

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

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St Gabriel's Church  
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St Stephen's Church  
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Joseph the Worker Church  
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073

## 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YR A 26 April 2026

*World Day of Prayer  
for Vocations  
7pm Holy Hour*

*Evening Prayer and Benediction  
St Gabriel's Church Reservoir*

*Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.*

*Pope Leo XIV*

*You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name. Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.*

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### WEEKEND MASSES

- Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass  
*1st Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass  
Maltese Reservoir North*
- Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
*Reservoir East*
- Sunday 9am Mass Reservoir
- Sunday 10.30am Mass Reservoir North  
English/Italian

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tuesday** 9.30am Mass  
*St Stephen's Reservoir East*

**Wednesday Thursday Friday**  
9.15am Mass  
*St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North*

*Next weekend May 1-3*

## *Feast of St Joseph the Worker*

St Joseph the Worker church Reservoir North

Friday 1 May 9.15am Mass  
(St Joseph the Worker school)

Sunday 3 May 10.30am Mass; coffee and cake.  
We also celebrate the anniversary of consecration  
of St Joseph the Worker church 7 May 1995.

### INVITATION

#### *Blessing of parish leaders and volunteers*

**All who serve our parish community  
as volunteers and leaders**

**are invited to participate at Masses  
at each of our churches next weekend May 2-3**

We recognize the generosity and commitment of many in the apostolate of St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary and ministry to aged care and housebound parishioners. We acknowledge also all who provide liturgical ministry: readers, ministers of Holy Communion, music ministry, collectors and counters, altar servers, sacristy support. The Dominican Sisters make their own generous contribution with ministry to the sick, Sacramental Journey, young parishioners and community outreach. There are those who serve on parish committees, look after St Joseph the Worker Hall, participate in parish activities, eg Stella Maris Association, Acquaro Club, RCIA, hospitality, church gardens and grounds, and much more. Committee members will update us on *Take the Way of the Gospel*, its goals, and affirm all of us in parish life and mission. This committee includes representatives of St Gabriel's, St Stephen of Hungary and St Joseph the Worker Parishes. Melbourne Archdiocese representatives Suzette Diaz and Judeline Wadhvani are leading us through this process step by step.

Sunday 14 June: **Forum**, engaging parishioners in *Take the Way of the Gospel*. We all want opportunities for worship and prayer, community life, adult faith formation, pastoral care of families, women, men, young parishioners, widowed, elderly and sick. The Dominican Sisters are already making a great contribution to parish life. To build up the kingdom of God in our part of Melbourne parish life and community must be vital, vibrant, viable. St Joseph the Worker Church after Sunday 10.30am Mass.

#### *Young Parishioners Sunday 3 May*

St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am—12noon  
lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / student.  
The Dominican Sisters present a Marian reflection,  
drawing on the teaching of St Bernard (+1153)

## ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35  
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90  
Daily Mass Book \$25  
New Community Catholic Bible \$35

## ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Auditions: Sunday 30 August 6pm  
Rehearsals commence 6 September  
Enquiries: Judy judeome@hotmail.com

## CATHOLIC MEN FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am  
melbournemensrosarycrusade.com

## 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.*  
Enquiries Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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.*  
Conference president Peter Johnson  
reservoir.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

## LEARN WHERE THERE IS WISDOM: A THEOLOGICAL READING OF BARUCH 3:9-4:4

Friday 1 May 1pm

Rev Dr Trevor Tibbertsma presents an overview of his work  
on the OT book of Baruch, a source of enduring wisdom.  
Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Pde East Mel-  
bourne or scan QR Code.



## FESTA SANTA MARIA DI POMPEII SUNDAY 3 MAY 10.30AM MASS

St Raphael's Church Preston West  
Enquiries: Mario 0410 033 642

## CAN A SCIENTIST BELIEVE IN GOD?

Monday 4 May 7pm *Online only*

Many people say that God and science don't mix. In faith-  
based schools, 60% of secondary students say Christianity  
and science conflict. Dr Chris Mulherin addresses the  
'conflict myth' and offers some clues about how to under-  
stand the science-faith relationship as a harmonious one.  
Register online via QR Code.

## YOUNG MEN OF GOD POWER CONFERENCE

[youtu.be/BqH6SUWRhLY](https://youtu.be/BqH6SUWRhLY)

July 17-19 residential 3-day Catholic conference for young  
men focused on deepening in faith, strengthening brother-  
hood, and growing in leadership. \$300  
Enquiries: Fr Terrence 0426 897 764;  
Br Aaron 0406 727 276



## 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

## EASTER OFFERING

Your generous gift supports our Bishops,  
retired and sick priests  
and our own Parish clergy. Thank You!

