

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

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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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A 4th October 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 of Hungary Reservoir East

Wednesday
8.30am Holy Rosary 9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass *St Gabriel's Church Reservoir*

Thursday
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

JOURNEY TO AMALGAMATION

*Christ our King
guide us, unite us,
lead us forward in faith*

*This weekend 3-4 October we are asked
to support amalgamation
and a new parish name*

Our churches retain their own names and their distinctive history and meaning. A new parish name brings us together as one community, with a shared vision and future. A folio of materials will be presented to Archbishop Comensoli, and Diocesan bodies the College of Consultors and Archbishop's Council of Priests for their recommendation and approval. The Archbishop's Decree of Amalgamation must be advertised for a month (February 2027). We hope that **Christ the King Parish Reservoir**, embracing St Gabriel's, St Stephen of Hungary and St Joseph the Worker, will come into being on the 4th Sunday of Lent March 20-21 2027.

YOUNG PARISHIONERS

TODAY Sunday 4 October 10.30am

St Gabriel's Parish Centre

St Therese of Lisieux OCD

presented by

Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary

Lunch included

\$10 Working \$5 non working / students

*Thérèse Martin, the popular Little Flower of Jesus, obtained special permission to enter the cloistered Carmelites of Lisieux at age 15. She developed a spiritual approach of striving for holiness through her childlike confidence in God's love and mercy known as the Little Way. After a period of illness and intense suffering, she died a holy death at the age of 24. The spread of her spiritual teaching grew through her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*. Canonised in 1925, she was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1997 by Pope John Paul II.*

STELLA MARIS FESTA

St Joseph the Worker Church
Reservoir North

Friday 16 October

7pm Mass Light refreshments

Saturday 17 October

6pm Dinner Dance

Le Grande Reception Epping

Bookings: Ann 0430 515 116

Charlie 0423 560 646

Sunday 18 October

2.30pm Mass 4pm Procession

6pm Refreshments, MMG Concert Band

DJ Domenic

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Rehearsals: Sundays 6pm

St Gabriel's Parish Hall Reservoir

Enquiries: Judy judeome@hotmail.com

ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

Columban Art Calendar 2027 \$10

Daily Mass Book 2027 \$25

St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35

New Community 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

HOLY ANGELS MEMORIAL GARDEN

ST STEPHEN/GAUDETE CAMPUS

EAST RESERVOIR

A place to honour the lives and contributions of deceased family members, parishioners, students, pastors and loved ones. Tel 9409 8800

stmonicas-epping.com/memorialplaques

October

Young Parishioners Sunday 4 October

St Gabriel's Parish Centre

St Therese of Lisieux OCD presented by Dominican

Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary

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

Holy Rosary Wednesdays 8.30am

St Gabriel's & St Joseph the Worker Churches

March for the Babies Saturday 10 October 1pm

Treasury Gardens

cnr Spring St & Wellington Pde Melbourne

We honour the Dominican Sisters

Weekend 10-11 October

- Special collection to support the Dominican Sisters

- Dominican Sisters display, morning tea

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Admission to Candidacy for

Holy Orders of Peter Nguyen

Sunday 11 October 10.30am Mass

St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Stella Maris Festa 16-18 October

Annual Mission Fair Saturday 17 October 9am

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

154 Cotham Rd Kew. Proceeds to Franciscan Sisters of

St Joseph Kisumu for water tanks. 9817 3715

Episcopal Visitation 15-19 October

Bishop Mathews Mar Pachomios OIC visits the

Syro Malankara Catholic community

St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

Anniversary of Consecration

St Gabriel's Church Reservoir (2000)

Sunday 25 October 9am Mass

Sausage sizzle St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Knights of the Southern Cross

Tuesday 27 October 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre

State chairman of the Knights of the Southern Cross

Glenn Morris will give a presentation on the work and

mission of the Knights of the Southern Cross, an order of

men that fosters the Christian way of life in charitable

works, family life, supporting the clergy and building up

parish life.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 31 October 6.30pm Vigil Mass

St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East

VENERABLE ROSARIO OF THE VISITATION OP

Foundress of the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of the Philippines

On February 17 1884, Mother Rosario was born in Molo, Iloilo City, Philippines. She was the only daughter of a wealthy couple, Don Ignacio Arroyo and Doña Maria Pidal. She had four brothers. Two died in infancy. Jose the older brother was a lawyer and became a senator in 1917. Mariano, the younger sibling, was a physician and became the governor of Iloilo in 1928.

