

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

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St Stephen of Hungary Church
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St Joseph the Worker Church
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13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 28 June 2026

PETER'S PENCE

*Peter's Pence is a tangible gesture of support
for the Pope's mission of bringing the Gospel
and spreading charity and love all over the world.*

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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 JUNE 30- JULY 3 & JULY 7-10

**Tuesday Wednesday
Thursday Friday**
9am Mass
St Luke's Church 1A David St Lalor

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

ST STEPHEN / GAUDETE CAMPUS

St Monica's College Principal Brian Hanley has offered 2 projects to enhance the grounds of St Stephen / Gaudete Year 8 Campus Reservoir East.

St Monica's College wishes to establish a memorial garden at the entrance gate, where past and present parishioners of St Stephen's might wish to place a plaque in remembrance of deceased relatives, pastors, parishioners. Parishioners have the opportunity to acquire a plaque (with their wording) at a reasonable cost. The College will administer this process. St Monica's College also wishes to install a 'Prayer Fountain', from the College motto, 'Pray and Persevere'. Images of the proposed memorial garden and fountain are displayed in our three churches. Parishioner comment is invited.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

Fr Pritchard, the Sisters and members of the *Take the Way of the Gospel* Committee attended the Proclaim26 conference (26/27-6). They participated in workshops on culture, Christian formation, youth outreach, sacred music, parish life and renewal. Partnership brings the Reservoir parishes together, with one priest, one parish office, shared bulletin, Parish Finance Committee, programs and pastoral opportunities. Amalgamation formalizes the relationship with a new parish name, financial administration and economies. In time, we hope to establish a Parish Pastoral Council. Catholic life must grow to be a vital and vibrant presence in the Reservoir area, drawing on our strengths, our rich cultural inheritance, our doors open, drawing people to Christ in a welcoming and warm community of faith, worship and service. We build and grow on solid foundations.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

The Sisters commence preparation for
1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion
Monday 13 July

Applications: reservoir@cam.org.au
Applications close Friday 3 July

PASTORELLE SISTERS

The Pastorelle Sisters worked in St Joseph the Worker parish for many years, in collaboration with Frs Yu, Vodola, and Bonello. Similarly, two Pastorelle Sisters worked for many years in St Stephen's parish alongside Fr McMahon. Another Pastorelle Sister, was well known for her leadership in the Italian Charismatic Renewal and instrumental in the formation of Prayer Groups in the Reservoir area and around Melbourne. The Sisters are ageing and our pastoral ministry in Melbourne is now limited to St Francis of Assisi parish, Mill Park, and Loyola Catholic College Watsonia.

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,
Mondays 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
good works

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.*

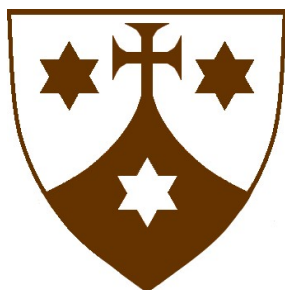
- Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330

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

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

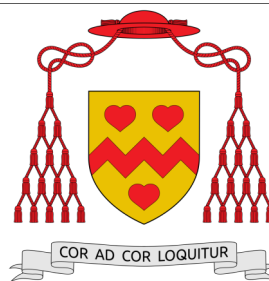
Love bears all things, believe all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Married couples and their families are cordially invited to celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples can register and are celebrating the following anniversaries— 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35,40 and above.

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Holy Cross Church 707 Glenhuntly Rd Caulfield South
Sunday 12 July 1.30pm
Includes Eucharistic Adoration, presentation,
Benediction, Holy Mass
Enrolment in Carmelite Scapular
combinedsocietiesofmary.com



Young Parishioners

NEXT Sunday 5 July

St Gabriel's Parish Centre 10.30am

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

Presented by Deacon Correya and Jonathan Abuthan. Organist Colin Jenkins introduces us to Newman's world-known hymns: Lead kindly light, Praise to the Holiest, and Firmly I believe.

