

## Processional Hymn

*Chorus:* I am the resurrection and the life,  
He who believes in me will never die;  
I am the resurrection and the life,  
He who believes in me will live a new life.

I have come to bring the truth,  
I have come to bring you life;  
If you believe, then you shall live. *Chorus*

In my word all men will come to know,  
It is love which makes the spirit grow;  
If you believe, then you shall live. *Chorus*

Keep in mind the things that I have said,  
Remember me in the breaking of the bread;  
If you believe, then you shall live. *Chorus*

## Liturgy of the Word

*St Paul was a great religious leader. Like a mother, he nourished and watched over his people. He tried not to be a burden on them. He sought to preach God's message and not his own. He helped the people, whom he called his brothers and sisters, to look to Christ as their only Master and Teacher. Today we pray for religious leaders as they strive to express in their own lives the qualities of leadership embodied in Paul.*

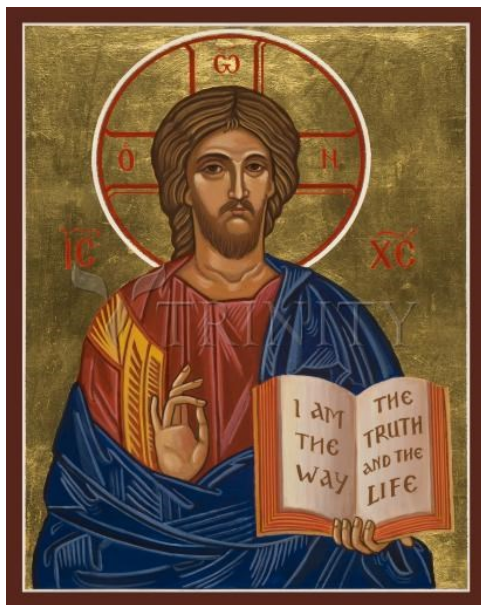
Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10  
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13  
Matthew 23:1-12

## Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You have one Father,  
your Father in heaven;  
you have one teacher:  
the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!



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## Preparation of the Gifts

In bread we bring you Lord, our bodies' labour,  
In wine we offer you, our spirits' grief.  
We do not ask you Lord, "Who is my neighbour?"  
But stand united now, one in belief.

For we have gladly heard, your word, your holy word  
And now in answer Lord, our gifts we bring.  
Our faltering hearts make true, our failing faith renew,  
Our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you, is blessed and broken,  
And it becomes for us our spirit's food.  
Over the wine we bring, your word is spoken,  
Make it your gift to us, your healing blood.

So what our daily toil, plants in our heart's poor soil,  
All things we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,  
The chances we have missed, the graces we resist,  
Lord in this Eucharist, take and redeem.

## Holy Communion 1

*Refrain:* One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

## Holy Communion 2

*Refrain:* Come to me, all who labour  
and are heavy burdened,  
and I shall give you rest.  
Take up my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart.  
And you'll find rest for your souls.  
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall never be in need.  
Fresh and green are the meadows  
where he gives me rest. *Refrain*

## Recessional Hymn

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

*Chorus:* No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing;  
It sounds and echoes in my soul;  
How can I keep from singing? *Chorus*

What though the tempest round me roar,  
I hear the truth it liveth.

What though the darkness 'round me close,  
Songs in the night it giveth. *Chorus*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his;  
How can I keep from singing? *Chorus*

## 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

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

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www.stgabrielsreservoir.org

**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

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 5.11.2023

### 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

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

Weekday Masses  
Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm  
Thursday & 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 providing a safe environment for everyone.  
Please make sure children are supervised  
at all times within church buildings  
and on church grounds.***

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

## Parish Young Adults

WYD Pilgrims and Parish young adults are invited to a get-together TODAY, 11.30 - 1pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre. Anna Krohn will present St John Henry Newman. Lunch included: \$10 working \$5 student/non-working.

## 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 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 proclaim the joy of the Gospel  
Register: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232) use the discount code: [parishmember](#) to access the special registration price for parishioners.  
Enquiries: 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)

## Thank you!

- Parishioners who helped out at the working bee at St Gabriel's on Saturday 28 October Ange Braysha, Andrew dos Santos, Wendy Healy, Gary O'Dwyer and Breda Young-Gee.
- Tim Rebbechi, John Lilburne and Gabriel Borg who organised Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 29 October.
- Maureen O'Dwyer (2/11) and Andrew dos Santos (16/11) who presented at Parish RCIA on Legion of Mary and St Vincent de Paul.