## SAFEGUARDING

*Our Partnered Parishes are committed to the safety, well-being 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.*

- Archdiocese of Melbourne and parish Safeguarding policies: [stgabrielreservoir.org](http://stgabrielreservoir.org)
- Partnered parishes maintain a comprehensive list of all parish volunteers. This list is kept up to date. All parish volunteers must hold a current WWCC / VIT.
- Volunteer training has been provided to all parish volunteers both online and face to face.

### Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

Over 780,000 people are displaced due to conflict. Your support can help provide essential support.

**DONATE NOW**  
[caritas.org.au/Lebanon](http://caritas.org.au/Lebanon)



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*Listening with an open heart  
Engaging in meaningful conversation  
Strengthening our sense of communion  
Discerning pathways forward*

## GIFT & SUMMONS: SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN FRANCE III

French catechumens consistently expressed a longing not for private belief but for lived community—shared prayer, meals, fraternity and visible Christian life.

The French catechumenate is typically a two-year journey, rooted in parish life before Baptism, with strong accompaniment and small teams of companions. Increasingly, parishes are shifting from simply preparing candidates for sacraments to forming missionary disciples integrated into the community.

The catechumens are evangelising the Church. They are calling us to conversion—to become visibly welcoming, missionary communities where identity is formed in love, not division. ‘The most challenging moment is not the Easter Vigil,’ the Archbishop observed. ‘It is what happens after. The real work begins in sustaining neophytes in belonging, mission and friendship.’

Responding has not been without its challenges. Given how quickly and unexpectedly numbers have surged, the French Church—at both a diocesan and parish level—has often found itself scrambling to find ways to welcome and accompany such large numbers of catechumens. Mrs Rhynehart explained that a parish of people mostly aged in their 60s, who only had three catechumens last year, might find themselves with 60 catechumens, mostly under 30, this year. Or a long-time parish priest might find himself, for the first time in 30 years, asking for guidance on how to incorporate the sacraments of initiation into the Easter liturgy.

The delegation was told that some older people struggle with the younger people entering their communities and the questions they bring, Mrs Rhynehart said. ‘They don’t always know the answers to those questions. There is something incredible going on, and the Holy Spirit is moving in some ways, but it’s still a Church of humans.’ Over time, though, as people have learnt to adjust, the surge in catechumens is reshaping parish culture in France. Dioceses are strengthening accompaniment, forming lay companions, creating distinct offices for catechumens and neophytes. ‘The catechumens are evangelising the Church,’ the Archbishop reflected. ‘They are calling us to conversion—to become visibly welcoming, missionary communities where identity is formed in love, not division.’ He added: ‘This is both gift and summons: a gift of renewed spiritual hunger and a summons for us to ask whether our parishes are ready.’

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## The Easter Season

After Christian initiation at Easter, the newly baptised and confirmed, participate in **postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy**. The neophytes are introduced into a fuller and more effective understanding of mysteries through the Gospel message they have learned and above all through their experience of the sacraments they have received. This year’s Mystagogy includes 4 episodes of *Sycamore*, Thursdays commencing 23 April 7pm St Gabriel’s Parish Centre Reservoir

**St Stephen / Gaudete** Year 8 whole campus Mass Tuesday 5 May 9.30am St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East.

The Dominican Sisters and parish staff attend **Administration Forum**, hosted by the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Tuesday 5 May.

### CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal weekend 9-10 May

CatholicCare Victoria works with those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Donate using the appeal envelope or online [catholiccarevic.org.au](http://catholiccarevic.org.au) or call 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



Bishop Rene Ramirez  
will administer  
the **Sacrament of Confirmation**  
Friday 22 May 6pm  
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

**Feast of Christ the Priest Thursday 28 May**  
8.30am Eucharistic Adoration & Morning Prayer  
9.15am Mass St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

**MenALIVE** hosts a weekend St Mary’s parish  
204 Grimshaw Rd Greensborough 30-31 May  
[greensborough.menalivevic.au/](http://greensborough.menalivevic.au/)  
Enquiries: Doug Black 0408 571 100  
Glen D’Cunha 0422 892 541  
John O’Connell 0429 596 948

National Count of **Mass Attendance** 2026 will take place over the first four weeks of May, commencing weekend 2-3 May.

