

## Processional Hymn CWB 588

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praises sing?  
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him,  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## Liturgy of the Word

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

## Psalm Response

Lord, you are good and forgiving

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

## Preparation of the Gifts CWB 488

For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God;  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God



## Holy Communion CWB 469

Christians, let us love one another,  
as we share the true living bread.  
Jesus is our God and our brother;  
with his flesh and blood we are fed  
Everyone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life, God is love.

We who break this bread are one body,  
we who share this cup are all one,  
children of our Father in heaven,  
sharers of the life of God's Son.  
Everyone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life, God is love.

We who eat and drink at this table  
die and rise again with our Lord,  
drawing from our rock living water  
for all men who thirst for accord.  
Everyone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life, God is love.

Wheat and grape incarnate a mystery;  
Jesus is the true living bread.  
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,  
trusting in the word he has said.  
Everyone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life, God is love.

Jesus is the vine, we the branches;  
we are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.  
Those who eat this bread live for ever,  
one with Christ, our Lord and our head.  
Everyone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life, God is love.

## Recessional Hymn CWB 472

Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all God's mighty deeds:  
tell of love that knows no limits,  
grace that meets all human needs.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people he intends,  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your master sends:  
royal priests, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer,  
give your lives in joyful service,  
sing his praise, his love declare.

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

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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 23.07.2023

### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

*Pope Francis calls the whole Church to pray for our grandparents and the elderly among us on this week-end near the memorial of Our Lord's grandparents, the parents of Our Lady, Sts Joachim and Anne*

### MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass St Gabriel's

Wednesday 9.30am Mass St Stephen's

*Sts Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!*  
Pope Francis

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***

## 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  
reservoir@cam.org.au

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Our parish pilgrims fly out of Melbourne to Portugal this week along with Archbishop Comensoli, many priests, seminarians and 600 pilgrims. They will spend a few days at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, and then travel to Lisbon for WYD with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics. Out of the generosity of parishioners, each pilgrim has been gifted \$500.

### 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

The wax replica of Don Bosco comes from the Salesian Province of Hong Kong, containing a small bone from the saint's right arm. The relic will be present for Veneration and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli Saturday 30 September 11am St Margaret Mary's Church 51 Mitchell St Brunswick North. 2023 marks the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians of Don Bosco in Australia.

• Cardinal Pell's *Why do we pray II* is held over until next week

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

• Legion of Mary Preston Curia  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre Saturday 19 August - 2pm



## 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@sudp-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

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

## MURAL OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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



*Does Jesus' explanation of today's parable make you uncomfortable? Especially his image of God sending his angels to toss the children of the evil one into a fiery furnace? If a loving human father would never treat his children that way, how could God, our heavenly Father, do such a thing?*

*If you find this story troubling, it might help to know you're in good company. Even the ancient Fathers of the Church were divided on how to interpret it. In the third century, Origen of Alexandria taught that these children of the evil one were not individual people. Rather, they were the evil opinions that the devil sows in our souls. He said that God wants to burn these sinful thoughts and attitudes out of all people so that they can enter eternal life.*

*On the other hand, St John Chrysostom, writing about a hundred years later, said that the children of the evil one were indeed sinners. These, Chrysostom said, would be given over to punishment, and a severe punishment at that. Meanwhile, the righteous would depart into the kingdom of heaven.*

*You may favour Origen's view or Chrysostom's, but both men make one thing clear: sin is serious. It burdens us. It darkens our minds and poisons our hearts. It keeps us from loving each other and receiving God's love. But they both also taught that Jesus offers us the only way to escape its grasp: his cross and resurrection.*

*Jesus ends his parable with a warning: Whoever has ears ought to hear. Let's do just that. Let's take his words to heart. Let's believe that his grace is powerful enough to save us from sin. Let's trust that he can make us shine like the sun.*

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## May our recently deceased be gathered into the harvest of the kingdom

Domenico Ventura  
Christina Cannon  
John Kerrins

## Next weekend 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

## ST STEPHEN'S RESERVOIR EAST

- Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd. MACS is the governance company which employs principals and staff and administers parish and secondary schools eg. St Gabriel's and St Stephen's primary schools, St Monica's College Epping

• CAM is Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. We have been dealing with CAM Property & Infrastructure.

- St Stephen's MACS is concerned for child safety during school hours.

• A fence was proposed 10 February 2023. Fr Pritchard attended a "walk-through" at St Stephen's 17 February 2023. The fence was further discussed with MACS and CAM officials 8 March 2023. MACS is obligated to seek written approval for this fence from Fr Pritchard. No formal contact was made. The matter of the fence was not spoken of at a meeting with Fr Pritchard, Parish Finance Officer Hung Chau, St Gabriel's Principal Gemma Goodyear, Deputy Principal Laura Merrick and MACS official Madison Liddell 22 June 2023. Madison Liddell was also present at the MACS-CAM meeting 8 March 2023.

• Fence posts were erected at St Stephen's 6 July 2023. Fr Pritchard and parishioner Ange Braysha were onsite at 7am Friday 7 July. Fr Pritchard spoke with Ms Goodyear by mobile, and she was asked about authorisation for works which contravene Right to Land and Building Agreement signed by all parish priests (2020). The fence was completed without authorisation week ending 14 July 2023.

The following points can be noted:

• Much hard work and sacrifice by parishioners built up St Stephen's Parish. The original church, now hall, was built in 1957. St Stephen's church was blessed by Archbishop Knox in 1970. A long list of parishioners and benefactors can be found on the church wall. At its peak St Stephen's school enrolled 500 students. Current enrolment is 40 students (6 Catholics).

• Fr Patrick Ryan PP Reservoir obtained the St Stephen's site from the Victorian Housing Commission in the 1950's. Parishioners worked hard to assist Fr Ryan, with many fundraisers, working bees, fetes, Parish Thanksgiving.

• The RULBA signed by Fr Hektor provides for the use by parishioners of the main church car park between St Stephen's church and school buildings; 50% each way.

• The fence was erected by St Stephen's MACS without authorisation from the Parish Priest as stipulated RULBA 4(a)

*MACS must ensure any alterations or works to the Land or the Buildings or any Services to the Land or the Buildings are carried out:*

- only if the owner's prior written consent has been obtained, and which will not be unreasonably withheld in the case of non-structural alterations or works and other non-structural works not affecting the Services.*
- strictly in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Owner*

• When the fence was proposed, it was shown to be 7 metres from St Stephen's church. This would allow for cars (especially hearses) to circle the church. As it is, the fence presents as a cage, it gives the impression of a prison, it suggests that the physical church is irrelevant to the mission and presence of the Catholic Church in Reservoir East. We see this as a land grab and over reach; MACS is stealing property from St Stephen's parish. This is clearly and without argument a breach of contract, MACS has acted unilaterally and dishonourably, with total disregard for parishioners and their legacy.

• St Stephen's parishioners respectfully ask the Archbishop or his delegate to visit St Stephen's and inspect the church/school grounds and the unauthorised fence. Parishioners also ask that MACS consult our parish priest and set about repositioning the fence according to the original proposal.

*Parishioners can write to Archbishop Comensoli, He alone has authority to adjudicate such disputes.*

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