

Processional Hymn

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

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14, 2 Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17:1-9

Psalm Response

The Lord is king,
the Most High
over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight:
listen to him. Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts

Please accept our gifts of bread and wine,
fruit of the field, fruit of the vine.
Just as the many grains have been refined,
draw us together Lord in heart and mind.

Just as the many grapes from a single vine,
when they are pressed together make the wine,
so may our many lives be merged in one,
merged in the life and love of Christ your Son.

Lord accept our gifts of bread and wine,
the gifts of the heart that in them you may find,
the image left upon them of your Son,
the image that he died and for us won.

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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

This is holy ground,
We're standing on holy ground,
For the Lord is present
And where he is, is holy.
And where he is, is holy.

These are holy hands,
He's given us holy hands.
He works through these hands
And so these hands are holy.
And so these hands are holy.

These are holy lives,
He's given us holy lives.
He speaks through these lives
And so these lives are holy.
And so these lives are holy.

Recessional Hymn

Lord I come to you, let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace, that I found, in you.
And Lord, I've come to know, the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away, by the pow'r of your love. *Chorus*
Chorus: Hold me close, let your love surround me,
bring me near, draw me to your side,
and as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with you, your spirit leads me on,
in the pow'r of your love.

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see you face-to-face,
the knowledge of your love, as you live in me.
Lord renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day, by the pow'r of your love. *Chorus*



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

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Transfiguration of the Lord Yr A 06.08.2023

MASS & RECONCILIATION SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Mary of the Cross MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842; died in 1909. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children, sharing the life of the poor and the itinerant, and offering special care to destitute women and the young. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI 17 October 2010.

Wednesday 9.30am Mass *St Stephen's*

Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel'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
BSB: 083-347
account: 639372585



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

***Parishioners and visitors to
St Gabriel's Church and parish office
may like to park their cars
in the church car park.***

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 10, 17, 24, 31



Assumption of Our Lady Tuesday 15 August

St Gabriel's Reservoir
8.45am Holy Rosary 9am Mass
7pm Holy Rosary 7.30pm Mass
St Raphael's Preston West
Masses: 12.15pm & 4pm



First Holy Communion

7 candidates receive First Holy Communion at 10am Mass
St Gabriel's. 1 parish candidate; 6 candidates from St Gabriel's & St Stephen's MACS. We welcome these candidates, their families, and MACS employees. Grace before family lunch is included in today's bulletin.

St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

*We celebrate St Stephen's feast day Wednesday
16 August: 9.15am Morning Prayer; 9.30am Mass.
Coffee and cake after 6pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 12 August.*

200 people attended the rally at St Stephen's
on Saturday 29 July.

Parishioners are very concerned that the fence intrudes on the evacuation assembly area, presented on St Stephen's Primary School Emergency Procedures Summary. This presents a public safety risk and fire hazard to anyone who may be in St Stephen's Church and Hall during medical, fire, armed intrusion, bomb threat or adverse weather emergency. The Emergency Procedures Summary is on display in St Stephen's Church and Hall; it applies to the whole site. The fence allows no room for emergency vehicles eg ambulance, fire. Thanks to Parishioners who have contacted the Archbishop's office in light of the report in Parish Bulletin weekend 22-23 July.

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

Preston Curia
St Gabriel's Parish Centre
Saturday 19 August 2pm

- 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

Fiddler on the Roof
Auditions: Sunday 27 August 5-10pm
St Gabriel's Hall
Enquiries: Judy O'Meara 0488 580 145
judeome@hotmail.com

RELICS OF STS MAROUN, CHARBEL, NEEMTALLAH, RAFQA, & MARY MACKILLOP

Mass with the Relics Friday 18 August 6pm
followed by an Eastern Churches Recital of Hymns
Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church
230 Normanby Ave Thornbury

RELIC STATUE OF ST JOHN BOSCO

Veneration and Mass celebrated by
Archbishop Comensoli
Saturday 30 September 11am
St Margaret Mary's Church
51 Mitchell St Brunswick North.