St John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was born in London, educated at Trinity College, Oxford and embarked on a highly successful career as a Fellow of Oriel College and Vicar of the University Church of St Mary's. A prominent member of the Oxford Movement, he became a Catholic in 1845; soon afterwards, he was ordained priest and introduced the Congregation of the Oratory into England. He lived at the Birmingham Oratory, continuing his ministry as a pastor, writer and educationalist, and in 1879 was created Cardinal by Leo XIII. He was canonised in 2019 by Pope Francis.



Parish RCIA commences Thursday 6 August. Anna Krohn ANIMA Education provides a 5-week introduction to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The group will then meet weekly leading to Easter 2027. Thank you to those who have already registered. Adults who seek life in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments can register 0487 116 154 reservoir@cam.org.au



Appeal Weekend July 18-19

Catholic Mission serves local Churches in more than 160 countries and over 1100 dioceses, helping form seminarians, catechists and future Church leaders. Propagation of the Faith Appeal strengthens this wider mission while also making possible practical projects. Pope Leo XIV calls us to be *One in Christ, United in Mission*, to be missionary disciples united in Christ and sent in love.

Franciscan Waymakers



The First Franciscan footsteps in Australia belonged to Friar Claude-François Joseph Louis Receveur, also known as Père Laurent Receveur. After spending several years in the French Navy, he eventually discerned a priestly vocation and joined the Conventual Franciscan Friars near his hometown of Besançon. He later continued his studies at the University of Paris. Fr Receveur was a remarkably gifted young priest-scientist: a naturalist, botanist, geologist, philologist, astronomer, chemist, meteorologist, and the author of numerous scholarly papers presented to the French Academy of Sciences in Paris. He was among the seventeen scientists selected to join the La Pérouse expedition, commissioned by King Louis XVI to sail around the world and collect new plants for medicinal use. The expedition reached Botany Bay, Sydney, in 1788.

The La Pérouse voyage lasted three years and explored many regions previously unknown to Europeans. During an expedition on the island of Tutuila in Samoa, Fr Receveur encountered resistance from the local population and suffered serious injuries. By the time the ships arrived at Botany Bay a few days later, his wounds appeared to have healed. Sadly, not long after landing, Fr Receveur - only 30 years old - died unexpectedly. He became the first scientist, the first Catholic, and the first priest ever buried on Australian soil.

Beyond his scientific achievements, Fr Receveur holds a special place in Australia's spiritual history. Together with Fr Abbé Jean-André Mongez, the expedition's chaplain, he is credited with celebrating the first Holy Mass in Australia. While documentation of Masses celebrated aboard the ships has been lost, it is reasonable to presume that several were offered, given the Church's obligation to celebrate Mass on Sundays and feast days, and as often as circumstances permitted.

The death of Fr Receveur marked yet another historic moment: the celebration of the first Requiem Mass in Australia. Each year, on 17 February or the nearest Sunday, the anniversary of his death is solemnly commemorated.

Franciscans and members of the wider Catholic community - together with representatives of the French Consulate - gather to honour the memory of the first Franciscan to set foot in Australia. This enduring tradition of remembrance speaks eloquently of Fr Receveur's significance and of the deep respect still held for his life, faith, and witness.

After the earliest Franciscan presence in Australia, embodied by Friar Claude-François Joseph Louis Receveur, the Franciscan mission took firm root in the 19th century through Fr Patrick Bonaventure Geoghegan, OFM (1805-1864). Born in Dublin, Fr Geoghegan became a Franciscan friar and later volunteered for the Australian mission. He arrived in Melbourne in 1838 and, a year later, was appointed the first and only parish priest of Melbourne, entrusted with the pastoral care of the entire Victorian region.

Determined to provide a spiritual home for the growing Catholic community, he began the construction of St Francis' Church, today the oldest surviving Catholic church in Victoria, located at the corner of Lonsdale and Elizabeth Sts. On 4 October 1841, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, he laid the foundation stone. The first Holy Mass on the site was celebrated on 22 May 1842, and the completed church was blessed and opened on 23 October 1845.

St Francis' Church soon became a cornerstone of Catholic life in Australia. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was baptized there and later received her First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The site also hosted several historic firsts, including the first Catholic seminary in Victoria, the first Australian conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, and the first Christian Brothers school in Australia.

