

Processional Hymn CWB 649

You are the Way: in you alone
from sin and death we rise;
without your grace we nothing are,
in you all goodness lies.

You are the Truth: your Word alone
full wisdom can impart;
your Word alone transforms the mind
and purifies the heart.

You are the life: the empty tomb
proclaims your victory,
And those who put their trust in you
shall evermore be free.

You are the Way, the Truth, the Life;
grant us that Way to see,
that Truth to keep, that Life to live,
that we your friends may be.

Liturgy of the Word



In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.

Exodus 22: 20 - 26

1 Thessalonians 1: 5 -10

Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Psalm Response

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them. Alleluia!



Preparation of the Gifts GA 324

Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Living charity and steadfast love,
Living charity shows the heart of God.

Holy Communion CWB 443

Refrain: A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall others know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.

By this shall others know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another. *Refrain*

You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.
You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing. *Refrain*

True love is patient, nor arrogant nor boastful;
Love bears all things, love is eternal.
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I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
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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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Partnered Parishes

**St Gabriel & St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir—Reservoir East
and St Raphael Preston West**

Clergy: Fr G Pritchard, Fr S Grainger, Fr A Fragapane

St Gabriel's Church
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen's Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Raphael's Church
17 Hardy St Preston West 3072

Parish Office: 1 Viola Street Reservoir 3073
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Friday 9am—3pm

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www.stgabrielsreservoir.org

**30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Yr A 29.10.2023**

**October is the month
of the Holy Rosary**

MASS & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday *St Gabriel's*
9am Mass

ALL SAINTS DAY Wednesday 1 November

St Stephen's 9.30am Mass

St Raphael's Preston West 4pm Mass

ALL SOULS DAY Thursday 2 November

St Gabriel's 9am Mass

Includes Indulgence prayers for the faithful departed.

St Raphael's Preston West

Masses 8.30am, 7pm

Friday 9am Mass *St Gabriel's*

Saturday *St Stephen's*
5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday *St Gabriel's*
9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

St Raphael's Preston West
Weekend Masses
Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9am *Italian* 10.30am Masses

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 4pm Friday 8.30am
Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

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.***



**Anniversary of Consecration
St Gabriel's Church
was consecrated on 29 October 2000
Sausage sizzle after 10am Mass**

**November is a special time
to pray for the dead**

A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. November offering envelopes are available at Church entrances. Place your envelope in the weekend collection. Masses for the faithful departed are offered during November.

Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary

The Sisters will visit Reservoir and Preston West 14-26 November. They will spend a weekend in each Parish, and visit Archbishop Comensoli and the Vicar General.

Parish Young Adults

WYD Pilgrims and Parish young adults are invited to a get-together on Sunday 5 November, 11.30 - 1pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre. Anna Krohn will present St John Henry Newman. Lunch included: \$10 working \$5 student/non-working. *St John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was born in London, educated at Trinity College, Oxford and embarked on a highly successful career as a Fellow of Oriel College and Vicar of the University Church of St Mary's. He became a Catholic in 1845; soon afterwards, he was ordained priest and introduced the Congregation of the Oratory into England. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII.*

Parish RCIA

Weekly meetings for our RCIA candidates
Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Proclaim 2023 November 16-18

Over 3 days join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers. Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship. Participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! Register: trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232 use the discount code: [parishmember](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232) to access the special registration price for parishioners.

Enquiries: 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

St Gabriel's Parish Hall Reservoir

Tuesday 21 November 7.30pm
Thursday 23 November 7.30pm
Friday 24 November 7.30pm
Saturday 25 November 4pm

Tickets: Adults \$20 Concession \$15
Family (2 adults, 2 or more children) \$60 Under 5 free
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

Annual Mass

Saturday 11 November 1.30pm
St Mary's Star of the Sea West Melbourne
legionofmary.net.au

ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

Columban Calendars are now available for collection
Calendario Italiano \$10
2024 Daily Mass Book \$25
Majellan Christmas cards \$7.50 10 pack

LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

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

NIGHT OF THE WITNESSES

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
Wednesday 22 November 7pm

Presided over by Archbishop Comensoli with three International speakers: Melkite Catholic Patriarch Joseph Absi; Sr Majella Dogonyaro OP (Nigeria); Xavier Bisits ACN head of projects Middle East. Each will share their own story of encountering persecution. aidtochurch.org/notw

ST AMBROSE BRUNSWICK 150 YEARS

Sunday 19 November
10.30am Mass 12 noon Lunch 2pm Concert
RSVP 1 November
bmcc@cam.org.au Tel: 9380 1023

You shall love the Lord.... You shall love your neighbour.