She was baptized at Sta Ana Church in Molo on February 20 1884 by Fr Agapito Buenaflor and was named Beatriz del Rosario Arroyo. Her parents were her first teachers in Christian values. A noteworthy tradition of her family was almsgiving. Mother Rosario participated in this corporal work of mercy. This made her aware of the misery and plight of the poor and be more compassionate with them.

The greatest obstacle to her piety could have been their affluent standard of living. With this wealth, she could have lived the life of a vain princess but she lived without superfluity. Unspoiled by the abundance surrounding her, she preferred a simple life. When she became an heiress, she donated her inheritance to the congregation.

Mother Rosario first attended classes at the Colegio de Sta Ana, a private school in Molo. In preparation for her First Holy Communion, she was transferred to Colegio de San Jose administered by the Daughters of Charity. She stayed at the Colegio until she finished her elementary education. She was then sent to the Beaterio de Sta Catalina, the oldest boarding school in the country in Intramuros, Manila where she learned music, playing piano and organ, the popular course for the elite of her time.

Beatriz del Rosario bloomed into a beautiful lady. She had admirers and suitors but felt that marriage was not for her.

At age 27 she entered the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Sta Catalina de Siena in Manila. After six months of postulancy, she received the religious habit and was given the name Sr Rosario Arroyo de la Visitacion. She made her first profession on January 3 1914.

Sr Rosario was first assigned to work and teach in Colegio de la Nuestra Señora del Sto Rosario, Lingayen, Pangasinan. From there she was sent to their convent in Manila where she took charge and taught the interns. She performed her assignment enthusiastically.

Usually her brother Jose, a senator, would visit her before going home to Iloilo and bring her letters to their parents. One day he went home without informing Sr Rosario. It was the day her mother died. Days later, Jose himself informed her about it. She accepted the death of her mother with equanimity. Her mother died a happy death because she was a very pious woman.

To console her father for the death of her mother, she spent her vacation with him. He was happy to have her around and even asked her to remain with him. However, when her vacation was over she chose to go back to the convent and continue with her religious life. The father advised her to bring money for the convent but she refused. She was detached from material goods and was striving more for what was spiritual.



Chesterton Academy
of Melbourne

chestertonacademymelbourne.com.au

*Christ at the Heart
Parents as First Educators
Great Books & Tradition, Wonder in Science
Beauty in the Arts, Character & Virtue*

A founding committee is working to establish a P-12 Chesterton Academy in Melbourne's north. It is gathering families, supporters, land, staff, curriculum, and resources needed to open in 2028. The Chesterton Academy offers Catholic liberal education uniting faith and reason to cultivate the whole person. Classical education forms students to seek what is true, love what is good, and delight in what is beautiful, so knowledge becomes wisdom and achievement becomes service.



Mens Dinner

Sincere thanks to Tim Rebecchi and Peter Nguyen for arranging mens dinner Darebin RSL Preston Tuesday 15 September. We were glad to welcome and hear from Glenn Morris, state chairman of the Knights of the Southern Cross. Mr Morris will host an information evening about the Knights of the Southern Cross Tuesday 27 October 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre.

Ladies Morning Tea

We were glad to welcome Christine Patterson and members of the Catholic Womens League Epping to morning tea Thursday 24 September St Gabriel's Parish Centre. CWL Epping is happy to mentor our own local CWL branch. Parish ladies are invited to attend the CWL Epping meeting on Monday 19 October 10am St Monica's College 16 Davisson St Epping and AGM Friday 20 November 10am St Monica's College 16 Davisson St Epping.