Through the eyes of resurrection faith, Jesus' first disciples came to understand that, during his earthly life, they had caught glimpse of his unique relationship with God. In his life of unswerving fidelity to the Father's will, the glory into which Jesus entered through his passion and death shone through. 'We had seen his majesty for ourselves' wrote St Peter.

First Holy Communion Table Blessing

Bless this meal, loving Father,
with the graces of the Last Supper
of your Son.

We thank you for this food
and for those who prepared it.
But most of all we thank you
for the sacrifice
of Christ's Body and Blood
which unites us in holy communion
and reconciles us to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our recently deceased, transfigured in the likeness of Christ's glorious body

Fr Desmond Panton
Fabian Fitzgerald
Charlie Darmanin
Michalina Licastro, *month's mind*

Next weekend 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13
Romans 9: 1-5
Matthew 14: 22-33

WHY DO WE PRAY? III

There are many types of prayer, for instance, prayers of adoration, or forgiveness, or thanksgiving, or intercession. We shall comment on just one of these, namely, prayer of intercession.

Some now suggest that we should never ask God for earthly blessings. However, the 'Our Father' teaches us to pray for our 'daily bread', that is, what we need for our daily needs. The petitions are the simple, confident, 'demands' of the child. Childlike in a good sense, but not childish. There is no promise that we shall receive this bread, much less caviar and champagne.

However, there is a danger here. Do we only pray well when we want something from God? Do we love God, or what we are asking for?

If most of our (sincere) prayers ask God for something, then we are childish, and we know what children get (or should get) when they spend most of their time asking. The parable of the ten lepers who were cured while only one returned to say thank you is important because it tells us something about human nature, about ourselves.

Another type of prayer which should be encouraged is meditation, especially on the Scriptures. Meditation means 'thinking about', and we all meditate. Who will win the football? What will the children do? Shall I buy a new hat?

Many attitudes and teachings of Christ are puzzling. (Why were the prostitutes closer to the kingdom of heaven than the Pharisees?) We should puzzle over these; perhaps discuss them among ourselves. Certainly we need to let them work on us, and slowly transform us.

This is one reason why the Word of God (the Scripture readings and explanation in the homily) are a vital part of the Mass.

Because of the busy pace of modern life, and the strains this pace imposes, quiet meditative prayer is more necessary now than ever before. We need to stop occasionally, even for our health. This is one more reason why Sunday is a day of rest.

Can we sit with ourselves and face the boredom? (One Eastern writer said that the majority of people are like a shaving of wood which is curled round its central emptiness.) Or do we always lurch for the TV or the radio? For our health, we need to sit quietly occasionally. Do we go a step further and turn to God in these moments of anguish? *Be still and know that I am God.*

Cardinal George Pell (+2023)

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***The spiritual masters of all times
have described growth in faith
and in love for God
as a spiritual, life-and-death combat.
The battlefield
is the human being's interior life.
The Christian's weapon is prayer.
We can allow ourselves to be defeated
by our selfishness
and lose ourselves over worthless things.
Or we can win God.***

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Our Parish WYD Pilgrims

Jonathan Abuthan, Mary Carmen,
Andrew dos Santos, Albert Mattouk,
Elizabeth Rebbechi, Peter Rebbechi.

*Pope Francis celebrates Mass
for the millions of pilgrims to WYD Lisbon.
Our Parish Pilgrims have enjoyed days at the
Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima,
and participated in WYD events
including Way of the Cross (Friday),
and Night Vigil (Saturday).*

Our Lady of the Visitation,
you who left in haste
towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth,
lead us also to meet all those who await us
to deliver them the living Gospel:
Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!

We will go in a hurry,
with no distraction or delay
but with readiness and joy.
We will go peacefully,
because those who take Christ take peace,
and well doing is the best wellbeing.

Our Lady of the Visitation,
with your inspiration, this World Youth Day
will be the mutual celebration
of the Christ we take, as You once did.

Make it a time of testimony and sharing.
communion, and giving thanks,
each of us looking for the others
who always wait.

With you, we will continue
on this path of gathering.
so that our world will gather as well,
in fraternity, justice and peace.

Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone,
obeying the Father,
in the love of the Spirit!