

### Processional Hymn CWB 457

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you;  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded;  
You alone to God can win us,  
you must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
light of light, from God proceeding;  
open lips and ears and heart,  
help us by your Spirit's leading;  
hear the cry your church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

### Liturgy of the Word

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

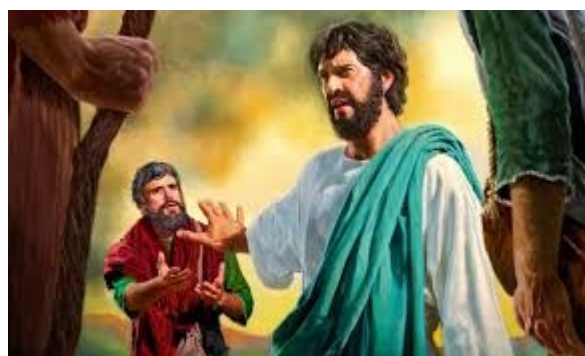
### Psalm Response

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called. Alleluia!



*The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God's enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God's love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.*

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### Preparation of the Gifts CWB 487

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Refrain:* Lord of all, to you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

For your church, that evermore  
lifts its holy hands above,  
off'ring up on ev'ry shore,  
its pure sacrifice of love: *Refrain*

For yourself, best gift divine!  
to this world so freely giv'n;  
Word incarnate, God's design,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n: *Refrain*

### Holy Communion CWB 466

Christ is the heav'nly food that gives  
to every famished soul  
new life and strength, new joy and hope,  
and faith to make them whole.  
We all are made for God alone,  
without whom we are dead;  
no food suffices for the soul  
but Christ, the living bread.  
Christ is the unity that binds  
in one the near and far;  
for we who share his life divine  
his living body are.  
On earth and in the realms beyond,  
one fellowship are we;  
and at his table we are knit  
in mystic unity.

### Recessional Hymn CWB 625

This day God gives me strength of high heaven  
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth  
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness  
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,  
king of creation, giver of rest,  
firmly confessing Three-ness of Persons,  
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.



### 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



*May God bless all  
fathers and  
grandfathers  
in our parish!*

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Yr A 03.09.2023**

### MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*  
Wednesday 9.30am Mass *St Stephen's*  
Thursday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

### BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

9am Mass *St Gabriel's*  
5.10pm Evensong  
St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne  
Accession of King Charles III (2022)

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.***



### World Youth Day 2023

**TODAY 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:*

### Parish RCIA

Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre. Our basic  
text is YOUCAT: Youth Catechism of the Catholic  
Church.

### Priests Retirement Foundation

#### Father's Day Appeal

Special collection at weekend Masses. A report on the  
mission of the Foundation is included in today's Parish  
bulletin.

### 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. www.benedictconference.com*

### Parish News

20 men enjoyed dinner together at Darebin RSL Tues-  
day 29 August. Mens dinner brings together men from  
Reservoir—Reservoir East and Preston West Parishes.

The Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Roasay held  
their general chapter in July. Rev Mother Nemia OP  
was re-elected Mother Prioress, along with a Council of  
6 sisters who will lead their Congregation for the next 6  
years. The Sisters celebrate their Centenary in 2025.  
They have been invited to visit Melbourne September /  
October.

Frs Grainger and Pritchard met with Fr Caddy VG Tues-  
day 29 August. Fr Caddy received the petition concern-  
ing the unauthorised fence at Reservoir East signed last  
weekend by 275 parishioners. He shares our concerns  
about MACS over reach, expressed in the youtube vid-  
eo (1000 + views), and letters to Archbishop Comensoli.  
He understands the concerns of parishioners, also felt  
by many priests. The RULBA document, signed by Par-  
ish Priests, protects parish property and the legacy of  
generations of Priests and Parishioners who built up our  
parishes, churches and schools with sacrifice, hard  
work and vision.



## ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

*Fiddler on the Roof*

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

*Place your order* at St Gabriel's piety stall.

Columban Art Calender \$10

Voce de Padre Pio Calendario Almanacco \$10

Magellan Christmas cards (pack of 10) \$7.50

## 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

Isn't it the way that things often happen? One minute, you're filled with good and holy thoughts. Then the next minute, someone says something that upsets you, and you respond with anger, jealousy, resentment, or some other negative emotion. We all know what that's like!

So it should be no surprise to see Peter "rebuke" Jesus, the man he had just proclaimed to be "the Messiah, the Son of the living God": When he hears Jesus predict his coming death, Peter becomes upset. In a flash, he loses his peace and clarity. Instead of humbly asking Jesus what he means, he tries to tell Jesus what he should and should not do. And that passionate response earns Peter a stern rebuke of his own: "Get behind me, Satan!"

So how can we get to the point where we can hold onto our peace and our trust in the Lord no matter what happens? The answer lies in today's second reading: "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind". We can change. We can learn how to put aside our fallen sinful thoughts and ideas and take on Jesus' way instead. Or as Jesus told Peter, we can learn to think "as God does".