Permanent Deacon Peter Nguyen

Archbishop Comensoli will ordain St Joseph the Worker parishioner Peter Nguyen as a Permanent Deacon Saturday 14 November 10am St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. Peter will be admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders Sunday 11 October 10.30am Mass St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North.

Parish Thanksgiving

Sincere thanks to all who support Parish Thanksgiving in our Partnered Parishes. A report on parish finances is attached to today's bulletin. After Archbishop Comensoli has formalised the amalgamation of the Reservoir Parishes, we hope to hold a Thanksgiving renewal in the first half of 2027.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:6-9*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Recently Deceased

Domenico Vetere, Annina Stivala
Robert Simpson



**Next weekend
28th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Yr A**

Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

GOSPEL *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives. Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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***Cristo nostro Re, guidaci, uniscici,
conducici avanti nella fede***

***Questo fine settimana, 3-4 ottobre,
siamo chiamati a sostenere l'unificazione
e un nuovo nome per la parrocchia***

Le nostre chiese manterranno i propri nomi, insieme alla loro storia e al loro significato distintivo. Un nuovo nome parrocchiale ci riunisce come un'unica comunità, con una visione e un futuro condivisi.

Un dossier di documentazione sarà presentato all'Arcivescovo Comensoli e agli organismi diocesani, il Collegio dei Consultori e il Consiglio Presbiterale dell'Arcivescovo, affinché esprimano la loro raccomandazione e approvazione.

Il Decreto Arcivescovile di Unificazione dovrà essere reso pubblico per un mese, nel febbraio 2027.

Auspichiamo che la **Parrocchia di Cristo Re – Reservoir**, comprendente le comunità di San Gabriele, Santo Stefano d'Ungheria e San Giuseppe Lavoratore, possa nascere nella **Quarta Domenica di Quaresima, il 20-21 marzo 2027.**

Processional Hymn AOV 151

To everyone that thirsts, come to the waters!
Here is an end to hunger, come to the feast!
And everyone that labours, come to the waters!
All you who have no money, come to the feast!

For this is life, the waters of the Jordan.
For this is life, the waters of your birth.
For this is life, the waters that renew you.
O come to the feast, O come to the feast!

To everyone who seeks, come to the waters!
Hear me and share the riches, come to the feast!
And everyone who mourns, come to the waters!
Now is an end to sadness, come to the feast!

For this is life, the streams of joy and gladness,
For this is life, the rains that bring you joy,
For this is life, the waters that restore you,
O come to the feast, O come to the feast!

Let all who seek their God, come to the waters!
Heed now the One who calls you, come to the feast!
The everlasting stream, come to the waters!
Drink deep the cup that saves you,
come to the feast!

For this is life, the floods that overwhelm you.
For this is life, the streams of death and life,
For this is life, the waters that sustain you,
O come to the feast, O come to the feast!

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Psalm Response

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called. Alleluia!

TRUE
NOBLE
RIGHT
PURE
LOVELY
ADMIRABLE
EXCELLENT
PRAISEWORTHY

Preparation of the Gifts

Siyahamb'e kukhanyen'kwenkhos', (3 times)
Siya'hamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,
Siyahamb'e kukhanyen'kwenkhos

We are marching in the light of God. (3 times)
We are marching, marching, we are marching,
we are marching in the light of God.

Holy Communion Hymn

This is my body, take now and share,
deep in the memory of my own prayer.
This is my blood, come drink and live,
in all completeness, this power I give.

You are my people, my chosen friends,
come share the Spirit my Father sends.

And hold within you, in constant hope,
my peaceful presence, gift of my heart.

Recessional Hymn

We give thanks unto you, O God of might,
for your love is never-ending.
we give thanks unto you, the God of gods,
for your love is never-ending.

You remember your promise, age to age,
for your love is never-ending.
You show mercy on those of low degree,
for your love is never-ending.

You give food and life to all living things,
for your love is never-ending.
We give thanks unto you, the God of all,
for your love is never-ending.

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