## Night of Evangelisation

St Luke's Church 1A David Street Lalor  
Wednesday 15 November 7pm  
presented by Ron Huntley

Hear Ron speak of how parishes are making disciples and transforming lives around the world, through reliance on the Holy Spirit and great leadership principles. He shares insights into leadership, renewing your perspective, and living a life in pursuit of Jesus and explores disciple-making and raising leaders with the Alpha program to help Catholic parishes become vibrant, mission-focused communities

***Registration for the Sacraments  
of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion  
and Confirmation 2024.  
Please email the Parish office.***



## 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](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved)  
[volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto: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](http://legionofmary.net.au)

## ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

Calendario Italiano \$10  
Majellan Christmas cards \$7.50 10 pack

## NEWMAN PARISH ORATORIO

### *Praise and Lamentations*

St Aloysius Church  
233 Balaclava Rd Caulfield North  
Saturday 11 November 6pm  
[trybooking.com/CLFOI](http://trybooking.com/CLFOI)

## LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

St Raphael's Church 17 Hardy St Preston West  
End of year Mass Wednesday 15 November 1.30pm  
Contact: Marijana Jurjevic 0422 340 675

## ST AMBROSE BRUNSWICK 150 YEARS

Sunday 19 November  
10.30am Mass 12 noon Lunch 2pm Concert

## NIGHT OF THE WITNESSES

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne  
Wednesday 22 November 7pm

3 International speakers will share their own story of encountering persecution. [aidtochurch.org/notw](http://aidtochurch.org/notw)

*Today we read how Jesus accused Jerusalem's religious leaders of laying "heavy burdens" on people by imposing more and more rules on them. But wasn't he doing the same thing? After all, he's the One who told people, "Take my yoke upon you". Isn't a yoke -a contraption made of iron and hardwood - a burden as well?*

*Maybe so, but anyone who spent time with Jesus saw that the burden he spoke about was completely different - and much more attractive!*

*First, Jesus said that the burdens imposed by these scribes and Pharisees "nullified the word of God". They consisted of rules and fasts and tithes that were nowhere to be found in the Law of Moses. Some of them even contradicted God's will for his people. But Jesus' yoke is meant to help us "fulfil" the word of God. It's a yoke that calls us simply to love him and love our neighbour.*

*Jesus also said that his opponents placed burdens on people but did not "lift a finger" to help them. By contrast, Jesus used the image of a yoke to describe his "burden." A yoke is an instrument that links two oxen together so they can help each other bear the load. And that's the point: Jesus wants to yoke himself to us so that he can walk beside us and help to lighten our burden.*

*Finally, and most important, the burdens of Jesus' opponents were made up of human regulations and restrictions, of additional fasts and tithes, that could not bring people closer to God. But the exact opposite happens when we accept Jesus' yoke. We come into an ever-deepening relationship with him. And that relationship fills us with the joy and comfort of his own Spirit.*

*So come to Jesus today. Let him yoke himself to you in a bond of everlasting love.*

[wau.org](http://wau.org)

## ADVENT 2023

Advent commences weekend 2-3 December.  
We prepare for Christmas  
both at home and in the Church.

- Every family should have a Nativity set along with their Christmas tree.
- Aid to the Church in need provides a beautiful Advent Wreath for the home. This helps each one, young and old, await the coming of the world's True Light: [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com)
- Fidelity Books & Pieties has a Catholic Advent Calendar, Nativity sets and other Advent and Christmas items: [www.fidelitybooks.com.au](http://www.fidelitybooks.com.au)
- Majellan Christmas cards available from St Gabriel's Piety Stall \$7.50 pack of 10
- Weekend 16-17 December  
\*Coffee and cake after Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass  
*St Stephen's*  
\*Rite of Enrolment in the Order of Catechumens and coffee truck 10am Mass *St Gabriel's*

## May our dead find peace in the risen Christ

Michele Cordiano *recently deceased*  
Shirley Giddens, Massimo Mangicavallo, Giuseppe Acquaro, La Greca family: Bartolo, Antonio, Giovanna  
*anniversary of death*

## Next weekend

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13



St Vincent de Paul Society  
VICTORIA  
*good works*

Home visitation is one of the most important aspects of the St Vincent de Paul Society's identity.

