

## Processional Hymn AOV 158

*Refrain:* Create a new heart, Holy Lord,  
beckon our lives through your word,  
open our eyes to your call,  
united as one for your world.  
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,  
heal us of pride and of hurt,  
may we go forth in your name  
we pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.  
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. *Refrain*

Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.  
Deepen the dream justice brings life, justice redeems.

*Refrain*

## Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

### Psalm Response

Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter,  
the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
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.

## Holy Communion 1 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*

## Holy Communion 2

Power of Love, when the light burns low,  
Let us not be cold, to a friend.  
Power of Love, when the weary call,  
Let us give them all, they may need.  
Power of Love.

Prince of Peace, I will sing your praise;  
I will make your ways, my own.  
Prince of Peace, let us all be one,  
Let our distance come, to an end.  
Prince of Peace.

Lamb of God, my heart overflows,  
And your Spirit goes, where it will.  
Lamb of God, we can never know,  
Just how deep and bold, love can be.  
Lamb of God.

## .Recessional Hymn AOV 76

*Refrain:* All the ends of the earth,  
all you creatures of the sea,  
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.  
For the Lord of the earth,  
the master of the sea,  
has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,  
the wonders he has done in ev'ry age. *Refrain*

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;  
ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord. *Refrain*

The Lord has made his salvation known,  
faithful to his promises of old.  
Let the ends of the earth,  
let the sea and all it holds  
make music before our King! *Refrain*

## Next weekend 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

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

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Friday 9am—3pm

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St Stephen's Church  
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 27.08.2023

### MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

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

Thursday 31 August 7pm (*final*)

Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church Presented by Anna Krohn ANIMA Education St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir

## 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. benedictconference.com

## World Youth Day 2023

**NEXT SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**  
11.30am-1.30pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre  
\$10 working \$5 non-working/students.

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:

## St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

Posted by the Friends of St Stephen's, the youtube video of the rally Saturday 29 July has registered more than 1000 views.

Priests have communicated their support for our Parish action and shared their experiences and concerns about MACS overreach.

Frs Grainger and Pritchard will meet with Fr Joseph Caddy VG Tuesday 29 August. The matter of the fence will be raised at this meeting

Please add your signature to a petition addressed to Archbishop Comensoli requesting his intervention with MACS to remove and reposition the unauthorised fence. The petition is available after Mass.

## 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

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

### Order your 2024 Calendar & Christmas cards

Columban Art Calender \$10  
Voce de Padre Pio Calendario Almanacco \$10  
Magellan Christmas cards (pack of 10) \$7.50  
Place your order at St Gabriel's piety stall or  
Parish office 9460 6036 reservoir@cam.org.au

## LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Parish  
17 Hardy St, Preston West  
Wednesdays 1.30pm  
Contact: Marijana Jurjevic 0422 340 675

## 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.

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MCKILLOP

Australian pilgrimage 17-28 October 2023  
national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Jesus didn't pull any punches with his disciples, did he? Yes, he wanted them to tell him what the crowds were saying about him. But he wasn't just interested in the "word on the street." The most important question that Jesus asked his disciples - the question that made all the difference - was a more personal one: "Who do you say that I am?"

It's the question that makes all the difference for you, too. Because being able to explain what other people say about Jesus doesn't really change your life. As you think about who Jesus is, you might hear the echoes of your mother or grandfather telling you that Jesus is the Son of God. You might hear friends or co-workers that he's a healer or great moral leader. You might hear a teacher or catechist tell he is the Messiah. You might hear you that your parish priest say that he is the Lord of heaven and earth.

But what about you? After all that input from other people, after your own life experiences, who do you say that Jesus is? Find some time today to take this question into your time of prayer. Ask your heavenly Father for the grace - the same grace he gave to Simon Peter in today's Gospel - to reveal Jesus to you more deeply and to convince you more powerfully that he is your Messiah and Saviour.

Then tell Jesus who you say that he is. If you felt his you say that presence during a troubled time, praise him for being your best friend and guide. If you experienced the relief and joy of forgiveness, thank him for being your Redeemer and merciful Saviour. If you catch a glimpse of his glory at the Father's right hand, worship him for being the Lord of history, the Son of God.

Who we say that Jesus is changes everything. So who is he to you? wau.com

*Jesus gave Peter a unique position of pre-eminence among the apostles. This made him the supreme authority in the early Church. Rome - the local Church that Peter led and the place of his martyrdom- became after his death the internal reference point of the young Church. To this day every Bishop of Rome has been, like Peter, the supreme shepherd of the Church, whose real Head is Christ. Only in this capacity is the Pope "Christ's Vicar on earth." Unity in matters of faith and morals, which is guaranteed by the Church's Magisterium, or teaching authority, with the Pope at the head, is one reason for the remarkable resilience and influence of the Catholic Church.* YOUCAT141



**Darebin RSL**  
**402 Bell Street Preston**  
**Tuesday 29 August**  
**6.30pm**  
*Register:* Tim Rebbechi  
0412 799 845  
stgabrielnotices@gmail.com

## LEGION OF MARY RESERVOIR-RESERVOIR EAST

*Our Parish praesidium  
dedicated to  
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament,  
meets every Monday 1.30pm  
St Gabriel's Parish Centre*

## Recruitment Weekends

*Weekend 22—23 April St Raphael's West Preston*  
11 names, thanks to Curia members, but none of them came to an Information meeting,

*Saturday 29 April St Stephens Reservoir East*  
1 lady attended an information meeting; she is now a probationary member.

