strengthened by
Your presence here.
In your holy Word and Bread of life,
In the love we share.
May we go forth, on our journey with you.

Come journey with us, talk with us,
Tell us of your story.
Open our minds to understand
The mystery of your life with us,
Your risen life, Jesus our God. *Chorus*

Come journey with us, stay with us,
Make us one with you.
In the blessing of bread, the breaking of bread,
May we truly know, your life in us,
Your love for us, Jesus our God. *Chorus*

Holy Communion 2

Chorus
We hold a treasure, not made of gold,
In earthen vessels, wealth untold.
One treasure only; the Lord, the Christ,
In earthen vessels.

Light has shown in our darkness,
God has shown in our heart,
With the light of the glory
Of Jesus the Lord. *Chorus*
He has chosen the lowly,
Who are small in this world,
In his weakness is glory
In Jesus the Lord. *Chorus*

Recessional Hymn

God, beyond our dreams,
You have stirred in us a memory;
You have placed your pow'ful Spirit
In the hearts of humankind.

Chorus
All around us we have known you,
All creation lives to hold you.
In our living and our dying
We are bringing you to birth.

God beyond all names,
You have made us in your image;
We are like you, we reflect you,
We are woman, we are man. *Chorus*

God beyond all time,
You are labouring within us;
We are moving, we are changing
In your Spirit ever new. *Chorus*

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15th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Yr A 16.07.2023

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass St Gabriel's
12pm Funeral Mass Michelina Licastro RIP
St Stephen's

Wednesday 9.30am Mass St Stephen's

Thursday 9am Mass St Gabriel's
11am Funeral Mass Merv Beck RIP
St Stephen's

Friday 9am Mass St Gabriel's

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

Sunday St Gabriel's
9am Reconciliation
10am Mass

Thanksgiving &
Clergy support
by direct debit



St Gabriel's
& St Stephen's Church
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**Our Parish is committed
to the safety,
wellbeing and dignity
of all children
and vulnerable adults**

PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH

The first of 2 annual Mission collections will be taken up this weekend 15-16 July. *Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are a few of the many conditions present in the community of Venilale Timor-Leste. With fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices and limited access to adequate care, many conditions worsen and can result in death. Seeing the gap in care, the Salesian Sisters took action and established the Maria Auxilladora Clinic. The Sisters and the Church in Venilale need support to maintain and stock the clinic with resources they need.*

THE CATHOLIC LANDSCAPE

Introduction to the Catechism
of the Catholic Church
Presented by Anna Krohn
ANIMA Education
St Gabriel's Parish Centre
(rear St Gabriel's Church) Reservoir
Thursdays 7pm August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



*Ideal introduction to the Catechism
and the Catholic Faith for RCIA inquirers, team leaders
and members, parents, teenagers and young adults, adult
formation.*

Enquiries: Parish Office 9460 6036
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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

The Sisters participate in their General Chapter July 2-22, guided by the theme *Renewed fidelity to the Gospel: Our journey to 100 years and beyond*. In the spirit of hope and communion the Sisters ask our prayers to rekindle their fidelity to the Gospel, to preach the love of God by the witness of their daily lives and apostolate.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Our 6 parish Catechumens receive Archbishop Comen-soli's commission at 11am Solemn Mass St Patrick's Cathedral today Sunday 16 July. They join over 130 different communities from across Melbourne travelling together to Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day 1-6 August

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

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.
info@kofpb.org

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MCKILLOP

Australian pilgrimage 17-28 October 2023
www.marymackillopplace.org.au

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

This year's production
the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*
Enquiries: Judy O'Meara 0488 580 145
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MURAL OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

St Marks Parish Lee St Fawkner
Daily 8.30am to 6pm
Inquiries: 9359 3111



What was "the word of the kingdom" that Jesus refers to in today's Gospel? Simply this: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand". It's the "word" that Jesus proclaimed when he launched his public ministry. He had come to usher in God's kingdom, and he wanted his disciples - and all of us - to help it expand and grow and bear fruit. So let's look at this familiar parable of the sower and the seed from the perspective of bearing fruit for God's kingdom.

Jesus doesn't want us to be the seed that falls on the path - the people who never really understand the scope of God's call to them. Our faith isn't just a matter of following a set of rules. Jesus invites us to something greater: cooperating with him in making his kingdom a reality wherever we live and work. And if we think we aren't worthy or talented enough, he wants us to recognize that those thoughts are from the evil one!

Jesus also warns us not to become the seed that falls on rocky soil - those who feel overwhelmed by the hardships and sacrifices involved when we say yes to God's call. He knows that we can persevere only when we are rooted in him and focus not just on the difficulties but also the blessings of following him.

