

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

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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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD YR A 17 May 2026

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
8.30am Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary
9am Mass *St Gabriel's Reservoir*

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!



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Reservoir St Vincent de Paul acknowledges
many years' service of Sonny Muscat
Sunday 17 May 9am Mass St Gabriel's Reservoir.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
is taken up weekend 6-7 June.

Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of the
month 7.30pm Emmaus Room St Gabriel's Parish Cen-
tre. New members are always welcome.

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

Reservoir Vinnies 10 Edwardes St
invites volunteers 8199 4215



35 candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North Friday 22 May 6pm. Fr Pritchard administers Confirmation by virtue of a special delegation granted by Bishop Ramirez.

Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with Chrism receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed. He is now a full-fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church.

YOUCAT 203

NATIONAL COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE

The Mass count continues this weekend and next. Today's count includes the attendance of males and females of all ages. Next weekend the count requires us to include age groups. We thank those assisting with the count: Miriam Mizzi, Rosanna Truda, Loretta Piazza, Sebastian Kerin, Ugo Vene.

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

YOUNG MEN OF GOD POWER CONFERENCE

youtu.be/BqH6SUWRhLY

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



8th CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Capuchin Franciscan Friars host **2-day Conference** St
Anthony's Shrine 182 Power St Hawthorn weekend 30-
31 May. Registration 8:30am, 9am talk; 5pm Evening
Prayer. 6 talks, workshop, Q&A Panel, Mass. Light
lunch. No registration fee but donation welcome. Regis-
ter: trybooking.com/DMBUF

St Francis of Assisi Showcase, presented by COG
Theatre. Performers, technicians, administrators or are
just eager to get involved, please contact [cogthea-
regroup@gmail.com](mailto:cogthea-
regroup@gmail.com) 0413 398 528

The Holy See has announced that plenary indulgences
are granted to those who participate in a **pilgrimage** to
any Franciscan church or any church named after St
Francis. This includes St Francis church 326 Lonsdale
St Melbourne and St Francis of Assisi church 290 Childs
Rd Mill Park. OFM.org

Take the Way of the Gospel

Parish communities, St Gabriel's, St Joseph the Worker
& St Stephen's, celebrated our shared histories this year.
We are taking important steps towards strengthening our
shared life and mission, as we journey towards becoming
one parish, moving from partnership to amalgamation.

Amalgamation is the process of bringing together our
parishes as one with a common vision, mission, working
together to grow the kingdom of God in our Reservoir
area.

Following a period of expression of interest and prayerful
discernment, we are pleased to share that the Partner-
ship Committee has now been formally established.

Parish representatives on
Take the Way of the Gospel committee are:
St Gabriel's: Andrew Dos Santos & Liliana Keating
St Joseph the Worker: Georgia Tan, Chris Chua,
Franca Pascuzzi, Tony Chiodo
St Stephen's: Bernadette Harris

We are glad that Srs Jessica, Josefina & MayFlor are
part of the committee. We are receiving help and guid-
ance from Suzette Diaz and Judeline Wadhvani from the
Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The role of the committee is to listen, guide and support
the process of collaboration and consultation as we move
forward together. We are committed to working in a syn-
odal way—walking together, listening deeply, and dis-
cerning how the Holy Spirit is calling us to be Church in
our community.

The voice of parishioners is an important part of this jour-
ney. We encourage your active engagement throughout
the process. This is not the work of a few, but of all of us
together. Feedback channels are available, including
suggestion boxes and email. All feedback will be
acknowledged and responded to, with regular bulletin
updates. A dedicated page on the parish website is being
developed. We make this journey together in prayer,
faith, hope and vision.

