

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

**Fr Pritchard will take annual leave
during November
Please note changes to
the daily Mass and
Eucharistic Adoration program**

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Joseph the Worker Church

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8.30am

St Joseph the Worker Church

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



Our Partnered Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of everyone including children and vulnerable adults. Please make sure children are supervised at all times within church buildings and on church grounds.

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed Yr C 2 November 2025

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.

YOUCAT 160

The *November Offering* envelope can be placed in the weekend collection. St Joseph the Worker Parishioners can place *lists of names* of the Faithful Departed and offering in the weekend collection. *Prayer and Indulgence* for the Faithful Departed included in today's bulletin.

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Young Parishioners meet TODAY 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.

Sincere thanks to Tim Rebbechi & Darrell O'Farrell for hosting sausage sizzle/morning tea at St Gabriel's Reservoir last Sunday 26 October. It is encouraging to see a growing Mass attendance at our churches, and a number of new parishioners at morning tea.

We have been glad to welcome **seminarians** Nicholas Calandra, Rohan Prince and Benjamin Eid at Sunday Masses this year. They complete their parish assignment next weekend. They have received icons of St Gabriel and St Nicholas as souvenirs of their time with us. Archbishop Comensoli admitted Nicolas as a candidate for Holy Orders at Corpus Christi College on Wednesday, along with the ministries of lector and acolyte. 2 deacons have been ordained for Melbourne: Dominic Lawes and Rhys Lowther.

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

St Gabriel's Parish Hall Reservoir



Rehearsals Sundays 6pm

Performances:

Tuesday 25 November 7.30pm,

Thursday 27 November 7.30pm,

Friday 28 November 7.30pm,

Saturday 29 November 4pm

Tickets

Family \$60 - 2 adults and 2+ children

Adults \$20, Concession/Children \$15, Children under 5 free

Tickets: Judy 0488580145 judeome@hotmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Journeying together Reflection

Thursday 13 November 6pm

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room St Gabriel's Parish Centre. *Andrew Dos Santos reservoir.conf.pres@svpd-vic.org.au*

- 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. *Contact Conference president*

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



BENEDETTA

Blessings & Celebrations Afternoon

Saturday 29 November 3-6pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

631 High St Prahran

Tickets: \$15

CATHOLIC MEN FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am

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AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

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 Christians. Show your support by attending a Mass, praying the Red Rosary, or sharing ACN's Red November video with friends and family. 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

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE AND ST STEPHEN /GAUDETE CAMPUS

At the beginning of the semester, students were introduced to the goals set for their time at St Stephen/Gaudete Campus: to settle in and to flourish. One can flourish in a number of ways, by making new friends, participating in new co-curricular groups or teams, stepping outside ones' comfort zone, or applying oneself to an area of interest in class. Having successfully settled into life at SGC, and as we approach Term 4, I call upon our students to focus their attention on flourishing academically. In the busyness and excitement of school life, it can be easy to forget the purpose of school: LEARNING. The St Stephen/Gaudete Campus is established to focus on the development of essential Literacy and Numeracy Knowledge and Skills. This learning experience of a lifetime was crafted for the benefit of our students and is there for the taking.

St Monica's College is pleased to welcome Sr May Flor Gedalanga OP. Since making her perpetual profession in 2015, Sr May Flor, has embodied the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of the Philippines' spirit of truth, simplicity, joy, and compassion. Sr May Flor is employed at St Monica's as a Liturgy & Pastoral Assistant working with students in the Mission portfolio. Sr May Flor will accompany 12 St Monica's students to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

The Monican October 2025

Christianity's Secret Formula VI

We ought to acknowledge two balancing realities. Lots of Christians couldn't be as courageous as the martyrs and made whatever minimal gesture was required to avoid persecution and death.

Second, most of the time Christians were not actively persecuted. It tended to happen when there was a new emperor trying to restore old glories. It also varied regionally.

Sometimes a local governor would launch his own persecutions to gain favour with some party in Rome, for local political reasons or who knows what other motivation.

There were compromises pro-posed, such as adding Jesus to the pantheon of pagan gods so long as Christians would make a ritual sacrifice to the Roman gods. Christians couldn't accept that. The last great Roman persecution came under the emperors Diocletian and Galerius at the start of the fourth century. It was a savage last attempt by central Roman authorities to restore the old order, which by then had lost almost all its animating qualities.

Many of the early Christians who suffered death for their faith didn't think of themselves as especially heroic or even especially devout. Almost no Christian ever sought martyrdom. Christians wanted the right to live peacefully, practice their faith and spread the good news. They didn't seek martyrdom but there were red lines they wouldn't cross.

Modern Western Christians live in an unsympathetic culture but face nothing like the persecutions of early Christians. These are faced by Christians in some other parts of the world, in parts of Asia and Africa especially. Jesus himself, though he brought the good news, predicted these persecutions: "The world will despise you for my name's sake."

