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

Clergy: Fr G Pritchard, Deacon F Correya
Parish Office: Tuesday—Friday *9am-3pm*
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St Gabriel's Church
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St Stephen of Hungary Church
71 Whitelaw St Reservoir East 3073

St Joseph the Worker Church
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir North 3073

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A
25th 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
Anniversary of Consecration
St Gabriel's Church Reservoir (2000)
Sausage sizzle St Gabriel's Parish Centre

Sunday 10.30am Mass *Reservoir North*
English/Italian

Sunday 1pm Mass & Festa
Festa di San Rocco
St Joseph the Worker Hall
Reservoir North

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9.30am Mass
St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

Wednesday
8.30am Holy Rosary 9.15am Mass

Thursday 8.30am Mass

Friday 9.15am Mass

St Joseph the Worker
Reservoir North

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.

Clergy Workshop

Fr Pritchard and Deacon Correya will attend clergy workshop Thursday 29 October. Please note: 8.30am Mass St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North

Sacrament of Confirmation

2 RCIA candidates Bjorn and Anthony receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday 31 October 6.30pm Vigil Mass St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East. Our parish RCIA group meets Thursdays 7pm St Gabriel's Parish Centre Reservoir.

Young Parishioners

Sunday 1 November 10.30am St Gabriel's Parish Centre. Lunch included $10 Working $5 non working / students. Sr Mayflor OP & Diane Yuri present St Hildegard von Bingen. *Born in 1098 in Mermersheim, Germany, Hildegard entered the Benedictine order and eventually founded two monasteries on the Rhine. At the age of forty-two, she began writing the first of three volumes detailing her vivid mystical visions. A genuine polymath, she wrote books on medicine and natural science, composed her own music and plays, and carried on a papally approved preaching ministry. She wrote candid letters to kings, popes, and abbotts, encouraging reform. Pope Benedict XVI named her a Doctor of the Church in 2012.*

Ordination of Priests and Deacons

St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne
Saturday 14 November 10am

Ordination to the Priesthood
Dominic Lawes, Rhys Lowther

Ordination to the Diaconate
Nicolas Calandra, Andrew Tran, Anthony Wright

Permanent Deacons
Peter Nguyen, Bradley Pround
Francis Thomas, Ryan Martin

This Mass will be broadcast live
Community Channel C31 (channel 44 on TV

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP
presents



Tuesday 24 November 6pm
Thursday 26 November 6pm
Friday 27 November 6pm
Saturday 28 November 2pm
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 Catholic 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

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St Gabriel's & St Stephen's Church
BSB: 083-347 Account: 639372585

St Joseph the Worker Church
BSB: 083-347 Account: 645772382

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

ANCHORED LOVING SMARTER: KEYS TO RELATIONSHIP SUCCESS
Tuesday 27 October 7.30pm Online
During this online webinar, you will discover how understanding your spouse's unique needs can strengthen communication, deepen emotional connection and help you avoid common relationship pitfalls.
Register: trybooking.com/events/landing/1632534

COFFEE & CROISSANTS WITH ANNIE CARRETT
Thursday 12 November
7.30am
The Victoria Room:
Victoria Hotel
215 Little Collins St
Melbourne
$45 includes continental breakfast,
$35 CWL members
$30 students
Booking:
trybooking.com/DPTZE



Light on the human heart
insights for parents and teachers
presented by Dr Colin Patterson

Roccella Restaurant
TO1/5 Janefield Dve Bundoora
Monday 26 October 7pm

Bookings:
chestertonacademymelbourne.com.au

Fulton Sheen was born on May 8 1895, in El Paso, Illinois USA, the oldest of four sons of Newton and Delia Sheen. His parents were of Irish descent. He was baptised as Peter John and called P.J. as a boy. However, he came to prefer the name Fulton, his mother's maiden name.

After the family had moved to nearby Peoria, Illinois, Sheen's first role in the Catholic Church was as an altar boy at the Cathedral of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Peoria.

Sheen graduated in 1913 from high school in Peoria with valedictorian honours. He then entered St Viator College in Bourbonnais, Illinois. Deciding to become a priest, he began his studies at St Paul Seminary in St Paul, Minnesota.

Sheen was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria at the Cathedral of St Mary in Peoria on September 20 1919, after which he continued his studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC.

In 1930, Sheen began a weekly NBC Sunday-night radio broadcast, *The Catholic Hour.* At the Catholic University of America, Sheen in 1940 provided voice-over commentary for Easter Sunday Mass. Broadcast on the experimental station, it was one of the first televised religious services in the United States. During the sermon, Sheen remarked, *This is the first religious television in the history of the world. Let, therefore, its first message be a tribute of thanks to God for giving the minds of our day the inspiration to unravel the secrets of the universe.*

On February 12 1952, Fr Sheen began a weekly television program called *Life is Worth Living*. Filmed in New York City, the program consisted of Fr Sheen speaking extemporaneously before a live audience. The show did not have a script or cue cards, although Fr Sheen occasionally used a chalkboard. He was not paid for the program. Defying all expectations, *Life is Worth Living* became very popular.

In 1952, Fr Sheen won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding personality. In accepting his Emmy, Sheen said: *I feel it is time I pay tribute to my four writers - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.*

On October 15 1969, one month after celebrating his 50th anniversary as a priest, Sheen resigned as bishop of Rochester. Pope Paul VI then appointed him as archbishop of the titular see of Newport, Wales. The ceremonial position allowed Sheen to devote more time to his extensive writing. During his lifetime, Sheen wrote 73 books and numerous articles and columns.

