

St Gabriel's Theatre Group presents
The Sabbath Prayer
from Fiddler on the Roof



Liturgy of the Word

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Psalm Response

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

We all have our unique gifts and talents. When we use them well, we enrich our community. We bring joy to ourselves and to others. Let us encourage each other to develop our gifts. Then, together, we will hear our Master say: 'Well done, good and faithful servants. Come and join in my happiness forever.'

Preparation of the Gifts

Please accept our gifts of bread and wine,
Fruit of the field, fruit of the vine.
Just as the many grains have been refined,
Draw us together Lord in heart and mind.

Just as the many grapes from a single vine,
When they are pressed together make the wine,
So may our many lives be merged in one,
Merged in the life and love of Christ your Son.

Lord accept our gifts of bread and wine,
The gifts of the heart that in them you may find,
The image left upon them of your Son,
The image that he died and for us won.

Holy Communion 1

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

Holy Communion 2

Lord I come to you, let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace, that I found, in you.
And Lord, I've come to know,
the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away, by the pow'r of your love.

Chorus: Hold me close, let your love surround me,
Bring me near, draw me to your side,
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with you, your spirit leads me on,
In the pow'r of your love.

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see you face-to-face,
The knowledge of your love, as you live in me.
Lord renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day, by the pow'r of your love. Chorus

Recessional Hymn

Chorus: Sing O people, sing our God together,
Raise your voices, sing alleluia!

Sing with one another,
Sing the love that gave us breath!
Sing each sister, brother,
Sing the God beyond all death! Sing O people ..

Serve all those who suffer,
Serve the love that gave us breath!
Serve that love might conquer,
Serve the God beyond all death! Serve O people ..

Teach the way of Jesus,
Teach the love that gave us breath!
Teach the way that frees us,
Teach the God beyond all death! Teach O people ..

Live no more uncaring,
Live the love that gave us breath!
Live your love unsparing,
Live the God beyond all death! Live O people ..

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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

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St Raphael's Church
17 Hardy St Preston West 3072

33rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Yr A 19.11.2023

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
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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.

Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary
Welcome!

Mother Nemia OP and Sr Arlene OP attend weekend Masses at St Stephen's, St Gabriel's & St Raphael's. They will meet with Archbishop Comensoli and Fr Joseph Caddy VG on Wednesday. Their visit to Melbourne has included St Patrick's Cathedral, St Francis, St Dominic's and Our Lady of Victories Camberwell, Mary Glowrey Museum and Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre.

St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

Parishioners are invited to our Parish meeting at St Stephen's Church 7.30pm Wednesday 29 November. Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) have presented a plan to relocate the unauthorised fence. The meeting will be addressed by a MACS representative and the recent youtube video will be shown. This is our opportunity to make it clear to MACS that we defend our property and the legacy left to us by earlier generations.

Parish RCIA & Sacraments

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

Coffee and cake after Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass
16 December St Stephen's

Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens
Sunday 17 December 10 Mass. Coffee Truck after Mass

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

Parish Young Adults

Parish young adults are invited to a get-together Sunday 3 December 11.30 - 1pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre. Anna Krohn will lead us into Advent & Christmas. Lunch included: \$10 working \$5 student/non-working.

Mens Dinner

Darebin RSL 402 Bell Street Preston
Tuesday 28 November 6.30pm
Register: Tim Rebbechi
0412 799 845 tim.rebbechi@gmail.com

St Gabriel's Theatre Group presents
Fiddler on the Roof

Performance times at St Gabriel's Parish Hall
and tickets advertised in today's bulletin.

They present The Sabbath Prayer
at Sunday 10am Mass today.



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: trybooking; Judy 0488 580 145; door

Adults \$20 Concession \$15

Family (2 adults, 2 or more children) \$60 Under 5 free

Best to book for Saturday 4pm matinee

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*

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

ORDINATION OF PRIESTS AND DEACONS

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

Saturday 25 November 10am

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

Sunday 26 November 2pm

combinedsocietiesofmary.com

ADVENT CAROLS

St Mary's Church 208 Dandenong Rd St Kilda East

Saturday 9 December 2pm

cwlvicww.org.au

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI

Dear friends of good will,

The explosion of explicit antisemitism in parts of Australian society – on university campuses, in street protests, in mainstream and social media, and even among some claiming Christian belief – is shocking and deeply distressing. It speaks of the re-emergence of a latent distrust and culpable ignorance of the People of Jewish heritage, fuelled by deliberately fostered hatreds and loathing, and tied into dishonest agendas from extreme standpoints, both from the left and from the right. None of the horror of what was perpetrated in Israel, nor any of the tragedy of what is unfolding in Gaza, justifies the perpetration of antisemitism in Australia. It does not teach our children of justice and mercy. It does not uphold and respect the dignity of people and peoples. It does not foster truth, which is necessary to set us free. The language of hatred and spite, of innuendo and slogan, is language emanating from a poisoned soul. It wounds and frightens; it belittles the lives of our neighbours. The great Abrahamic religions believe in a God who is the Creator-Father of all human beings in His image and likeness. I also believe in his Divine Son, the man Jesus Christ, of Jewish heritage, who took upon himself this evil, so that we might be rid of it ourselves. Might we seek conversion of our souls and choose pathways where we learn to listen and speak with one another as sisters and brothers. It is the only way to reconciliation and peace. May the Creator of all humanity reign in our hearts.

