

Processional Hymn

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*

Liturgy of the Word

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

Psalm Response

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

The prophet Elijah and Jesus both went up a mountain to pray. Many people have experienced the presence of God in the wonder and solitude of a mountaintop. But God is also to be found at sea level, in the ups and downs of our daily lives. When we are swamped by troubles and cry out, 'Lord, save me,' we allow God to reach out and hold us.

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,
Our humble, thankful hearts. *Chorus*



Holy Communion 1

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

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

Come, O God of all the earth,
Come to us, O Righteous One.
Come and bring your love to birth,
In the glory of your Son.

Chorus: Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

Come, O God of wind and flame,
Fill the earth with righteousness,
Teach us all to sing your name,
May our lives your love confess. *Chorus*

Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace,
Come and shape our hearts anew.
Come and make oppression cease,
Bring us all to life in you. *Chorus*

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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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 13.08.2023

MASS & RECONCILIATION

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



WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST FEAST OF ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass 9.30am

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 17, 23, 31



Anniversaries of Ordination

Many priests celebrate their anniversary of ordination to the priesthood at this time. Fr Hoctor was ordained on 16 August 1980 and Fr Pritchard on 17 August 1985.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

We thank St Gabriel's and St Stephen's parishioners for your support and efforts to promote the work of Catholic-Care Victoria. Together we can strengthen individuals, families and communities, and help everyone to live life to the full.

The Benedict Conference Truth, Goodness, Beauty

ACU Cathedral Hall Brunswick St Fitzroy
Saturday 28 October 10am – 5pm

Speakers include Bishop Robert Barron and Prof Tracey Rowland. We would like to take advantage of the group early bird: 8 persons \$40 per person. Contact Fr Pritchard 9460 6036 or email reservoir@cam.org.au

St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

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. Displayed in both Church & hall. This presents a public safety risk and fire hazard. The fence allows no room for emergency vehicles eg ambulance, fire. The site was inspected by the Fire Brigade on Friday 11 August.

Thanks to Parishioners who have contacted the Archbishop's office in light of the report in Parish Bulletin weekend 22-23 July.

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Fiddler on the Roof

Auditions: Sunday 27 August 6pm

Rehearsals: Sundays 6-8.30pm

St Gabriel's Hall

Enquiries: Judy O'Meara 0488 580 145

judeome@hotmail.com

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

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.

WE CELEBRATE ST STEPHEN'S FEAST DAY

Born in Hungary about 969, St Stephen received baptism and in 1000 was crowned King of Hungary. He was a just, peaceful and religious king, keeping strictly to the laws of the Church and always seeking the good of his subjects. He established many dioceses and did much to strengthen the life of the Church. He died in 1038.

Wednesday 16 August

9.15am Morning Prayer; 9.30am Mass

Coffee and cake after 6pm Vigil Mass

Saturday 12 August

This is the feast day of the Lord's true witness, whom through the ages all have held in honour; now let us praise him and his deeds of glory with exultation.

So now together, giving God the glory,
we sing his praises and his mighty triumph,
that in his glory we may all be sharers,
now and here after.

Praise to the Father and the Son most holy,
praise to the Spirit, Godhead coeternal,
who give examples in the lives of all saints,
that we may follow.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Our parish pilgrims have now returned home. Welcome back! Anna Krohn will help us to unpack the WYD experience, share photos and highlights, and then work on ideas for young adult ministry in Reservoir-Reservoir East and Preston West: Sunday 3 September 11.30am-1.30pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre \$10 working \$5 non-working/students.

Our dear departed in the household of God at the time of their anniversary

Josip & Ana Tot

Pastors of Reservoir East

Fr Gerard Sullivan +

Fr Francis Carsen + 2007

Next weekend

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

WHY DO WE PRAY? IV

Sometimes, perhaps often, God seems absent. Prayer becomes tiresome; we do not feel better for it. As some people say, 'I get nothing from it.'

However we should remember that if we are convinced an activity is worthwhile, we persevere despite the difficulties. The Allied leaders in the last War asked much more of their people than Hitler ever dared because they were convinced of the worth of their cause. At some stage prayer will be difficult; is it worth persevering these dark patches?

While God is never absent in fact, it is useful to recall that prayer involves an encounter and a relationship. A relationship cannot be forced on God, or on us. There is a mutual freedom, and God can make Himself present or absent as in any relationship. We have no infallible mechanical formula to conjure up God's presence. But God is able to complain more about us, than we about Him. So often He knocks and we are busy - on our way to the beach, or settling down to watch TV.

It is a matter of faith, too. We stand before God, and seem to call to an empty sky. No reply comes, but God is there and with us.

There is a gap in our lives, especially if we grew up with medals, scapulars, processions and so on.

Devotions are good, when they recognise and lead to Christ as the centre. They should never be a substitute for Christ or distract from Him.

But devotion to Our Lady is an essential mark of traditional Catholicism, and it would be a great loss if this devotion fell into oblivion. Mary will help us to Christ.

Young people need heroes; and will create them, if they are not presented. There are plenty of great Christians who will inspire people of today, young or old.

All of us, and especially young people, need symbols to explain who we are. Is not a cross or a religious medal better than a peace symbol or a swastika?

Our religion today is much too dry and colourless. We need new devotions suitable to the religious sensibilities of young people, and the Gospel. There is more to devotions than old-fashioned holy pictures, just as there is more to people than mind. Perhaps today too many of the people who do the talking in the Church are becoming middle class, intellectual and dull and dry, forgetting that a lot of us simple people need some colour and pagentry.

Ultimately, however, it does not matter how we pray (except for the Mass!) as long as we do pray.

Cardinal George Pell (+2023)

christthepriest.com

*For me,
prayer is a surge of the heart;
it is a simple look
turned toward heaven,
it is a cry of recognition and of love,
embracing both trial and joy.*

St Therese of Lisieux +1897



CatholicCare Victoria is the social services agency of the Catholic Church in Victoria, empowering families, children, and individuals to build thriving communities. They strive to encourage strength and resilience in every person at any age and invite you today to help make this possible.

CatholicCare Victoria runs the annual Sunday Appeal in order to continue supporting vulnerable individuals and families.

CatholicCare Victoria focuses on real life issues and offers practical support for all members of the family. They offer financial support, employment assistance, relationship counselling, parenting programs and support, mental health programs, they assist with parenting arrangements and help people escape domestic violence.

The wonderful support CatholicCare Victoria receives from parish communities will go towards funding a range of these programs so they can continue to be there for families when they're most vulnerable.

**Please continue to share in Christ's mission
by donating to CatholicCare Victoria's
Sunday Appeal today.**

**You can donate by filling out the envelopes attached
to today's Bulletin, or by making an online donation
via CatholicCare Victoria's website
www.catholiccarevic.org.au**

If you can't donate today, please take an envelope, and send it back to CatholicCare Victoria when you can, or place it in next weekend's parish collection.

The compassion of our parish community allows CatholicCare Victoria to build thriving, connected communities where families can live life to the full.

CatholicCare Victoria thanks you for your faithful and generous compassion toward struggling Victorians. Thank you for helping them to reach their full potential.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry.
Give drink to the thirsty
Shelter the homeless.
Clothe the naked.
Comfort the sick.
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead.