

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
1 Viola St Reservoir 3073

St Stephen of Hungary Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Joseph the Worker Church
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 23 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
9.30am Mass
St Stephen's Reservoir East

Wednesday Thursday Friday
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

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.

Recent Parish events have been well supported:

Holy Hour Prayer for Priests
Tuesday 4 August

St Stephen of Hungary celebrations:
Tuesday 11 August

Yr 8 St Stephen/Gaudete Campus Mass,
blessing of fountain

Saturday 15 August Vigil Mass,
blessing of Memorial Garden

Sincere thanks to Principal Brian Hanley, Deputy Bernadette Harris, Campus leader Damian Monaghan. Plaques commemorating St Stephen's pastors Frs Gerard Sullivan, Francis Larsen and Brian McMahon are now installed. St Monica's College hosted coffee and cake after Vigil Mass.

Parish Ladies Morning Tea

22 parish ladies enjoyed morning tea and conversation with Anna Krohn Friday 14 August. We discussed ideas about Catholic Womens League, Lamps Alight, ANIMA Womens Network, Benedetta

Festa San Rocco

Sincere thanks to St Joseph the Worker Italian committee for arranging the festa of San Rocco weekend 15-16 August. \$150 was received in donations.

Archbishop's Campaign

Sincere thanks to parishioners who have generously responded to the Archbishop's Campaign. All envelopes and donations will be delivered to the Campaign office.

Thank you

Parishioner Tim Rebbechi has overseen repair and service of **PA system** St Joseph the Worker Church Reservoir North. Thank you!

CatholicCare Victoria sincerely thanks parishioners for generous support: \$608

Caritas Australia Project Compassion acknowledges \$10.26 million received from Australian Catholics, including \$541 from parishioners of Reservoir, Reservoir East and Reservoir North, during Lent 2026

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

Donation boxes are located in
St Gabriel's Church Reservoir
and St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East.
Donations can also be made with the QR code.
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

- 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

EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION

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

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?*



PARISH LIFE *Vibrant Viable Vital*

PARISH RCIA

Thursdays 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

RCIA team members are invited to an online evening
of practical formation and conversation designed
for the beginning of the RCIA journey.
Wednesday 26 August 7.30pm proclaim@cam.org.au

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



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

*Preparations are in full swing for World Youth Day 3–8
August 2027 in Seoul South Korea. Pope Leo XIV will
join young Catholics from around the world for the sec-
ond World Youth Day ever held in Asia. Parish priest at
St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc Fr Michael Kong has
been helping Australian Catholic youth prepare for the
event. Young Melbourne Catholics are called to em-
brace Korea's rich Catholic heritage, which includes
the witness of many martyrs.*

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:
Tim 0412 799 845 timrebbechi@gmail.com
Peter 0413 126 871 peternguyen48@yahoo.com.au

There are certain demarcation lines that punctuate the Aussie lifespan, signalling a shift in life's journey from one stage to another. It starts with young adulthood, stretching from 18 to 28 and encompassing the busy time of acquiring work skills, of selecting and perhaps trialling a life partner, and maybe of travelling and working overseas. Chatter among 20-somethings largely revolves around the selection of a life partner.

But then, at around the 30-mark, life changes. Interestingly, from Census data it is possible to show that family businesses tend to include sons and daughters in a management position from the age of 30 onwards. Chatter at this time pivots around weddings, babies, childcare, and the frustrations of buying a home.

I think there's another line around the age of 38, when life's demographic plates shift again. This is the time when Australians focus on the need for a "forever home" comprised of 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a back yard.

By the late 40s, say around 47, the mood shifts again. Relationships strain, and all of a sudden there is an awareness of the need to invest in super-annuation. Teenagers arrive in the family home. It's all happening at 47!

At age 55 many workers pull back from the workforce. Elderly parents need care and often daily visits. Usually it's females who provide unpaid support and care. Families can fracture under the strain, especially when some siblings are perceived as not pulling their weight with Mum and Dad. Eventually parents pass away and a modest inheritance is received; it's now time for that Rhine River cruise.