Forum Invitation

Sunday 14 June after 10.30am Mass
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
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

*Woman from whom
Jesus was born,
Mother who laid
the Saviour in a manger,
Mother who presented
Jesus in the Temple,
Mother who sought Jesus
for three days,
Mother who obeyed God before all else,
pray for us.*



Mother of the Church III

We have seen how the Gospel of St John speaks of Mary in symbolic terms, calling her the Mother of Jesus and speaking about her as the Queen Mother (the Queen of heaven and earth) and the Mother of the Church. Now we will look at how Mary is spoken of in the rest of the New Testament.

The very first reference to Mary is found in St Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Paul does not mention her name but writes that Jesus was "born of a woman under the law." Since Jewish identity was inherited from one's mother, Paul affirms that Jesus was truly Jewish.

The Gospel of St Mark does not have many references to Mary. This Gospel does not have an infancy narrative as do St Matthew and St Luke. In chapter 3, there are two possible references to Mary. We hear that the family of Jesus comes to take him home, thinking that he is out of his mind. We don't know if Mary is included in this group. Why would she possibly wonder about her Son? It would be because, although she knew he was the Messiah and Son of David, Jesus was saying that he would suffer and die, something that was not expected of the Jewish Messiah.

Later in the same chapter, we hear that Jesus is told that his mother and brothers were outside, and he responds that those in the room, his followers, were his mother, brothers and sisters. Although these two references seem a bit harsh, we have to remember that this is the same Gospel which portrays the apostles as having a difficult time understanding who Jesus was. Three times (chapters 8, 9 & 10) he predicts his Passion, and the apostles respond in an inappropriate manner. St Mark shows that the apostles (and probably even the family of Jesus) had a difficult time figuring out who he was, so the early Christians reading his Gospel should not be surprised if they had doubts and confusion in their faith.

St Matthew treats Mary more gently than St Mark, softening some of the harder remarks made about the family of Jesus. St Matthew, along with St Luke, insists that Mary was a virgin when she bore her Son.

Messenger of St Anthony



First Reconciliation

Thursday 14 May 9.45am
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
Tuesday 19 May 10.30am St Gabriel's Reservoir

St Joseph's Men Thursday 21 May

8pm Our Lady of Lourdes 631 High St Prahran
armadaletoorak.org.au

Encountering Beauty Sacred Music Concert

Friday 22 May 7pm
Our Lady of Lourdes 631 High St Prahran
trybooking.com/events/landing/1540853

Feast of Christ the Priest Thursday 28 May

8.30am Eucharistic Adoration & Morning Prayer
9.15am Mass St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

First Holy Communion

Saturday 30 May 11am
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

MenALIVE hosts a weekend St Mary's parish
204 Grimshaw Rd Greensborough 30-31 May
greensborough.menalivevic.au/

Lumen Christi! Concert

Sunday 31 May 3pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
lightintothecity.org.au

Young Parishioners Sunday 7 June

St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am
lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / student
Fr Joseph Vnuk OP introduces St Thomas Aquinas,
the Common Doctor, the Angelic Doctor.

Solemnity of Corpus Christi Sunday 7 June

2pm Mass & Eucharistic procession
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

Blessing of St Anthony's bread

Weekend 13-14 June

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.



**Catholic Mission
Appeal**
Weekend July 20-21

FIRST READING *Acts 1: 1-11*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

SECOND READING *Ephesians 1:17-23*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

GOSPEL *Matthew 28: 16-20*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Recently Deceased

Brendan Coburn, Margherita Falcone,
Giuseppe Mamone, Antonino De Luca,
Giuseppe Ganino, Michael Formoso, Eugenia Verdino

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Giuseppe Butera, Giuseppe Bertolini,
Domenico & Antonietta Vilella,
Vincenzo & Giuseppina Perri,
Rolando & Georgina Bernardo,
Giuseppe & Angelina Todaro

Take the Way of the Gospel

Le nostre parrocchie, San Gabriele, San Giuseppe Lavoratore e San Stefano hanno celebrato insieme le loro storie quest'anno. Stiamo prendendo passi importanti verso rafforzare e condividere la nostra Missione mentre andiamo avanti verso diventare una parrocchia unica.