**Solemnity of Corpus Christi Sunday 7 June**  
2pm Mass & Eucharistic procession  
St Patrick’s Cathedral Melbourne

**PROCLAIM26** 2 day gathering.  
*Go out to the whole world;  
proclaim the Gospel to all creation.*  
June 26-27 Catholic Leadership Centre  
76 Victoria Pde East Melbourne.

## FIRST READING *Acts 2:14,36-41*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING *1 Peter 2: 20-25*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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## GOSPEL *John 10: 1-10*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## ANZAC Commemoration

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**All: And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

Priest: May they rest in peace. All: Amen.

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

Priest: Almighty everlasting God, who sent your Son to die that we might live, grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

*Gesù si dichiara la "Porta delle Pecore" e il Buon Pastore, sottolineando di essere l'unica via per la salvezza, la sicurezza e la vita in abbondanza. Egli chiama i suoi seguaci per nome, offrendo protezione contro i "ladri" che vengono per distruggere. Siamo invitati a riconoscere la sua voce e a fidarci della sua guida per la vera vita.*

**Gesù è la Porta:** Cristo è l'unico accesso sicuro alla vita eterna. Entrare attraverso di Lui significa trovare pascolo, sicurezza e salvezza. Il "ladro" rappresenta falsi idoli o voci che rubano la gioia, mentre Gesù offre una vita piena.

**Ascoltare la Voce:** Come pecore che conoscono il proprio pastore, siamo chiamati a distinguere la voce di Gesù nel caos del mondo. Questo richiede familiarità con la Parola di Dio e la preghiera.

**Vita in Abbondanza:** Gesù non è venuto solo per la sopravvivenza, ma perché la nostra vita sia piena, gioiosa e significativa.

### Next weekend 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6: 1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14: 1-12

### Recently Deceased

Palmira Zamparo, Giuseppe Ganino, Natalino Santangelo, Kiera Pascoe, Nola Di Carlo

### Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Salvatore Torre, Fidele Cacciotti, P. Jacob Philip, Felice Taranto, Salvatore Cardamone, Maria Catena Demasi, Di Guglielmo & Picone families, Giuseppe Bolzon, Centofanti family: Mario, Eremegildo, Diamante, Rocco, Angela, Raffaele, Giuseppina, Iolanda, Lucia, Salvatore

## Processional Hymn CWB 348

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory to God who does wondrous things,  
let all the people God's praises now sing,  
All of creation in splendour shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
See how salvation for all has been won,  
up from the grave our new life has begun,  
life now perfected in Jesus, the Son:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Now in our presence the Lord will appear,  
shine in the faces of all of us here,  
fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,  
wanting to see you in all that we do,  
we would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia!

## Liturgy of the Word

Acts 2:14,36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

### Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd,  
says the Lord;  
I know my sheep,  
and mine know me. Alleluia!



## Holy Communion AOV 100

Lord, Jesus, Bread of life,  
you feed us with yourself:  
grant us your mercy, Lord,  
grant us your mercy.

Lord, Jesus, Living Vine,  
we draw our life from you:  
grant us your mercy, Lord,  
grant us your mercy.

Lord, Jesus, raised to life,  
you now have conquered death:  
grant us your mercy, Lord,  
grant us your mercy.

Lord, Jesus, Prince of Peace,  
your rule dispels our fears:  
grant us your mercy, Lord,  
grant us your mercy.

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**All: Amen**

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to those who gave themselves  
in service and sacrifice for their country.  
Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Australians all let us rejoice,  
for we are one and free;  
we've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
our home is girt by sea;  
our land abounds in nature's gifts  
of beauty, rich and rare:  
in hist'ry's page, let ev'ry stage  
Advance Australia fair!  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
to make this Commonwealth of ours  
renowned of all the lands;  
for those who've come across the seas  
we've boundless plains to share;  
with courage let us all combine  
to advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia fair.

## Recessional Hymn CWB 357

Good Shepherd, you know us, you call us by name.  
You lead us; we gladly acknowledge your claim.  
Your voice has compelled us; we come at your call.  
And none you have chosen will finally fall.

Good Shepherd, you lay down your life for the sheep.  
Your love is not fickle, your gift is not cheap.  
You spend your life freely, you take it again.  
You died, so we live; we are healed by your pain.

At one with the Father, you made yourself known:  
'I am the Good Shepherd', at one with your own.  
You loved us before we had heeded or heard;  
by grace we respond to your life giving word.

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