*Sunday 30 April St Gabriel's Reservoir*  
1 lady attended an information meeting. Two young men are looking for a weekend meeting.

*Miraculous Medals were distributed to parishioners at weekend Masses at each Church.*

## Legion of Mary Apostolate

35 visits by pairs of legionaries to sick and housebound  
5 Condolence visits.  
5 Requiem Masses attended  
2 Vigil Rosaries led by legionaries  
119 visits with Holy Communion to the sick  
31 Communion Services at Nursing Homes  
6 visits to residents in Nursing Homes & Aged Care  
9 pre baptism family visits  
10 Baptism ceremonies were assisted by legionaries  
Our Lady of Fatima statue visited 39 homes  
The Piety stall was open 41 Sundays  
35 meetings of Our Lady Spouse of the Holy Spirit praesidium  
Coburg supported with our assistance  
18 visits to Auxiliary members  
Transport provided to nursing homes, Funeral Masses and hospitals  
Sacramental preparation for two young boys  
One member is a Volunteer at Broadmeadows Hospital and takes the opportunity to evangelize there  
Two members assisted at the Lalor Recruitment Drive  
One member visited Heidelberg Praesidium on behalf of Curia  
Presentation on the Miraculous Medal at Reservoir-Reservoir East RCIA meeting; medal and leaflet given to each participant  
Parish Rosary statue promotion at Reservoir and Reservoir East October 2022  
Mass for deceased Legionaries celebrated in November.

## Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The Senatus Fatima statue visited West Preston in May 2023 where one legionary led the Rosary, the statue then moved to Reservoir and Reservoir East parish. Fatima medals were distributed to parishioners.

## Legion of Mary Centenary

Members attended events to mark the Legion Centenary, Walk with Mary and other diocesan celebrations.

## Venerable Lucia of Fatima

Sister Lucia de Jesus who, together with her cousins Sts Francisco and Jacinta Marto, witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, was declared Venerable on Thursday June 22 2023.

After 15 years and after the detailed analysis of a process which contains more than 15,000 pages, the decree which recognizes the heroic virtues of this religious Carmelite Sister was promulgated by Pope Francis. This is a central step in the process that leads to the beatification and the penultimate step towards the declaration of holiness. For the beatification the recognition of a miracle attributed to the intercession of the now Venerable Lucia of Jesus is required.

After the death of her cousins, shortly after the apparitions, Sister Lucia remained the sole custodian of the message entrusted to her by Our Lady until her death in Coimbra (13 February 2005) where she lived for many years as a cloistered nun. Her body is now buried in the Fatima Basilica, next to her cousins Francisco and Jacinta.

Lucia was one of us. Much like St. Therese of Lisieux, she will be among the great saints of modern times and known for her little "pathway" under the guidance of the Blessed Mother that leads to the immense love of God in the depths of the Immaculate Heart. Her entire life reflects Mary's promise, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

In a letter to her spiritual director in 1940, Lucia confided to him a characterization of her mission which may shed some light on this refuge in Mary's Heart that leads to God: "The mission God has given me in the world, I believe, is not that of a prophet but rather that of a voice in the desert where only God hears"

Our Lady told Lucia that her Immaculate Heart would be a "refuge" and "way" to God. Our Lady warned that Francisco and Jacinta would soon be in heaven. Lucia would remain a while longer in order to make Mary "known and loved." Lucia expressed great anxiety about being left behind all alone, but Our Lady assured her that she would certainly not be alone: "No, daughter...Don't be discouraged, I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge...." And it was precisely at this time that Our Lady opened her hands and the light of God came forth: "Jacinta and Francisco seemed to be in the part of this light which went up toward Heaven, and I in that which spread itself over the ground," Lucia wrote.

Lucia already had a solid understanding of her Catholic faith and a devotion to the Eucharist. She was very intelligent, and as she learned to read and write later, she was able to disseminate the Fatima message as contained in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the faith. Becoming the sole surviving visionary made her life in Fatima impossible, as every pilgrim wished to visit her and ask questions. In order to protect her and her family from constant interruptions, and to preserve the message from distortion that can easily result from people retelling what they claimed Lucia told them, the bishop arranged to have Lucia placed in a boarding school run by the Dorothean Sisters and keep her identity hidden from the public as much as possible. Lucia experienced great loneliness and suffering.

We look forward to the day when the Church will proclaim Sr Maria Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart a saint!