Finally, taking up Jesus' call to bear fruit for his kingdom means making it the most important priority in our lives. He doesn't want us to be like the seed among thorns and let other concerns distract us from his own concerns.

Today at Mass, ask yourself, How is Jesus calling me to bear fruit for his kingdom? How will I respond? Remember, you're not on your own! Jesus is with you always, giving you the grace day by day to help you make his heavenly kingdom a reality, right where you are!

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Jesus' invitation
to enter his kingdom
comes in the form of parables....
The parables are like mirrors:
Will we be hard soil
or good earth
for the word?

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WHY DO WE PRAY? I

People have a yearning for religion. The fact that modern society ignores or prevents us fulfilling this need is one of the reasons for increased neurosis today.

Perhaps the rise in superstition which parallels the decline in religion is an example of this.

St Augustine put it this way, '*Our hearts are never at rest until they rest in God.*' We need God, just like we need friendship; perhaps, just like we need oxygen.

There are many types of prayer, public and private, but the Eucharist (that is, the Mass) is the highest and most wonderful prayer.

Prayer is worthless when it becomes mechanical, and dangerous when it becomes a show for others (remember the Pharisee and the Publican). We cannot just go through the motions so that we will get a good place upstairs (so many prayers automatically mean that we shall be allowed through the pearly gates!).

We pray so that we can come closer to God; we pray so that we preserve and develop our friendship with God, through Christ. Christ is the only mediator between God and man.

We need to pray to God just as we need to talk to our friends and spend time with them in order to preserve and develop our friendship. Prayer is not something for priests, brothers and sisters. Every Christian is equally called to holiness (or wholeness in Christ), and every person needs to pray, because every person is made for God. Perhaps even to be healthy we need to pray!

This is not a desirable extra, for the pious, or the quiet 'churchy' type. Every one of us is called to know the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. We all have to be friends of Christ; therefore we all have to pray.

This means both private and public prayer. There can be a suspicion that private prayers are something we say with the children when they are young; later it is enough that we get along to Mass. But would we dream of talking to our close friends only in a big group?

Not only do we pray because we can see a need for it, but we pray because Christ told us to do so, and taught us how to do so. Christ also stressed the need for private prayer: 'Go shut the door and pray to your Father in secret', and His private life showed that He practised what He preached.

Cardinal George Pell (+2023)
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May our deceased
gone before us in faith,
come to Christ and live for ever.

Recently deceased

Fr Austin Cooper OMI
Merv Beck
Luigi Marasco
Kerry Brydon
Katica Kummerle
Micheline Licastro

Anniversary of death

Antonio D'Amore
Pauline Farrugia
Carmine D'Arcangelo

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Situated 150 km from the east of Dili, Venilale is a town of 16,000 inhabitants. Following decades of unrest, Venilale has limited access to resources and infrastructure, and faces a range of challenges, including the lack of access to healthcare professionals.

The Salesian Sisters, who first came to Venilale to support the education of young children, discovered a great need for medical assistance. In 1995, driven by their commitment to God's Mission and hand-in-hand with the local community, they created the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic, a place dedicated to healing and health education.

Through decades of service, the Sisters have established a strong bond with the community, with each new generation trusting the Sisters to care for them.

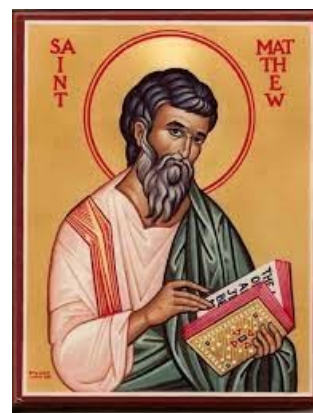
In providing people with physical and psychological care, the Clinic takes a holistic approach by sharing healthy lifestyle skills and habits. Through health promotion, the community is empowered to have autonomy over their well-being.

"The people are welcome. The people feel at home. They can stay, they can talk about their own problems, not just sickness, and enter a deeper conversation. We spend time with them to explain things. In this way, the people feel important," says Sr Alma.

One key work of the Sisters focuses on promoting nutrition. Targeting schools, this program ensures that children are developing healthy nutrition habits for themselves and their families. This year, the Sisters are looking to implement this program in 24 schools in Venilale and in the surrounding communities.

Currently, 51 children in 1,000 under the age of five are dying prematurely, with malnutrition as one of the main contributing factors. Teaching healthy habits enables this new generation to make informed choices about their health and to pass on vital knowledge to their families and future children.

While there is important progress, many challenges remain in keeping the Venilale Clinic running. Doctors are difficult to find and retain, and the cost of maintaining the Clinic continues to rise. The support of Catholic Mission's friends and supporters remain an important factor in carrying this life-giving work.



Next weekend
16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-30