

# Partnered Parishes Reservoir—Reservoir East– Reservoir North St Gabriel's, St Stephen of Hungary & St Joseph the Worker

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Parish Office Hours:

*St Gabriel's* Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday 9am - 3pm  
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St Gabriel's Church  
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen's Church  
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Joseph the Worker Church  
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C 26 October 2025

**SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER  
ALL SAINTS DAY**

St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am Mass

### WEEKDAY MASSES

October 28-31

*St Gabriel's Church*

9am Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 29 October 8.30am *St Gabriel's*

### **PLEASE NOTE**

### REVISED PROGRAM OF WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4pm Reconciliation  
5pm Vigil Mass  
*1st Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass  
Maltese Reservoir North*

Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
*Reservoir East  
Reconciliation on request*

Sunday 8am Reconciliation *Reservoir*  
9am Mass *Reservoir*

Sunday 10.30am Mass English/Italian  
*Reservoir North*

### Thanksgiving & Clergy support by direct debit

St Gabriel's & St Stephen's Church  
BSB: 083-347 Account: 639372585

St Joseph the Worker Church  
BSB: 083-347 Account: 645772382



## ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION St Gabriel's Reservoir (2000)

Sunday 26 October

9am Mass, Morning Tea / Sausage Sizzle

*St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne (1897)*

Monday 27 October

*We remember and pray for deceased Pastors of Reservoir: Frs Patrick Ryan, Edmund Nowlan, John Phelan, Monsignor Aldo Rebeschini, along with benefactors and parishioners of St Gabriel's who built up our Parish, giving us a beautiful church, excellent facilities and a community of faith that we take great pride in.*

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Archbishop Comensoli's Pastoral strategy **Take the Way of the Gospel** calls St Gabriel's Reservoir, St Stephen's Reservoir East and St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North to set out on a new path together, initially as a partnership, leading to amalgamation. Suzette Diaz, change manager with the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and Judeline Wadhani Proclaim Office will help us in the necessary steps we need to make together.

Suzette, Judeline, the priests, Deacon Correya, the Sisters, and parish representatives met this week. First steps include a series on the history of St Gabriel's, St Stephen of Hungary and St Joseph the Worker to be included in the Parish bulletin in February 2026, initiatives by the Sisters for women and families, and a photo and memories day on Laetare weekend 14-15 March. We want to build on our shared history and promote a sense of "coming home" together as a parish family. Sr May Flor has offered to develop a new parish website.

**Young Parishioners** meet next Sunday 2 November

St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am—12noon

lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / student

Anna Krohn ANIMA Education

helps us to look at the Holy Trinity

and the heresy of Arianism,

resolved at the Council of Nicaea 325.

## ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP



Rehearsals Sundays 6pm  
St Gabriel's Parish Hall Reservoir  
Enquiries: Judy 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. Members of our Partnered Parishes are warmly invited to join the Society in its mission of charity and outreach. *Contact Conference president Andrew Dos Santos reservoir.conf.pres@sudp-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*

## LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP

Wednesdays 1.30pm  
St Raphael's Church Preston West  
Enquiries: Marijana 0422 340 675

## COMBINED SOCIETIES OF MARY

combinedsocietiesofmary.com  
9509 2207

- Feast of Christ the King Sunday 23 November  
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 2pm. Prayers, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Procession
- Immaculate Conception of Our Lady Sunday 7 December  
Holy Cross Church 707 Glenhuntly Rd Caulfield South 1.30pm Eucharistic Adoration, Hour of Mercy, Eucharistic Benediction, Holy Mass

## PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL: GREECE, EPHESUS, MALTA, ROME

14 October - 2 November 2026  
[olivetreetravel.com.au](http://olivetreetravel.com.au) 1300 550 830

## CATHOLIC MEN FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am  
[melbournemensrosarycrusade.com](http://melbournemensrosarycrusade.com)

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

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



This November Cathedrals across Australia will light up in red, and many parishes will celebrate special Red November Masses to stand with persecuted Christian. Show your support by attending a Mass, praying the Red Rosary, or sharing ACN's Red November video with friends and family.  
[rednovember.org](http://rednovember.org)

## THAT CATHOLIC SHOP



*View the  
Christmas Catalogue  
2025  
and discover  
some unique  
and beautiful  
Christmas gifts.*

## PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir

## ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

*The Promise :*

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025 \$8  
Columban Calendar 2026 \$10  
Majellan Christmas Cards \$8

## Recently Deceased

Teresa Potoski, Paul Dargis,  
Doris Mifsud, Vivian Dispenzeri,  
Vincenza Pavano

## Anniversaries & Remembrance

Felice & Giovanna Caruso, Manuela Teatro

## Next weekend Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Isaiah 25: 6-9 Romans 5: 5-11 Luke 7: 11-17



## CHRISTIANITY'S SECRET FORMULA V

In AD 203, two women, Perpetua and Felicity were executed together in Carthage. Perpetua was a well-born young woman who had recently given birth. Felicity was a heavily pregnant slave who gave birth in prison before being executed with Perpetua. Roman law forbade the execution of pregnant women. Was this a trace of compassion? Not at all. The unborn baby belonged, under Roman law, to the father, or if the father was a slave, to the mother's owner. To kill an unborn baby would be to destroy a man's property. Rome was sedulous about property rights, not so concerned about human rights.

The experience of the two women leading up to execution was recorded in a document called *The Passion of Perpetua and Felicity*.

Some of it was ostensibly written, or dictated, by Perpetua. If that's the case, it's the first preserved writing in Latin by any woman. Before the execution a small group of Christians sustained each other in unlimited human solidarity. This solidarity was critical to Christians in everything they did.

