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# St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026



## Daily Reflections

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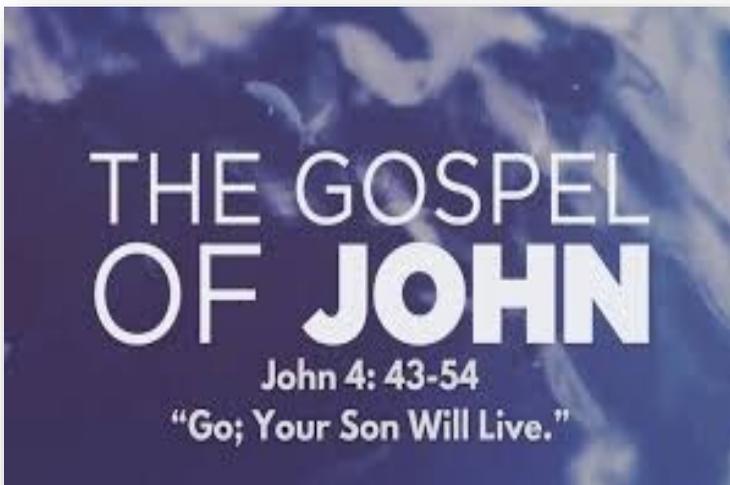
**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT**

*Isaiah 65:17-21, Psalm 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v. 2, John 4: 43-54.*

*Reflection: I will praise you Lord all my days.*

Through the prophet Isaiah, God declares, 'Now I create new heaven and a new earth, and the past will not be remembered.' It is this cosmic program of renewal that we find our salvation. We are called to look forward with joyful hope to the promise of something genuinely and radically new. Yet, how often do we 'cling' stubbornly to the past! Often we retain and recall memories (both good and bad) with a fervent firmness- as if somehow the past mattered more than the present or more than the future. But God declares that 'the past will *not* be remembered.' According to the philosopher Schopenhauer, 'that which no longer *is* exists as little as that which has never been.' Let us co-operate with God's plan setting our hearts upon the future' as for the past, may it not hold us prisoner- rather, 'let the dead bury the dead!'



**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT**

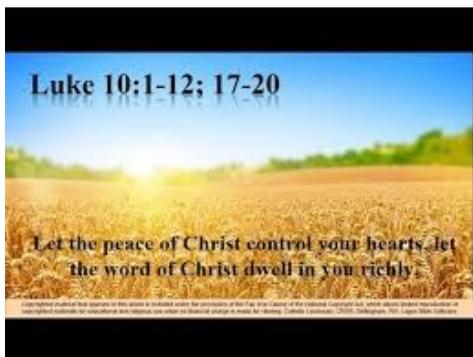
**ST PATRICKS DAY**

*Jeremiah 1: 4-9. Psalm 116. R. Mark 16: 15, Acts 13: 46-49,*

*Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20*

*Reflection: We remember your mercies, O Lord.*

Christ tells his disciples as they set forth on their missions of evangelisation to carry no purse, nor haversack, nor sandals, to free themselves from all material burdens. And among these challenging directions, the most intriguing is perhaps the injunction to salute no one on the path. Is this not contrary to the law of charity and to the law of civility, by which charity is most efficaciously expressed? But Christ here speaks mystically, of the fundamental existential solitude of the soul in relation to God. God is *other* than the world, and other than the *self*, and *other* than the other. Thus, whoever sets their heart on God must give up all things- the world, the self, hope, fear, desire and aversion- and go forth, into the depths of their heart, saluting no one on their journey; but wander as an exile, a vagabond, a beggar, a hermit- from the poor riches of this passing world, to the rich poverty of the glories of heaven.



**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT**

*Isaiah 49: 8-15, Psalm 144: 8-9, 13-14, 17-18. R. v. 8,  
John 5: 17-30.*

*Reflection: The Lord is kind and merciful.*

In today's reading from the prophet Isaiah we encounter some of the most beautiful words ever written, proclaiming God's deep and unconditional love. God compares his own love for us with the love of a mother for her child. "Could a woman forget the infant at her breast?" we are asked. And yet, though she surely could not, God affirms that his love for us is even deeper and more unshakable. The love of a mother for her child does not arise from any merit or good works on the part of her offspring but is the expression of a relationship which is unalterable, a connection which unbreakable. In the same way, God, our Creator and Saviour, can never be separated from us. The relationship of love can never be severed, even if we ignore it at times. As the Lord exhorts us through the prophet, let us therefore rejoice- rejoice in this unconditional love, and rejoice in the glorious happiness which it promises!



**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT**

**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH**

*2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Psalm 88: 2-5, 27, 29. R. v. 37,  
Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22. Matthew 1:16-18, 24.*

*Reflection: The son of David will live for ever.*

**Sonnet to St Joseph-**

The angel spoke to you, in voice of dream...  
Urged you to take as wife the Virgin mild,  
The peerless, yet unknown, maiden Queen,  
The chosen Mother of God's only child.

And you, the just and honest man of trade,  
Did neither doubt nor hesitate to hear,  
Acting as God own messenger had bade,  
Disdaining disbelief and cowering fear.

O carpenter of faith, could you have known  
That Mary's babe was God's anointed one-  
Through whom Hell's forces would be overthrown-  
The splendour of the Father, God the Son?

Yet you submitted to the mystery,  
Humbly to tread your path of sanctity.



## FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

### 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT

*Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22, Psalm 33: 16, 18, 19-21, 23. R. v. 19,  
John 7: 1-2, 10, 25: 30,*

*Reflection: I am the Lord your God: hear my voice.*

The reading from the book of Wisdom seems with an uncanny accuracy to describe the person of Jesus and the persecution he encountered. This is not surprising, since Jesus is the archetype and the paradigm of all human virtue and innocence- he is, after all, truly the 'Son of Man.' Thus whatever Christ encountered in life, whatever he experienced, expresses the common destiny of all humanity. Through the diversity of settings and circumstances, innocence always shall suffer, and virtue always be made subject to persecution and calumny. When such things befall us, let us be not discouraged. Rather let us rejoice that we have, in some mysterious way, been united to Christ. And in being united to Christ, we are united to God- and in this alone are true blessedness and enduring peace to be found.



**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2026**

**4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT**

*Jeremiah 11: 18-20, Psalm 7: 2-3, 9-12. R. V 2, John 7: 40-52.*

*Reflection: Lord, my God, I take shelter in you.*

The Gospel relates to us the disagreement that fermented among the people and religious authorities about the identity, status and significance of Jesus. Some believe him to be the Christ, while others do not. These disagreements continue, in modified form, to the present day. Whenever we find ourselves disputing or arguing about religious matters, we have gone astray from the essence of the Truth. For the highest Truth is not established by argument, but revealed by Faith alone. The greatest proof that can be offered of the saving power of Christ and of his Divinity is to be found neither in Scripture, nor in theology- but rather in love, respect and mercy Christians show to each other, and to the world.

