

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 of Hungary Church
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St Joseph the Worker Church
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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 9 August 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 11 August

9.30am Mass, Procession, Blessing of fountain
St Stephen's Reservoir East

Wednesday Thursday Friday

9am Mass
St Gabriel's Reservoir

Saturday 15 August Assumption of Our Lady 11am Mass

St Joseph the Worker 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

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

August 8-9, 15-16, 22-23

*Archbishop's Campaign envelope
attached to today's bulletin*

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

*St Stephen of Hungary Church
Reservoir East*

- **Tuesday 11 August**
St Stephen / Gaudete campus Reservoir East
9.30am Mass, procession
- **Saturday 15 August**
6.30pm Vigil Mass, blessing of Memorial Garden,
coffee & cake

We welcome

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

CENSUS 2026

Tuesday 11 August

Catholics are encouraged to mark *Catholic* in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services - guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

THANK YOU

- Sincere thanks to Pastorelle Sr Doreen Bentley. Sr Doreen has recently concluded her regular visits to Mayflower Aged Care Home, bringing Holy Communion to elderly residents. Sr Doreen has done this for many years. We thank the Dominican Sisters and Giovanna Calvi who will now take Sr Doreen's place at Mayflower, as they also visit other aged care homes in Reservoir.
- Sincere thanks to Liza Powell who concludes her service as Parish Secretary. We welcome Renee Fostiropoulos. We acknowledge the ongoing good work of Parish Finance Officer Elisa Pistoni. The parish office is open Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm.

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

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

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

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

Emergency Assistance 1800 305 330
Reservoir Vinnies 10 Edwardes St
invites volunteers 8199 4215

LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Praesidium
Mondays 1.30pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.
Families are invited to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of
Our Lady of Fatima for a week of family prayer.
New members are always welcome.
Enquiries Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520

COMBINED SOCIETIES OF MARY

combinedsocietiesofmary.com 9509 2207

Holy Cross Church 707 Glen Huntly Rd Caulfield

- Sunday 9 August 1.30pm *Assumption & Queenship of Our Lady*. Eucharistic Adoration/ talk/ Divine Mercy/ Mass
- Tuesday 8 September 7pm *Our Lady of Vailankanni*. Eucharistic Adoration/ Benediction/ Procession/ Mass
- Sunday 12 September 1.30pm *Our Lady of Sorrows* Eucharistic Adoration/ Time of Mercy/ Mass/ Veneration of True Cross

MGL CONSECRATED LIFE WEEKEND

Weekend 22-23 August

For young single women 18-30.

Prayer, talks, times of sisterhood and sharing.

Contact: mglsisters.melb@gmail.com 0407 037 866

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 CONSULTATION

Where is the Holy Spirit leading our Archdiocese at this time? Whom are we being called to accompany in faith more intentionally? How might we reflect the face of Christ more clearly in our local Church?



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

Launch Thursday 20 August 6.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne.
Six30 Holy Hour,
Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction.
Food trucks, music, celebrations.
Enquiries: wyd@cam.org.au



PARISH LIFE

Vibrant Viable Vital

PARISH RCIA

commences **Thursday 6 August 7pm**

St Gabriel's Parish Centre.

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

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

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St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East

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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

EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION

Mgr Stuart Hall

Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Australia
St Patrick's Cathedral Saturday 29 August 11am
Community Channel C31 (Channel 44)

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

Sunday 6 September 10.30am

St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Venerable Rosario of the Visitation
presented by

Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary

Lunch included \$10 working \$5 non working / students

MENS DINNER

Tuesday 15 September 7pm

Reservoir RSL 251 Spring St Reservoir

Register by Friday 11 September:

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HOSPITALITY *its everyone's business!*

The word hospitality' does not appear often in our liturgical rites, but Christian relationships and liturgical celebrations cannot flourish without hospitality. When we encourage and enable all to participate in the liturgy, we become aware that hospitality is infused in all aspects of worship.

Hospitality and gathering are intimately connected. Entrances to churches, especially landscaping and accessibility features, purposefully invite all people to enter and assemble as the Church. Transition areas that connect the outside to the worship space are welcoming when they are light-filled, uncluttered and express the mission of the community. They lead us toward the mysteries we celebrate.

An important question is: "Who are the primary ministers of hospitality?" The simple answer is, "Everyone." While we may designate some people as greeters, all the baptised are called to meet and greet their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our rites indicate that the liturgy begins when the people 'have gathered, not 'when they sit down. When you hear, "Good morning, everyone," awkwardly added to the presiding priest's liturgical greeting, our sense of Christ's hospitality is weakened. In this circumstance, perhaps a more purposeful emphasis on the hospitality and gathering of the whole community is needed before the liturgy begins.