Perpetua has converted to Christianity against the wishes of her father. He begs her to abandon her new beliefs and save her life. Four times he comes to see her and each time she refuses his request, though she grieves for his suffering.

Any Christian could avoid torture and death if they prayed to the Roman gods. This they wouldn't do. Perpetua gave up her young son to her family, Felicity's daughter was taken in by the local Christian community. Perpetua's mysticism provides her with moments of sublime joy in her captivity, notwithstanding every grievous thing happening to her. Perpetua's interactions with her father are one of the most radical elements of the whole account.

Although *The Passion* is not hostile to the father, his pleadings are not entirely without self-interest: "Do not destroy us all. Give up your pride. For, if you are punished, none of us will be able to speak freely again."

Perpetua cares for her father but adamantly refuses his request. This is a complete inversion of the structure of the Roman family. Here is a daughter defying her father because she is serving a higher purpose. Here are two women, one a slave, defying the Roman state. The two are glorified before God, praised and immortalised in the whole Christian world. The Passion of Perpetua and Felicity was reproduced, read and heard among Christian communities all over the Roman Empire.

Felicity wanted to give birth quickly so she could die with Perpetua rather than alone. The Romans often sexualised the execution of Christian women, bringing them to the arena naked, often in nets.

*Greg Sheridan Weekend Australian August 30-31 2025*

## CONSECRATION OF ST GABRIEL'S CHURCH OCTOBER 29 2000

*The relics of these saints  
rest in the Altar of St Gabriel's Church*

**St Valentine** (+269) was a priest in Rome and physician; he was beheaded there under the Emperor Claudius and buried on the Flaminian Way, where a basilica was erected in 350.

**St Gemma Galgani** (1878-1903) known as "the daughter of Passion" because of her profound imitation of the Passion of Christ. She suffered a great deal but she offered all of her suffering to God. On June 8 1899 at age 21, Gemma began to experience pain in her hands, feet, and heart. Blood began to come from all of the places where there was pain. She had been given the special grace of the stigmata – the marks of Christ's Passion.

**St Catherine Labouré** (1806-1876). In January 1830, Catherine Labouré entered the novitiate of the Daughters of Charity. On July 19 1830, Catherine woke from her sleep after hearing a child's voice calling her to the chapel as the Blessed Virgin Mary was waiting for her. She showed herself inside an oval frame, standing upon a globe with rays of light coming from her hands toward the globe. Around the frame were the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." This became the Miraculous Medal.



## SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Since all those who are baptised into Christ form one communion and are united with one another, the living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. When people die, they can do nothing more for themselves. The time of active probation is past. But we can do something for the faithful departed in purgatory. Our love extends into the afterlife. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of Holy Mass, we can obtain grace for the departed.*

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November Offering envelope  
attached to today's parish bulletin.

The November Offering envelope  
can be placed in the weekend collection.

St Joseph the Worker Parishioners  
can complete the attached form  
with names of the Faithful Departed  
and place it in the weekend collection.

## Processional Hymn

### Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass CWB 586

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him for he is your health and salvation.  
All you who hear, now to his altar draw near;  
join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord,  
let us offer our gifts at the altar.  
Let not our sins and transgressions  
now cause us to falter.

Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast,  
victims with him on the altar.

### Sunday 9am Mass

Hail to our Patron holy  
Archangel from on High  
Sent to a Maiden lowly  
Bright as the morning sky.  
God's Holy Will for Mary  
He came on earth to tell;  
All hail God's Holy angel  
All hail St Gabriel!

Long years the world awaited  
God's promise to unfold,  
Inspired words had stated  
And prophesies foretold  
That by a Virgin Mother  
With us our God would dwell  
God's grace restored in Jesus  
All hail St Gabriel!

Herald to God's own Mother,  
our heavenly patron strong,  
with Christ the Lord our brother,  
inspire our joyful song;  
may Mary's prayers maternal,  
help us to seek God's will,  
lead us to life eternal,  
All hail St Gabriel!

St Gabriel, our patron,  
Through you our praises bring  
To God almighty Father  
And Jesus Christ, our King,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
Who through, like you we be,  
The bearers of the Good News  
That sets all people free.

## Liturgy of the Word

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14

### Psalm Response

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation  
he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

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## Preparation of the Gifts

Two people came to church to pray,  
assured that God would hear.  
The first had many words to say,  
and spoke them, loud and clear:  
"I thank you God, and give you praise  
that I am blessed to be  
a model of your holy ways  
for all who care to see."

Two people came to church to pray,  
assured that God would hear.  
The second prayed a different way,  
both humble and sincere:  
"O God, be merciful to me!  
Forgive your sinful child."  
By uttering this simple plea,  
a soul was reconciled.

Two people came to church to pray,  
and God knew every thought -  
but one was justified that day;  
the other one was not.  
When what we pray becomes a boast,  
we win no great reward -  
for what our God desires most  
is humble hearts outpoured.

## Holy Communion CWB 470

"Come to me, all you who labour;  
come, and I will give you rest."  
So we hear your invitation to each soul to be your guest;  
and we answer with deep longing,  
while our sinfulness we see,  
"Jesus, Lord, I am not worthy, yet in mercy come to me."

Here, among your pilgrim people  
is the home of your true love,  
where we praise you, Lord and Master,  
reigning from your throne above;  
life without you would be lonely, so our prayer must ever be:  
"Jesus, Lord, I am not worthy, yet in mercy come to me."

All is joy when you are with us,  
earth can never joy impart  
like the peace and holy splendour  
of your visit to each heart;  
all forgotten grief and sorrow,  
as with trust we make our plea,  
"Jesus, Lord, I am not worthy, yet in mercy come to me."

## 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.