Age 65 is the time that most Australians retire. But it can be an invisible line, as many choose to work on. For others 65 is a joyous time because, again according to Census data, it is the time in the life-cycle when anxiety and depression all but evaporates. The happiest people in Australia, generally, are those transiting the 65-78 years. Seventy affirms my "big birthday" theory as Aussies suddenly start calculating (and chatting about) their estimate of their "good years" left. Beyond 80 lies the vital and warm connection to a loving family as well as decisions about assets, estate planning and powers of attorney. This is also the time for a greater connection to spirituality. Perhaps we're most likely to think about the hereafter when we're close to the great abyss.

Bernard Salt The Australian Weekend Magazine

SILVER JUBILEE BLESSING JERICO & KARINE MAMODE

Saturday 22 August 2026

Celebrant: Jericho & Karine, on the anniversary of that celebration at which you joined your lives in an unbreakable bond through the Sacrament of Matrimony, you now intend to renew before the Lord the promises you made to one another. Turn to the Lord in prayer, that these vows may be strengthened by divine grace.

Jericho: Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took Karine as my wife.

Karine: Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took Jericho as my husband.

Jericho & Karine: Blessed are you, Lord, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our side. Help us, we pray, to remain faithful in our love for one another, so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with humankind.

Celebrant: May the Lord keep you safe all the days of your life. May he be your comfort in adversity and your support in prosperity. May he fill your home with his blessings. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Bless and sanctify the love of your servants, O Lord; let these rings, a sign of their faithfulness, remind them of their love for one another and recall the grace of the Sacrament. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

After the Our Father, the Celebrant says:

We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form a communion of life and love. We also give you thanks for graciously blessing the family life of your servants Jericho and Karine, so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church. Therefore look with kindness upon them today, and as you have sustained their communion amid joys and struggles, renew their Marriage covenant each day, increase their charity, and strengthen in them the bond of peace, so that, together with the circle of their children and many friends that surround them today they may for ever enjoy your blessing. Through Christ our Lord **All: Amen.**

*A special form of the Solemn Blessing
is given at the conclusion of Mass*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 11: 33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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

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Recently Deceased

Elena Cesario, Rosamaria Radoccia,
Davide Costabile, Annina Stivala, Nancy Healy,
Jane Zammit, Pasqualina Bilotta

Anniversary of Death & Remembrance

Mgr Aldo Rebeschini,
Leonora Cobrador, Caterina Cerra,
Ally Powell, Michael Nicolazzo,
Remigo Zudetich, Achille Di Guglielmo,
Francesco & Nicola Annetta,
Santa Caligiuri, Dorothy Sen,
Lucrezia & Maria Barbera



Next weekend 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nel Vangelo di questa domenica Gesù pone ai suoi discepoli una domanda fondamentale: Voi, chi dite che io sia? Non basta sapere ciò che gli altri pensano di Gesù; ciò che conta è la risposta personale di ciascuno di noi.

Pietro, illuminato dal Padre, risponde con fede: Tu sei il Cristo, il Figlio del Dio vivente. Questa professione di fede diventa il fondamento della Chiesa. Gesù affida a Pietro una missione speciale: essere la roccia sulla quale edificherà la sua Chiesa e custodire l'unità del popolo di Dio.

Anche oggi il Signore rivolge la stessa domanda a ciascuno di noi. La nostra risposta non si esprime soltanto con le parole, ma soprattutto con la vita. Ogni gesto di amore, di perdono, di servizio e di fedeltà al Vangelo testimonia chi è Gesù per noi.

Viviamo in un mondo che offre molte risposte superficiali e contrastanti su Cristo. Il discepolo è chiamato invece a conoscerlo attraverso la preghiera, la Parola di Dio e i sacramenti, affinché la fede diventi sempre più matura e autentica.

Chiediamo al Signore la grazia di professare la nostra fede con coraggio, come Pietro, e di essere pietre vive nella costruzione della Chiesa, annunciando con la nostra vita che Gesù è davvero il Figlio del Dio vivente, il Salvatore del mondo.

Processional Hymn AOV 158

Chorus: Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
beckon our lives through your word,
open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
heal us of pride and of hurt,
may we go forth in your name
we pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. *Chorus*

Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream justice brings life, justice redeems.
Chorus

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 56: 1,6-7 Romans 11:13-15,29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28



Psalm Response

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter,
the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell
will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

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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 Hymn AOV 125

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

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father. *Chorus*

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert
but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Chorus*

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

Anyone who eats this bread,
will live forever. *Chorus*

If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life. *Chorus*

Recessional Hymn AOV 76

Chorus: All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;
ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord. *Chorus*