

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

Clergy: Fr G Pritchard, Deacon F Corroya

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St Gabriel's Church
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St Joseph the Worker Church
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**16th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YR A
19 July 2026**

**CATHOLIC MISSION
CHURCH APPEAL**

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

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

Appointments

- Pope Leo has appointed Archbishop Comensoli to the Dicastery for evangelization, Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelisation in the World (27 June). Archbishop Comensoli remains Archbishop of Melbourne.
- Pope Leo has named Mgr Stuart Hall Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Australia (3 July). Bishop-elect Hall is currently Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. He will be consecrated Bishop at St Patrick's Cathedral Friday 29 August.
- Archbishop Comensoli has appointment Fr Luciano Toldo CS Episcopal Vicar for the northern region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Fr Toldo CS remains parish priest of St Luke's Lalor.
- Archbishop Comensoli has appointment Mgr Charles Portelli the new Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne.

Fr Emmanuel Bonello RIP

We remembered the 1st anniversary of Fr Bonello's death at St Joseph the Worker Church last Sunday 12 July. We were glad to welcome Fr Manny's family: Tony & Mary, Adam & Cindy, Sr Michelle PBVM. Fr Manny is remembered by a fine portrait of him in Canon's dress in the church narthex.

Catherine Margaret Groenewegen née Pritchard

Sincere thanks for many kind wishes, cards and messages of condolence on the sudden death of Catherine, daughter of Sheilagh and the late Gordon Pritchard. She is mourned and missed by her children Alicia, Joseph and Celia, her grandchildren Oliver and Molly, and her brothers and sisters. Special thanks to Adrian Mascitti Tobin Brothers Funerals, Our Lady's parish Sunshine.

St Gabriel's Theatre Group

This year's production is *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Auditions: Sunday 30 August 6pm. Rehearsals commence Sunday 6 September 6pm St Gabriel's parish hall Reservoir. Enquiries: Judy.judeome@hotmail.com

Census 2026

Australia will hold its national Census on 11 August 2026, and Catholics across the Archdiocese of Melbourne are encouraged to participate fully, identifying their religious affiliation. This nationwide count is a crucial opportunity for the Catholic community to be recognised and for its needs to be understood.

Recent Special Collections *Thank You*

Peter's Pence \$856

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal \$1650

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

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.*

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

Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330

Reservoir Vinnies 10 Edwardes St
invites volunteers 8199 4215

ST CARLO ACUTIS

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

Legion of Mary 456 Queensberry St North Melbourne
Thursday 16 July 10am– Tuesday 28 July 3pm
legionofmary.net.au

KINDRED CIRCLE

Kindred Circle activities are for elderly singles, couples or
small focus groups of up to 5. They are designed to en-
courage a fuller and more interesting life by building con-
fidence, friendships and social skills. Our range of pro-
grams fall into three categories Indoor, Outdoor and Cre-
ative. Volunteers invited.

Enquiries: kindrecircleco@gmail.com

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

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Sunday 2 August 10.30am

St Gabriel's Parish Centre
Br Albert OP presents St Albert the Great
teacher of St Thomas Aquinas.
St Albert is patron of scientists,
philosophers and students.

HOLY HOUR

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Tuesday 4 August

Feast of St John Vianney, patron of priests
St Gabriel's Church Reservoir 7pm
Eucharistic Adoration - Night Prayer - Benediction

PARISH RCIA

commences **Thursday 6 August 7pm**

St Gabriel's Parish Centre.
Anna Kron ANIMA Education
provides a 5-week introduction to the
Catechism of the Catholic Church.
The group will then meet weekly
leading to Easter 2027

FEAST OF

ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

- **Tuesday 11 August**

St Stephen Gaudete campus Reservoir East
9.15am Mass, procession

- **Saturday 15 August**

6.30pm Vigil Mass, Supper
St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East

We welcome

*St Monica's Principal Brian Hanley,
Deputy Principal Bernadette Harris,
Campus Leader Damian Monaghan*

PARISH LADIES MORNING TEA

Friday 14 August

9am Mass St Gabriel's Church Reservoir
9.30am morning tea and conversation
with Anna Krohn
St Gabriel's Parish Centre

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Saturday 15 August

11am Mass St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion
Mondays 4.30pm

St Joseph the Worker Church Reservoir North

Saturday 12 September

1st Reconciliation 11am
St Gabriel's Church Reservoir
1st Holy communion 6.30pm
St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL I

Sherry Waddell grew up in a strongly anti-Catholic Christian community in Mississippi, with a Catholic church just two doors from her home. As a child, she says, she viewed it as 'the anteroom of hell'.

As was common in her community, Sherry made the decision to follow Christ as a child, but by her mid-teens, she had begun to question the faith environment around her. 'The word deconstruction didn't exist yet,' she says, 'but that's what I was doing.'

By university, she had drifted far from the faith of her childhood. Then, just after she turned 21, while travelling across the United States and visiting the East Coast for the first time, she had what she describes as a major conversion experience. In Manhattan, at the foot of the Empire State Building, Sherry made a conscious commitment to Christ as an adult. From that point forward, she says she has 'never looked back'.

Soon afterwards, while finishing her undergraduate studies, she found herself looking for a place to pray during the day. The Protestant churches nearby were closed. But there was a large, crumbling Catholic church near her university that was open. She walked in, not knowing why it was open or what she would find there. The church was called Blessed Sacrament.