On October 2 1979, two months before Sheen's death, Pope John Paul II visited St Patrick's Cathedral during his papal visit to the United States. During the ceremony, the pope embraced Sheen and said, *You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are a loyal son of the Church.*

Sheen died on December 9 1979, in his private chapel while praying before the Blessed Sacrament. He was interred in the crypt of St Patrick's Cathedral near the deceased archbishops of New York. In 2019, after a long legal battle, the archdiocese transferred Sheen's remains to the Diocese of Peoria, which re-interred them in the Cathedral of St Mary in Peoria. Bishop Sheen was beatified 24 September 2026.

Writings & Teaching of Blessed Fulton Sheen

It is easy to find truth, though it is hard to face it,
and harder still to follow it.

The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught,
unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls,
precisely because it involves the simultaneous use
of three powers:
the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual,
and in that order.

Let those who think that the Church pays
too much attention to Mary
give heed to the fact that Our Blessed Lord himself
gave ten times as much of his life
to her as he gave to his Apostles.

Love is the key to the mystery.
Love by its very nature is not selfish, but generous.
It seeks not its own, but the good of others.
The measure of love is not the pleasure it gives.
That is the way the world judges it
but the joy and peace it can purchase for others.

God has given different gifts to different people.
There is no basis for feeling inferior
to another who has a different gift.
Once it is realized that we shall be judged
by the gift we have received,
rather than the gift we have not,
one is completely delivered from a
false sense of inferiority.

Joy is not the same as pleasure or happiness.
A wicked and evil man may have pleasure,
while any ordinary mortal is capable of being happy.
Pleasure generally comes from things,
and always through the senses;
happiness comes from humans through fellowship.
Joy comes from loving God and neighbour.
Pleasure is quick and violent, like a flash of lightning.
Joy is steady and abiding, like a fixed star.
Pleasure depends on external circumstances,
such as money, food, travel, etc.
Joy is independent of them,
for it comes from a good conscience and love of God.

Sometimes the only way
the good Lord can get into some hearts
is to break them.

Humility is dependence on God
as pride is independence of him.
The humble soul is always the thankful soul.

If you do not worship God,
you worship something,
and nine times out of ten
it will be yourself.

FIRST READING *Exodus 22:20-26*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

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

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL *Matthew 22:34-40*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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



Nel Vangelo di questa domenica, a Gesù viene chiesto quale sia il più grande comandamento. La sua risposta è chiara: amare Dio con tutto il cuore, con tutta l'anima e con tutta la mente, e amare il prossimo come noi stessi.

Gesù ci ricorda così che il centro della vita cristiana non è semplicemente osservare delle regole, ma imparare ad amare. L'amore per Dio e l'amore per il prossimo non possono essere separati: il nostro rapporto con Dio deve trasformare il modo in cui guardiamo, ascoltiamo e trattiamo le persone che incontriamo ogni giorno.

Amare Dio con tutto il cuore significa lasciare che Egli abbia il primo posto nella nostra vita, affidargli le nostre gioie, le nostre preoccupazioni e le nostre decisioni. Ma questo amore diventa concreto quando si traduce in gesti verso gli altri: nella pazienza, nel perdono, nell'ascolto, nella generosità e nell'attenzione verso chi è solo, vulnerabile o in difficoltà.

Spesso pensiamo che per vivere bene la nostra fede dobbiamo compiere grandi opere. Gesù, invece, ci invita a cominciare dalle persone che sono già accanto a noi: la nostra famiglia, i nostri amici, i colleghi, i vicini e anche coloro con cui facciamo più fatica.

Il Vangelo di oggi ci pone quindi una domanda semplice ma profonda: il mio amore per Dio si vede nel modo in cui amo gli altri?

Chiediamo al Signore di donarci un cuore capace di amare come Lui: non soltanto a parole, ma attraverso piccoli gesti concreti di bontà, misericordia e servizio. Perché quando mettiamo l'amore al centro, tutta la nostra vita diventa una risposta all'amore che Dio per primo ha avuto per noi.

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Next Weekend

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Processional Hymn

Hail to our Patron holy
Archangel from on High
sent to a Maiden lowly
bright as the morning sky.
God's Holy Will for Mary
he came on earth to tell;
All hail God's Holy angel
all hail St Gabriel!



Long years
the world awaited
God's promise to unfold
inspired words had stated
and prophesies foretold
that by a Virgin Mother
with us our God would dwell
God's grace restored in Jesus;
All hail St Gabriel!

Herald to God's own Mother,
our heavenly patron strong,
with Christ the Lord our brother,
inspire our joyful song;
may Mary's prayers maternal,
help us to seek God's will,
lead us to life eternal,
All hail St Gabriel!

St Gabriel, our patron,
through you our praises bring
to God almighty Father
and Jesus Christ, our King,
and to the Holy Spirit,
who through, like you we be,
the bearers of the Good News
that sets all people free.

Liturgy of the Word

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Psalm Response

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

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Preparation of the Gifts GA 324

Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Living charity and steadfast love,
Living charity shows the heart of God.

Holy Communion Hymn CWB 443

Refrain:
A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall others know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.
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True love is patient, nor arrogant nor boastful;
Love bears all things, love is eternal.
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I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
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Recessional Hymn CWB 472

Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all God's mighty deeds:
tell of love that knows no limits,
grace that meets all human needs.

Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love,
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.
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Processional Hymn CWB 499

God is love, let heav'n adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice,
and exalt him with one voice.
God, who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
and who breathes through all creation:
God is love, eternal love.

God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love, and, though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love forever
o'er the universe must reign.

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