**Aid to the Church in Need
offers a prayer card for our use,
attached to today's bulletin**

**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
- Fidelity Books & Pieties has a Catholic Advent Calendar, Nativity sets and other Advent and Christmas items: www.fidelitybooks.com.au
- Majellan Christmas cards available from St Gabriel's Piety Stall \$7.50 pack of 10

**May our dead enjoy
their Master's eternal happiness**

Antonio Stigliano (*month's mind*)

Frank & Nell Coyne (*anniversary*)

**Next weekend
Christ the King
Year A**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46



The Be-Attitudes III

Reach out and touch someone
with these three keys to more abundant living:
caring about others, daring for others,
sharing with others.

Be just

Work toward justice wherever you see its opposite - injustice. The ancient biblical prophet Micah declared, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." In Lawrence, Kansas, two high school students saw an injustice and demanded correction. At their local high school, every male senior automatically gets on the ballot to be voted on for homecoming king. However, when students Audrey Hughes and Aly Frydman looked at the ballot, they were shocked to see one name missing, that of Owen Phariss. Upon inquiring, they were told the policy excluded special-needs students. Phariss, who had Down syndrome, was not eligible to participate. They objected and collected over 800 student signatures petitioning the principal to change the policy. In addition, they actively encouraged students to vote for Phariss, and at that fall's homecoming it was announced, "Your high school homecoming king is... Owen Phariss!" The two students who created the change simply said, "We didn't want our school to be a place that discriminated."

Be persistent

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up," is the biblical reminder (Gal 6:9). Those who are not persistent run the risk of quitting prematurely and never achieving the desired outcome. Exercising patience is a powerful life tool. For some time, *The Guinness Book of World Records* cited that the record for persistence in taking and failing a driving test was held by a Mrs Miriam Hargrave of Wakefield, England. She failed her 39th driving test in April 1970 when she crashed, driving through a set of red lights. Next, August, on her 40th attempt, she finally passed. Because of her persistence, she attained the prize of a driver's license.

Be caring

The Bible is clear that when we see needs we are obligated to respond: "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Phil 2:4). Consider the inspiring example of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who didn't simply preach about caring for others, but actively practiced it. This entry is from his journal: "At this season we usually distribute coals and bread among the poor... but I now considered they wanted clothes as well as food. So on this and the four following days I walked through the town and begged two hundred pounds, in order to clothe them that wanted it most. But it was hard work, as most of the streets were filled with melting snow, which often lay ankle-deep, so that my feet were steeped in snow water from morning till evening. I held it out pretty well till Saturday evening, when I was laid up with a violent fever."

Messenger of St Anthony October 2023

Motherhood: An indispensable role and a great honour II

Similarly, for the role of a father. If a father was himself raised where the value of mothering was not celebrated, he will be less likely to see its value and be more likely to encourage the continued dual-income lifestyle at the expense of home-based care.

Having serious conversations before marrying about how to value the early care of children is a necessary discussion for young men and women who hope to have a family.

It is not enough to just defend life. Our responsibility is to promote life everywhere. In our everyday lives we can build relationships with younger men and women to share family life with them, so that they are exposed to the beauty and gift of family.

We can be more open to having extra guests at our mothers' groups, to opening the doors of our homes, and inviting people in. Hospitality and relationship building is seen as a central part of the solution.

Acknowledging that motherhood right now is hard breaks down the isolation. A commitment to building communities of families with common values will also go part of the way to solve the problem of shrinking faith communities.

We must build up and congratulate those we meet who are living the family life, as culture is built on what we celebrate and what we tolerate. We need to stop depreciating the family and get louder.

We need our own cultural revolution, that returns to us the beauty of mother-father-child. We need to be inspired.

So, what can each of us personally do to keep ourselves inspired?

Take your motherhood seriously because many people do not. Form yourself on the "why" you do what you do.

Be able to say, "I know I am giving my children the highest quality care".

Let your motherhood vocation make you holy. Create a motherhood culture in which you want to see your children and grandchildren thrive. Mothers welcome!

Follow Mother Effect at www.facebook.com/mothereffect

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.

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