Why are these two commandments the greatest? Because they encapsulate everything that God had spoken to Moses and the Israelites. As Jesus told the Pharisees, "The whole law and the prophets depend" on them.

As important as these two commandments are, however, we might be tempted to think they're impossible to follow. That's because too often, we associate love only with warm and fuzzy feelings. But love goes beyond emotion and is sometimes even independent of it. In other words, it's not so much what we feel as how we act.

Today's first reading shows us that to love our neighbour, especially the most vulnerable among us, we must act justly toward them. These laws, given to Moses by God himself, may have been what Jesus had in mind when he was talking to the Pharisees that day. Jesus knew that in order to love someone, we don't have to necessarily feel an emotional connection. We don't even have to know them personally. But we do need to care for them and make sure they are being treated justly.

The same is true in our relationship with the Lord. We might be going through a dry spell in our prayer time. Maybe we don't even have the desire to pray. But when we make time to be with Jesus, whatever our feelings at that moment, we are loving him.

Each day, whether you wake up feeling energetic and cheerful or tired and cross, you will be presented with opportunities to love God and your neighbour in concrete ways. Don't pass them up! By itself, each specific action you take might not seem particularly noteworthy. Maybe you don't feel any love as you do them. But in fact, when you extend yourself for another time and again, you are doing exactly what God has called you to do. wau.org

Our dear departed embraced in God's joy and peace

Pastors of Reservoir and Reservoir East

Fr Patrick Ryan, Fr Edmund Nowlan,
Fr John Phelan, Mgr Aldo Rebeschini,
Fr Gerard Sullivan, Fr Frank Larsen

Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance. Compendium 211

Next weekend 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

1 Thessalonians
2:7-9,13

Matthew 23:1-12



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

Reservoir—Reservoir East Parish is very proud of our very active local Conference of St Vincent de Paul.

Their core work involves visiting people in their homes who have contacted the Society for assistance with living expenses. On these visits, always done in pairs, material assistance, friendship and support is offered with a generous hand, affirming the dignity of each person.

In 2022, our Reservoir Conference made 579 visitations, assisted 1489 individuals (952 adults, 537 children), and provided \$109,567 (\$62168 Coles cards \$17,300 Vinnies cards, \$30,099 furniture/bills).

This year to date (2023) Reservoir Conference has made 476 visitations, assisted 982 individuals (672 adults, 310 children) providing \$84548 (\$53,530 Coles cards \$14,625 Vinnies cards, \$163,930 furniture/bills).

On a broader level, our members and volunteers assist people in need each year across Australia. Worldwide, the Society has over 800,000 members and 1.5 million volunteers in over 150 countries, assisting over 30 million people each day.

But just as importantly, we are a spiritual organization. Our members live out our faith in action, gathering at regular parish conference meetings not only to organize and report on the works we do, but also to pray, to reflect and to help one another in their journey of faith.

This spirituality underpins all our works. We are inspired by the example of our patron St Vincent de Paul and our founder BI Frederic Ozanam. We endeavor to see the face of Christ in every person we assist.

This is only a small snapshot of the life and work of the members and volunteers of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Learn more about who we are and what we do:

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GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



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www.caritas.org.au/gaza
1800 024 413

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Thursday 2 November

A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, by praying the Lord's prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven.
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from thence he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting. Amen.

Priest: Let us pray together for Pope Francis:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant Francis
whom you have set at the head of your Church
as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us pray together for the faithful departed:

O God,
giver of pardon and loving author of our salvation,
grant, we pray you, in your mercy,
that, through the intercession
of Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and all your Saints,
the members, friends, and benefactors
of our community,
who have passed from this world,
may attain a share in eternal happiness.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

