

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 6th April 2026

Saturday 11th April 2026



Daily Reflections

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MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2026

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 2: 14, 22-33, Psalm 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11. R. V. 1, Matthew 28: 8-15.

Reflection: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Matthew's Gospel is the only one to tell us the story concocted by the Jewish authorities to cover up the resurrection of Jesus. As we ready today's Gospel, do we identify with the awe-filled and joyful women who meet Jesus on their way back to the other disciples? Or, do we identify more with the guards who take money in return for their silence about the events that they have witnessed? When we are asked to bear witness to our resurrection life in Christ, do we keep silent too? What is it that keeps us silent? OR are we more like the Priests and the elders, closing our hearts to the truth of the resurrection and the demands that truth places on us? How can we become more like Jesus in the narrative- transformed and living the resurrection life here and now? What would that look like?



TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2026

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 2: 36-41, Psalm 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 5, John 20: 11-18.

Reflection: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Today's Gospel sees a confused and weeping Mary Magdalene mistaking Jesus for a gardener. Resurrection has so changed him that she no longer recognises her 'Rabbuni'. He is utterly transfigured and Mary is self-absorbed in her grief and weeps for what is missing. In doing so, she fails to be open to the One who is present. Mary wants to cling to what was past, to the Jesus she knew. Jesus calls her by name and invites her to let go of the past and embrace the possibilities of a future with 'my Father and your Father, my God and your God'. He invites her to embrace kinship with him and the Father. But more than that, he sends her as an 'apostle to the apostle' to proclaim his resurrection. As the first witness to Christ's resurrection, she receives not only solace for her misery, but a mission of proclamation that comes directly for her new kinship relation to Christ. Are we ready to be heralds of great joy? How are we embracing our kinship with God and Jesus? How do we show this kinship to the wider world?



WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL 2026

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 3: 1-10, Ps 104: 1-4, 6-9, r. v. 3. , Luke 24: 13-35.

Reflection: Let all who seek the Lord rejoice.

May our hearts burn within us as we hear the Scriptures proclaimed.

May our eyes be opened at the breaking of the bread.



THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2026

THURSDAY-WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER.

Acts 3: 11-26, Psalm 8: 2, 5-9. R. v. 2, Luke 24: 35-48.

Reflection: O Lord, our god, how wonderful your name in all the earth.

The narrative from yesterday leads directly into this scene where the wider group of disciples are trying to make sense of the happenings on the road to Emmaus. Jesus appears to them and his first words are, 'Peace be with you'. A phrase that is so common to our ears we fail to recognise it for what it is. The peace that comes from Christ is the kind of peace that this world cannot give. With the gift of the peace of Christ, the doubts and fears of humans are wiped away. In its place comes understanding and a desire to witness to the truths of Scripture. But there is one thing that we need to receive this gift. We need to make our minds open! Are we truly ready to experience Christ's peace? Or do we still cling to our doubts and fears? How are these doubts and fears closing our minds to the gift of Jesus' peace?



FRIDAY 10th APRIL 2026

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 4: 1-12, Psalm 117: 1-2, 4, 22-27. R. v. 22, John 21: 1-14.

Reflection: The stone rejected by the builder has become the cornerstone.

This text has become known as the Miraculous Catch of Fish, and it is true the disciples, led by Peter, catch 153 fish. A lot of people have written about the meaning of 153 fish. But talk of miracles about fish is missing the point. There is so much more happening in this narrative. By concentrating on the fish, the insignificant, we fail to see what really needs to be seen, to hear what really needs to be heard. One of the significant aspects of this text is the invitation, 'Come and have breakfast.' It is not just an invitation to a quick bite before heading out the door, but to a meal with our Lord and Saviour. How often are we side-tracked by the insignificant 'fish' that we forget to make time to eat with the Lord?



SATURDAY 11th APRIL 2026

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 4: 13-21, Psalm 117: 1, 14-21. R. v. 21, Mark 16: 9-15.

Reflection: I praise you, Lord, for you have answered me

Mary Madalene brings news of the resurrection to the disciples, and they do not believe her. Two others who have seen Jesus are met with the same incredulity when they tell the disciples. It takes Jesus' appearing among them to make them believe! Faith comes in slow drops to the disciples. They don't only display little faith in their co-workers for the kingdom, but also in Jesus himself. Jesus rightly rebukes them for their stubbornness. However, criticism of them is not his final word. He sends them to proclaim the Good News to all creation. This concluding section of the Gospel of Mark gives us a chance to reflect on the state of our faith. Where are we in our relationship with God? Do we sometimes refuse to be proclaimers of the Good News? What more do we demand of Jesus before we truly believe?



Second Sunday of Easter.

