

# St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



## Daily Reflections

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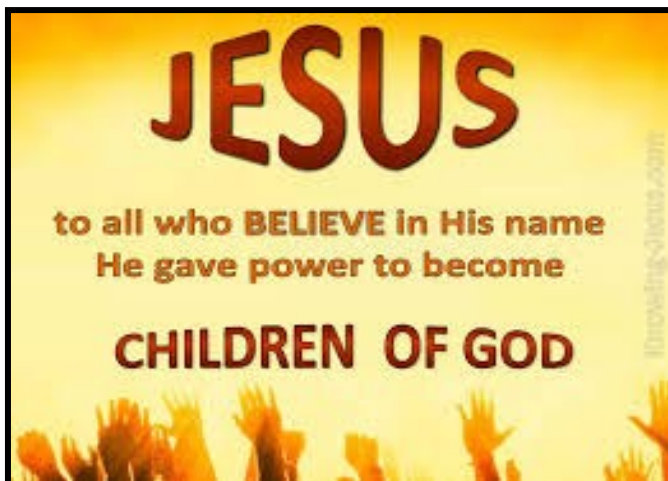
**MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

*Isaiah 42: 1-7, Psalm 26: 1-3, 13-14. R. V. 1, John 12: 1-11..*

*Reflection: The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

We continue with the beautiful 'Servant Song' of the prophet Isaiah, and hear that the archetypal and perfect servant of God, Christ, 'does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.' This serves as a wonderful example of the cultivation of silence and restraint of speech. Of course, this restraint of speech is central to the charism of those in monastic life, but it is also useful to Christians in every vocation of life. How easily does speech, especially excessive speech, lead to sin- to gossip, detraction, grumbling, and so forth? Often, what people need from us is not our words, but rather our *listening*. There are few ways in which we can serve our neighbour better than by offering a silent, listening presence; and silence in itself is a form of wisdom and a form of understanding, for it emulates the ultimate and primordial silence of God himself.



**TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026**

**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

*Isaiah 49: 1-6, Psalm 70: 1-6, 15, 17. R. v. 15,*

*John 13: 21-33, 36-38.*

*Reflection: I will sing of your salvation*

When we reflect upon the betrayal of Jesus by Judas, we can readily imagine it as a truly heart-breaking experience. Judas had obviously been a loyal follower and good friend of Jesus for some years. Even though Jesus possibly was aware that Judas was destined to betray him, he chose him as one of his twelve apostles, his trusted band of confidants and helpers. Yet, for whatever reason, Judas betrays him. Each of us has probably encountered experiences of betrayal, or apparent betrayal, by others. The fact is, human relationships can rupture, or cease to function well, for any number of reasons. Christ remains perfectly calm in the face of a relationship, let us strive to learn from this approach. Such very difficult experiences remind us that our eternal hopes, and our eternal love, can only be placed in the One who is eternal- in God alone.



**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2026**

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

*Isaiah 50: 4-9, Psalm 68: 8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34. R. v. 14.*

*Matthew 26: 14-25*

*Reflection: Lord in your great love, answer me.*

Betrayal! The scene, a large group of friends enjoying food and wine together. Food served on common platters and people sharing from these communal dishes. Betrayer and betrayed are at table sharing a dipping bowl. The contents of the bowl are of little significance but the meaning of dipping into the same bowl has profound consequences. It is a sharing of intimacy, a bonding among friends and family. Sharing a common bowl in this way was a picture of hospitality and fellowship. Jesus makes the point that the betrayer had shared closeness and intimacy; Judas not only betrays Jesus, but the bond he shared with Jesus and the disciples. One who should have been a true friend, a brother even, is instead a betrayer.



**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2026**

**HOLY THURSDAY-MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER**

*Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14, Psalm PS 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. cf.  
1 Cor 10:16, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, John 13: 1-15.*

*Reflection: Our blessing Cup is a Cup of Communion with the blood of Christ.*

This night marks the beginning of the sacred Triduum (the three sacred days) and our Mass begins the single celebration of the central mysteries of our faith. We begin by signing ourselves with the cross and we will not bless ourselves again until the end of the Easter Vigil. Three days, one celebration, one continuous act of worship to our God. The Gospel tells us that Jesus showed the perfection of his love for his own by washing their feet. At the time of Jesus, washing a person's feet was an action only done by the lowest slave of the household, because it was smelly and dirty work. So, assuming the role of the lowest slave, the disciples' master gives them an example to follow. Not an example about physically washing feet but something much more demanding. IT is about loving! It is about as perfectly as Jesus loves us. Are we ready, willing and able to follow his example? Who are the people today who need us to 'wash their feet'? And are we humble enough to do it?



**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2026**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

*Isaiah 52: 13- 53: 12, Psalm 30: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25, R.*

*Luke 23: 46, Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9. John 18: 1-19: 42*

*Reflection: Father, I put my life in your hands.*

At the centre of the Passion of Jesus according to John is the trial before Pilate. Convinced that Jesus is innocent, Pilate has Jesus scourged and then hands him over to the Roman guard for crucifixion. Jesus is despised and rejected by the Romans and the Jewish authorities and abandoned by all his disciples, save the handful at the foot of the cross. Yet, throughout the Passion Jesus is all knowing, majestic and fully in control of events. Today we see what yesterday's metaphor of love is all about. How has Jesus loved us? To death! Not our death, but his. As Isaiah tells us, ours were the sorrows, or more appropriately, the sins he carried. He died to wipe out our sins, so that when our physical life ends, our glorious new life with God could begin. In short, his death brings us the gift of everlasting life with God.



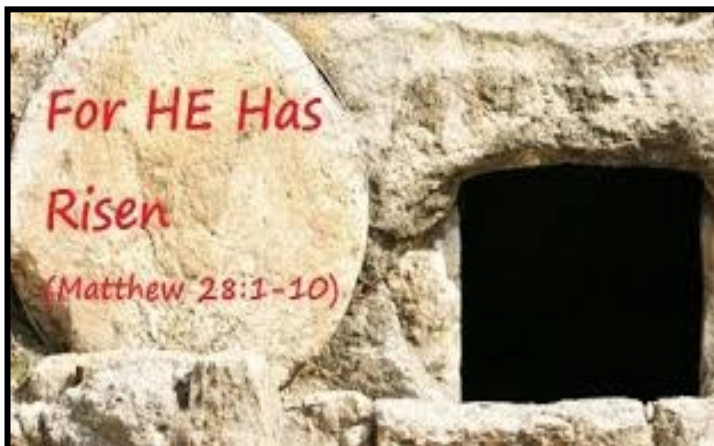
**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

**EASTER VIGIL**

*Romans 6: 3-11, Psalm 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23,*

*Reflection: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

We are an Easter people and 'Alleluia!' is our song. It is not the death of Jesus on the cross that makes us Christians, but the fact of his resurrection from the dead. It is by the raising of Jesus that we are certain and sure in our hope of everlasting life with God. The perfect love that Jesus preached on Holy Thursday, enacted on Good Friday, is realised in the gift of the resurrection. This is why we sing 'Alleluia!' As St Paul shows us, having died with Christ at our baptism, we shall return to eternal life with him. The messenger in the empty tomb tells us two very important things about God's love. Firstly, God, our love, defends Jesus' mission on earth by raising him. Secondly, Jesus, out of love for the disciples, is waiting for them in Galilee. And even now Jesus, out of love, continues to wait for us. Moreover, just as the messenger in the tomb sends the women out as joy-filled heralds of the resurrection, we too are called to proclaim our resurrection joy.



This is the day of the Lord.  
Let us rejoice and be glad!