'If you'd explained it to me, I would not have believed you. But I knew there was a presence of God there that was beyond anything I'd experienced elsewhere.'

When Sherry became a Catholic, she was preparing to be a missionary to the Muslim world. Her undergraduate studies were in modern Middle Eastern history and Arabic, and in the evangelical world she came from, that kind of lay missionary calling made sense. 'When I became Catholic and I tried to explain what I had been about, everybody just looked at me like I had ten heads,' she says. 'I quickly realised all the infrastructure of understanding and support and formation that I depended upon was completely gone. But I knew I was supposed to be in the Catholic Church.' For Sherry, the reason to become Catholic was clear: 'I entered the Church to follow Jesus,' she says. 'It's that simple.'

At the same Blessed Sacrament Parish, she met Dominican priest Fr Michael Sweeney. The two began talking about the mission of the laity, the theology of the laity and evangelisation, and later co-founded the *Catherine of Siena Institute* together, with a mission to equip parishes to form lay disciples and apostles.

What I learnt was that a lot of people couldn't discern because they didn't have a personal relationship with God. What followed was not a grand plan, Sherry says, but a gradual response to what God placed in front of her. Through the *Called and Gifted* charism discernment process, she began listening closely to Catholics speak about their experience of God. That discovery eventually found its way into *Forming Intentional Disciples*, published in 2012.

For Sherry, writing the book was never about creating a bestseller. Her aim was simply to put into words what she had learnt from years of listening to Catholics and accompanying them in faith. Looking back, she describes its development as years of obedience, persistence and learning through failure. 'A lot of it was just the long obedience of over and over again,' she says, 'learning the hard way.'

Melbourne Catholic



Thank you for supporting the work of Catholic Mission this year, and for sharing in the important and vital work of missionaries around the world.

As the Pope's international mission agency, Catholic Mission works to support Church-run mission programs around the world. Pope Leo XIV calls us to be "One in Christ, United in Mission", to be missionary disciples united in Christ and sent in love

Many children have to walk long distances to access education, and with many families struggling to even provide basic food, the trip to school can feel impossible to make. For children like Yamikani, this trip is only made harder by his physical disability. Through the work of Fr Matthew and the Church in Malawi, they have hopes to build a school close to home, to not only provide access to education, but essential school supplies for effective learning, and nutritious and hearty meals for students so they can focus on their studies.

Our hearts turn this year to Kampira, Malawi. Families there are still rebuilding after Cyclone Ana, and Catholic Mission is supporting the construction of a primary school so that children in this community can learn, grow and look to the future with hope.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Over the past weeks, I have been attending the Chapter here in Hawaii following my canonical visits to our communities in San Francisco, Arizona, Texas and Hawaii, as we prepared ourselves spiritually and communally for this important gathering. Now we have just concluded the 15th Regional Chapter here in the Hawaii Region. It was a grace-filled gathering, offering us the opportunity to revisit our ministries and discern the direction of our mission for the next four years. Our prayers and heartfelt condolences are with you as you mourn the passing of your brother and sister. May they rest in peace. We prayed for you and your family, asking the Lord to grant you strength, comfort and the gentle assurance of His presence during this time of sorrow. Thank you very much for the updates about the Sisters. I am happy to know that they are gradually settling into the different ministries of the school and parish. They are doing well, adjusting to their new environment, and joyfully serving the people they work with. I truly appreciate the support and care you and the parishioners continue to extend to the sisters. Regarding the relics of foundress Mother Rosario, I can bring them when I come to visit the Sisters. May I ask when you think would be the best time or month for me to come and see you and the community? Lastly, please know that we are praying for you and all your parishioners, asking the Lord to bless your ministries with strength, unity and renewed zeal.

*With gratitude and prayers,
Rev Mother Nemias Daral OP*

FIRST READING *Wisdom 12:13,16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word: The word of the Lord is compared to a seed which is sown in a field; those who hear it with faith and are numbered among the little flock of Christ have truly received the kingdom. Then, by its own power, the seed sprouts and grows until the harvest.

Catechism 543

Next weekend

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

***May those who have died
be gathered
into the harvest of the kingdom.***

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Nino Sancio

Maria Grazia Mordica

Angelo Cozzolino



GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."' He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Processional Hymn CWB 587

Refrain:

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
you are the Word whose only law is love;
you are the Word made flesh who lives among us:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

You are the Word who binds us and unites us;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*



Liturgy of the Word

Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Psalm Response

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

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Preparation of the Gifts CWB 564

O breathe on me, O breath of God
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God
until my heart is pure,
until with you I have one will,
to do and to endure.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

O breathe on me, O breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Holy Communion Hymn CWB 343

The reign of God, like farmer's field
bears weeds along with wheat;
the good and bad are intertwined
till harvest is complete.

Like mustard tree, the reign of God
from tiny seed will spread,
till birds of every feather come
to nest and there be fed.

Though hidden now, the reign of God
may, yet unnoticed, grow;
from deep within it rises up,
like yeast in swelling dough.

The reign of God is come in Christ;
the reign of God is near.
Ablaze among us, kindling hearts,
the reign of God is here!

Recessional Hymn CWB 398

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let love's all reconciling might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.
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