For Peter, this meant accepting that the way of Jesus, the Messiah, is the way of self - giving love, not self - preservation. For us, it may mean asking for the grace to embrace Jesus' call to forgive "seventy-seven times", or to turn the other cheek, or to choose not to be served "but to serve", or any of Jesus' other teachings that we find difficult.

Today's story about Peter shows us that this kind of change is not a once-and-done event. It happens over time, often with stops and starts. But it does happen, day after day, decision after decision. We can be transformed!

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*We have passions so that through strong emotions and distinct feelings we might be attracted to what is right and good and repelled from what is evil and bad. God made us in such a way that we can love and hate, desire or despise something, be attracted by some things and afraid of others, be full of joy, sorrow, or anger. In the depths of our heart we always love good and hate evil—or what we consider to be such.*

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## OLD SCHOOL TEACHING PROVES TO BE A CATALYST FOR LEARNING

Seated in rows, the young students at St Vincent's Primary School are watching their teacher, all eyes on the prize of learning something new. "A verb is a doing and action word," the teacher says, and the entire class chimes in repetition before each child turns to repeat the words to a classmate. Every student writes a verb on a small whiteboard to show the teacher, who calls on them at random to describe a verb. "It does sound old school," says Monique Egan, acting principal of the Canberra Catholic school. "But there's no doubt it helps children focus. There's less opportunity for kids to hide and not engage. There are no long teacher explanations - students have to listen, and they're responding, thinking, doing, making, showing and writing. I've never seen the school do this well."

St Vincent's school has embraced a teaching method known as direct or explicit instruction, derided for decades as "drill and kill". It involves teaching children to read by phonics, sounding out words instead of memorising or guessing words from pictures. Homework is minimal but students are encouraged to read books at home and recite their times tables, the foundation of mathematics.

St Vincent's Primary School is part of the nation's biggest experiment in using explicit instruction to lift student results. It is one of 56 schools in the Catholic Education Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn, whose director Ross Fox has transformed teaching styles through a program called Catalyst.

No longer do children sit around tables where they must bend their necks to see the teacher, and are easily distracted by a cheeky classmate pulling a face or snapping a pencil. Now they sit in rows, with plenty of space for teachers to walk and check on progress. Any children struggling with their schoolwork are placed upfront, and taken out for small group remedial instruction if they fall behind.

Based on the scientific concept of cognitive load, lessons are delivered with clear instructions from the teacher and constant questioning of students to test their understanding. Concepts are repeated and practised, then reviewed regularly, to help children remember. Teaching materials are shown on smartboards, stripped of any distracting animations that stop kids concentrating.

Lessons are far from dull because teachers don't drone on at the front of the classroom but keep kids constantly involved. "There's so much repetition, but the skill of the teachers is to make that repetition enjoyable in an engaging lesson," Fox says. "There's a benefit to sitting in rows and facing the teacher because attention during that precious instructional time is so important. If you want a child to learn new knowledge, the most effective way is to tell them clearly and precisely what you want them to learn."

The improvements are eye-opening An Equity Economics analysis shows that in reading, 42 per cent of year 3 students in Catholic schools in Canberra-Goulburn were behind kids in similar schools across Australia in 2019. Last year, just three years after Catalyst transformed classrooms, only 4 per cent of year 3s were underperforming. Inspired by this success, Catholic schools in Tasmania and Melbourne also are adopting the Catalyst model.

Weekend Australian 26-27 August

## PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

- In 1990 Archbishop Little established the Priests Retirement Foundation, "caring for those who cared"
- Priests are not employees of the Archbishop or the Parish so they are not eligible for superannuation.
- Last financial year the Foundation spent \$4.375 million dollars caring for those who cared, our retired priests.
- Priests generally retire at 75 years according to Canon (Church) Law. The Retirement Foundation meets their needs. Retired priests have served us well. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring.
- 95 Melbourne priests are currently retired priests 10 are aged in their 90s, 48 are in their 80s: 27 are between 75-80. They are grateful for your support now and in the future. They have ministered in most Melbourne Parishes
- Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Receipts will be issued early July 2024 for donations of \$5 or more.
- The collection for the clergy supports our own Parish Priest. This includes quarterly stipend. Medibank, health care, housekeeping, clothes, car expenses, annual leave, retreat, clergy conference.
- The Presbytery collection also supports:  
Archbishop Comensoli and our bishops: 5%  
Priests in needy parishes: 12.5%  
Sick and retired priests: 12.5%

*It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through the annual Fathers Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them. May I commend the Appeal to you. Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!*

Archbishop P A Comensoli.

## Our faithful departed, who desired to save their souls

Sr Miriam Da Luz SPC RIP

Agnese Dimase RIP

Felix Brincat RIP

Ugo Di Censo RIP

Joe & Lorenza Deguara, anniversary



Next weekend  
23rd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year A

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20