In 1859, Fr Geoghegan was appointed Bishop of Adelaide, becoming Australia's first Franciscan bishop. After five years of service, he returned to Ireland due to ill health and died in 1864, before taking up a later appointment as Bishop of Goulburn. Today, his legacy is remembered through a memorial in Dublin and a statue outside St Francis' Church in Melbourne.

Messenger of St Anthony

*The Holy See has announced **plenary indulgences for the 8th centenary of the death of St Francis of Assisi**. These 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.*

FIRST READING *2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16*

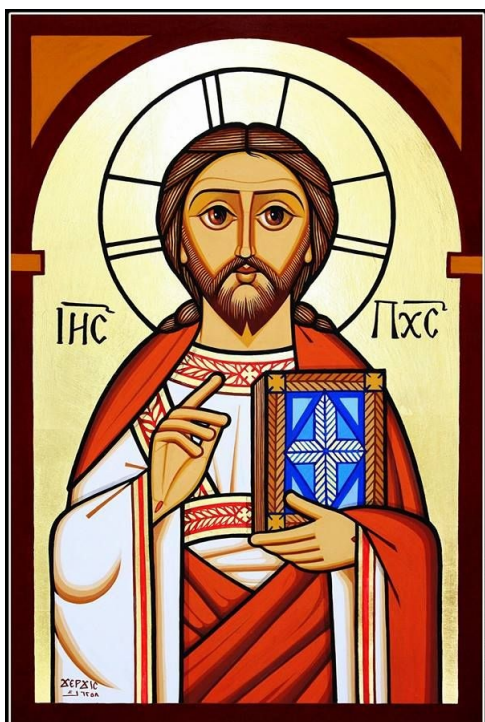
One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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

SECOND READING *Romans 6:3-4,8-11*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL *Matthew 10: 37-42*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Il Vangelo di Matteo ci chiama a una scelta radicale. Amare Gesù più dei nostri cari non significa negare l'affetto umano, ma piuttosto mettere Dio al primo posto per orientare correttamente tutte le altre relazioni. Quando facciamo questo, la croce non è più solo un peso, ma un'accoglienza docile del Suo amore infinito

La Gerarchia dell'Amore: Gesù chiede una fedeltà totale. Quando Cristo è al centro, il nostro amore per genitori, figli e il prossimo diventa ancora più profondo e purificato.

Accogliere è Amare: "Chi accoglie voi accoglie me". Ogni volta che estendiamo la nostra ospitalità e il nostro cuore agli altri, specialmente agli "ultimi", stiamo accogliendo Cristo stesso.

Il Valore dei Semplici Gesti: Non servono azioni straordinarie per servire Dio. Anche "un solo bicchiere d'acqua fresca" donato con amore a un discepolo non perderà mai la sua ricompensa.

Next weekend

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

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Iris Fava, Sebastiana Pelligra,
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Salvatore & Ida Strangis,
Pietro Ripoli, Giuseppe Todaro

Processional Hymn AOV 12

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

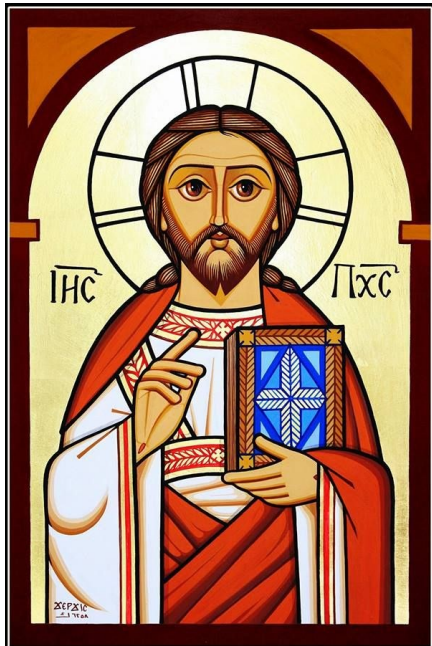
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.



Liturgy of the Word

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

Psalm Response

For ever I will sing
the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who call you out of darkness
and into his marvellous light. Alleluia.

Preparation of the Gifts AOV 152

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom

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Holy Communion Hymn AOV 129

Chorus:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Chorus*

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Chorus*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. *Chorus*

Recessional Hymn AOV 26

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Chorus:

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me. *Chorus*



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