The work of home visitation is often referred to as the core work of the Society. It is the original work of the Society, and throughout the history of the Society, it has been the standard work of conferences across the world.

Last year in Victoria over 92,000 home visits were made by members of the 245 conferences across the state, with assistance provided in food, supermarket vouchers, Vinnies cards, education expenses, utility bills, furniture, and other cost of living expenses.

When a person needs assistance, they ring the 1800 number for the Society. The person needing assistance (sometimes referred to by Society members as a "Companion") then provides their details to the person taking the call - their name, address, family situation, type of assistance, etc.

The visitation request is then forwarded that afternoon to the parish conference nearest to that person, for them to be visited within the next day or so. The local parish conference will normally have a pair of volunteer members rostered on for that day. Before making the visit, these two members call ahead to ensure the Companion will be home when the members turn up for the visit.

The visits always happen in pairs - members never go alone. When they arrive at the Companion's house, they ask if they can come in and have a chat - though if the person prefers, the conversation can take place on the doorstep.

The visiting pair sit down and have a chat with the person, asking how they're going, what's happening in their life, what ways we can assist. The aim is for it to be as informal as possible, for the person to feel at ease, to feel valued, and not feel judged.

The visit might take about 20 minutes, though it can be shorter or much longer, depending on how much the Companion is wanting to chat. The usual assistance provided is a supermarket voucher and/or a food parcel, but it can involve assistance with most types of household expenses.

BI Frederic Ozanam wrote: "The knowledge of social well-being and reform is to be learned, not from books, nor from the public platform, but in climbing the stairs to the poor man's garret, sitting by his bedside, feeling the same cold that pierces him, sharing the secret of his lonely heart and troubled mind."

Home visitation also has a spiritual dimension, where members aim to see Christ himself in each person. This is a key aspect of Vincentian Spirituality, echoing Christ's words: "I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me."

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

*The November offering envelope can be placed in the weekend collection. Envelopes are available at Church entrances and Presbytery front door with the Parish bulletin. Place your envelope in the weekend collection. Masses for the faithful departed are offered during November.*

## The Be-Attitudes I

Some people drift through their entire life. They do it one day at a time, one week at a time, one month at a time. It happens so gradually that they are unaware of how their lives are slipping away - until it's too late." That warning, offered by author Mary Kay Ash, also appears in the Bible: "We must pay more careful attention... so that we do not drift away" (Heb 2:1).

Rather than *drift* aimlessly, here are ways to *drive* your life by applying these nine be - attitudes which will build you a stronger spiritual life.

### Be hopeful

Place your trust and confidence in God's goodness, remembering this encouragement from the Bible: "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future' (Jer 29:11). Avoid jumping to conclusions when unexpected, unpleasant events come tumbling into your life. This was the lesson one rabbi was conveying. Whenever a member of his congregation came to him lamenting an issue they faced, their rabbi would respond, "How do you know this is not a blessing?" No matter how difficult or challenging your present circumstances may be, continue to believe the best, work for the best and hope for the best.

### Be gentle and kind

Jesus identified himself this way, saying, "I am gentle and humble in heart" (Mt 11:29). A powerful example of kindness and gentleness can be seen in Susan McCarty. When her baby was only 10 weeks old, her husband died in an automobile accident. Family, friends, neighbours and even strangers rallied to help the young widow and her baby by organizing an annual benefit golf tournament to raise money for her son's education. "I got a big cheque" that year, she said, adding, "But better than that, it gave me hope. After Paul died, my primary concern was our baby. With my community's support, I know that he will be taken care of, no matter what. That was an enormous weight off my shoulders."

However, when it came time for the 2nd annual McCarty benefit, Susan asked for a change because she learned of another woman in her community who had lost her husband to a car accident. "I knew it would mean more to me to make her the recipient of the money from the event than to keep it for myself." So, she asked the benefit organizers to donate it to the new widow. Each year since then, McCarty and her benefit committee have identified a different local family in need, presenting them with a cheque. One year they raised \$43,000 for a woman with three children whose husband died from cancer. Her example illustrates the power of unleashed kindness.

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