Liturgical ministers have a keen sense of hospitality. Ministers of music, for instance, choose music that is within the range and capabilities of those who gather. Not knowing a song, especially in key parts of the liturgy, carries a 'not welcome' sign. Ministers of Holy Communion are ambassadors; ideally their eyes, gestures and tone convey the hospitality of Christ who invites us to the table.

Presiding ministers, deacons and others who proclaim the Word have a tone that conveys warmth and conviction. Their eyes, face, gestures and movement reverently engage the people. Sacristans, florists and others prepare generous spaces and beauty for ritual prayer that invite the people of God into the mysteries celebrated.

Hospitality is both a value and an attitude. It is everyone's business. Christian hospitality opens a place for the Holy Spirit and leads us to an encounter with Christ.

Cathy Murrowood ACU Centre for Liturgy

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The Archbishop's Campaign supports the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese.

This year's campaign is focused on our gratitude for the lifelong contribution and ministry of our retired priests, those entering the priesthood and the seminary.

Right now, there are 17 seminarians preparing for priestly service in our Archdiocese. We are very blessed to have had 3 enter the seminary this year. The Archbishop's Campaign is also an opportunity to show our gratitude for the vocations of our retired priests, who have dedicated their whole lives to serving the people of God.

In this campaign, we invite you to make a gift and where possible, a monthly recurring gift. You can do this by completing the tear-off pledge card attached to the campaign envelope in your pew. Online gifts, which are credit card or direct debit, are recommended as the most secure method of giving. Gifts by way of credit card, cash and cheques are also possible.

You can tick on the pledge card if you want your gift to be tax deductible or non-deductible.

Tax-deductible gifts go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which supports a range of causes including the Priests Retirement Foundation, Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre for the Deaf, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College and other charities through its annual grants program such as Pregnancy Assistance Frankston.

Non-deductible gifts support seminarian formation and evangelisation initiatives, which provide life-changing experiences such as World Youth Day and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

You can choose either to make a tax-deductible donation or to make a non-deductible gift by leaving the box unchecked.

All of these projects are vital for the future of our Church in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and this campaign is your opportunity to play a part.



FIRST READING

1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 9: 1-5

What I want to say now is no pretense; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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20th Sunday in
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Isaiah 56: 1,6-7

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

Recently Deceased

Joseph Ishkan,
Adriano Tralci,
Sabi Joseph

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Franca Biasibetti, Antonio Peduto
Salvatore, Giovanni, Caterina & Aldo Iozzi,
Sante & Bambina Guglielmi,
Agostino & Irma Covello & family,
Cannataro family, Paolo Contarino,
Caterina Mercuri, Carolina & Angelina Gentile,
Stefano, Saveria & Giuseppe D'Agostino



GOSPEL *Matthew 14: 22-33*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nel Vangelo di oggi, Pietro cammina sulle acque verso Gesù. Finché mantiene lo sguardo fisso sul Signore, riesce ad andare avanti; ma quando si lascia prendere dalla paura e guarda il vento e le onde, comincia ad affondare.

Anche noi, nella vita, attraversiamo momenti di tempesta, di paura e di incertezza. Il Signore non promette che non ci saranno difficoltà, ma ci assicura che non siamo soli. Quando la nostra fede vacilla, possiamo gridare come Pietro: Signore, salvami!. E Gesù tende subito la mano.

La fede non significa non avere paura, ma continuare a fidarsi di Gesù anche in mezzo alle tempeste. Quando teniamo gli occhi rivolti a Lui, troviamo la forza per andare avanti. E alla fine, come i discepoli, anche noi possiamo riconoscere: Davvero tu sei Figlio di Dio!

Processional Hymn AOV 114

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Chorus: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all. *Chorus*



Liturgy of the Word

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

Psalm Response

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word. Alleluia!

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Preparation of the Gifts AOV 133

The love we have for you, O Lord,
is only a shadow of your love for us;
only a shadow of your love for us,
your deep abiding love.

The bread we take and eat, O Lord,
is your body broken and shared with us;
your body broken and shared with us,
the gift of your great love.

Chorus: Our lives are in your hands,
Our lives are in your hands.
Our love for you will grow,
O Lord; your light in us will shine.

The dreams we share today, O Lord,
are only a shadow of your dreams for us;
only a shadow of your dreams for us;
if we but follow you. *Chorus*

Holy Communion Hymn AOV 185

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

Recessional Hymn CWB 625

This day God gives me strength of high heaven
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
king of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Three-ness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.