The early Christians had no idea of the role they would play in history. But they turned the world upside down. Their charity in plagues, their courage in persecution, their relationship with Jesus and their solidarity with each other, and with all human beings, were the secret formula.



HOW
CHRISTIANS
CAN SUCCEED
TODAY

RECLAIMING THE GENIUS OF
THE EARLY CHURCH

GREG SHERIDAN
BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF GOD IS GOOD FOR YOU
AND CHRISTIANS

Greg Sheridan
Weekend Australian
August 30-31 2025

How Christians can
Succeed Today
available Big W \$25

PRAYER & INDULGENCE FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven. 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 210, 211

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.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O God, who chose your servant Leo
in succession to the Apostle Peter
as shepherd of the whole flock,
look favourably on the supplications of your people
and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth,
he may confirm his brethren
and that the whole Church
may be in communion with him
in the bond of unity, love and peace,
so that, in you, the shepherd of souls,
all may know the truth and attain life eternal.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Just as Jesus died and has risen again,
so through Jesus God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep;
and as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 26:1,4,7-9,13-14

**R: The Lord is my light
and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. **R**

I am sure I shall see
the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared

to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father,
says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all
that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up
on the last day. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 7: 11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the Resurrection and the Life,
says the Lord.

Whoever believes in me,
even though he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes
in me will not die for ever.

Recently Deceased

Fr Peter O'Rourke, Fr Barry Moran,
Rosanna Camenzuli, Giovanni Bressan

Anniversaries & Remembrance

Silvana Pardo, Nella Fiasco,
George & Alice Masterson, Iklas Minas,
Rosanna Devasia, Alcy Baby

Archbishops of Melbourne

James Goold OSA, Thomas Carr,
Daniel Mannix, James Cardinal Knox,
Sir Frank Little KBE,
George Cardinal Pell,

Next weekend Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

Processional Hymn AOV 39

Chorus: Come to set us free,
come to make us your own.
Come to show the way to your people, your chosen.
Open our lives to the light of your promise.
Come to our hearts with healing,
come to our minds with power,
come to us and bring us your life.

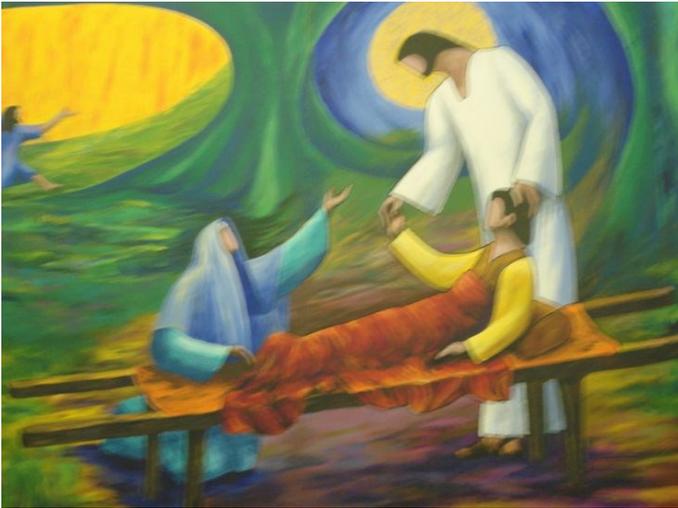
You are light which shines in darkness,
Morning Star which never sets.
Open our eyes which only dimly see
the truth which sets us free. *Chorus*

You are hope which brings us courage,
you are strength which never fails.
Open our minds to ways we do not know,
but where your Spirit grows. *Chorus*

You are promise of salvation,
you are God in human form.
Bring to our world of emptiness
and fear the Word we long to hear. *Chorus*

Liturgy of the Word

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



Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

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that I should lose nothing
of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day. Alleluia!

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Preparation of the Gifts AOV 89

I will never forget you, my people;
I have carved you on the palm of my hand,
I will never forget you; I will not leave you orphaned.
I will never forget my own.

Does a mother forget her baby?
Or a woman the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget, yes, even if these forget,
I will never forget my own

Holy Communion AOV 58

Chorus: In the breaking of the bread
we have known him; we have been fed.
Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord,
be our companion; be our hope.

Bread for the journey, strength for our years,
manna of ages of struggle and tears.
Cup of salvation, fruit of the land,
bless and receive now, the work of our hands. *Chorus*

Bread of the promise, people of hope,
wine of compassion, life for the world.
Gathered at table, joined as one body.
Sealed in the spirit, sent by the Word. *Chorus*

Recessional Hymn AOV 182

Chorus: Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
yet the love of the Lord will stand
as a shelter for all who will call on his name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
he will not abandon you. *Chorus*

Go to Him when you're weary;
he will give you eagle's wings.
You will run, never tire,
for your God will be your strength. *Chorus*

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John Phelan,Mgr Aldo Rebeschini,
Frs Gerard Sullivan, Frank Larsen,
Brian McMahon, Joseph Yu, Emmanuel Bonello