L'unificazione e fusione e` un processo d'unire le parrocchie a una sola comunita`con una visione e missione comune, lavorando insieme per crescere il Regno di Dio nella zona di Reservoir. Seguendo un periodo d'ascolto e preghiera siamo lieti d'informarvi che e` stato costituito il comitato di collaborazione pastorale.

I rappresentanti dalle parrocchie
che fanno parte di questo comitato sono:
San Gabriele: Andrew Dos Santos, Liliana Keating.
San Giuseppe: Georgia Tan, Chris Chua,
Franca Pascuzzi, Tony Chiodo.
San Stefano: Bernadette Harris

Siamo molto lieti che le Suore Jessica, Josefina e Mayflor fanno anche parte di questo comitato. Inoltre, stiamo ricevendo assistenza e guida da Suzette Diaz e Judeline Wadhvani dall'Arcidiocesi di Melbourne. Il nostro ruolo e` d'ascoltare, guidare e dare sostegno durante il processo della collaborazione e consultazione andando avanti insieme. Prendiamo l'impegno d'assistere in questo cammino includendo e ascoltando la nostra comunita` con la guida dello Spirito Santo.

La vostra voce, suggerimenti e opinioni sono una parte importante di questo processo. Questo non e` il Lavoro e il cammino di poichi ma di tutti noi insieme. Membri del comitato saranno a disposizione dopo la Messa se volete fare delle domande o esprimere il vostro parere. Canali di comunicazione sono anche disponibili tramite email o cassetta dei suggerimenti. Risposte saranno date ai vostri suggerimenti e saranno valorizzate. Ci sara' anche informazione sui bollettini settimanale. E` in fase dello sviluppo, una pagina dedicata sul sito web parrocchiale. Insieme proseguiamo questo cammino con preghiera, Fede, Speranza e Visione.

Invito al Forum

Domenica 14 giugno dopo la Messa 10.30am
San Giuseppe Lavoratore, Reservoir North

Tutti desideriamo opportunita` di culto e di preghiera,
vita comunitaria, formazione della fede per adulti,
cura pastorale delle famiglie,
delle donne, degli uomini,
dei giovani parrocchiani,
dei vedovi, degli anziani e dei malati.
Le Suore Domenicane stanno gia`
dando un grande contributo alla vita parrocchiale.

Per costruire il Regno di Dio
nella nostra parte di Melbourne,
la vita parrocchiale e la comunita` devono essere
vitali vivaci e sostenibili



Next weekend Pentecost Yr A

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
John 20:19-23



Processional Hymn AOV 5

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me.
Words that I can't understand;
meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!

Refrain: So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord! (repeat)

As I gaze into the night, down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk past horizons that I know!
But I feel my spirit called like a stirring deep within,
restless, 'til I live again
beyond the fears that close me in! *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Psalm Response

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always,
until the end of the world. Alleluia!

In the New Testament, the Ascension of Christ marks the end of forty days during which the risen Lord was especially close to his disciples. At the end of this time, Christ, together with his whole humanity, enters into the glory of God. Sacred Scripture expresses this through the images of "cloud" and "heaven" or sky. "Man", says Pope Benedict XVI (+2022), "finds room in God." Jesus Christ is now with the Father, and from there he will come one day "to judge the living and the dead". Christ's Ascension into heaven means that Jesus is no longer visible on earth yet is still present.

YOUCAT 109

Preparation of the Gifts AOV 31

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

Holy Communion AOV 125

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread and drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the father. *Refrain*

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this bread came down from heaven. *Refrain*

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day. *Refrain*

Any one who eats this bread, will live forever. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn AOV 188

Refrain: We are companions on the journey,
breaking Bread and sharing life;
and in the love we bear is the hope we share
for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.

We have been gifted with each other,
and we are called by the Word of the Lord;
to act with justice, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with our God,
to walk humbly with our God. *Refrain*

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