

St. Mary of the Angels, Geelong

Monday 21st July 2025

Saturday 26th July 2025



Daily Reflections

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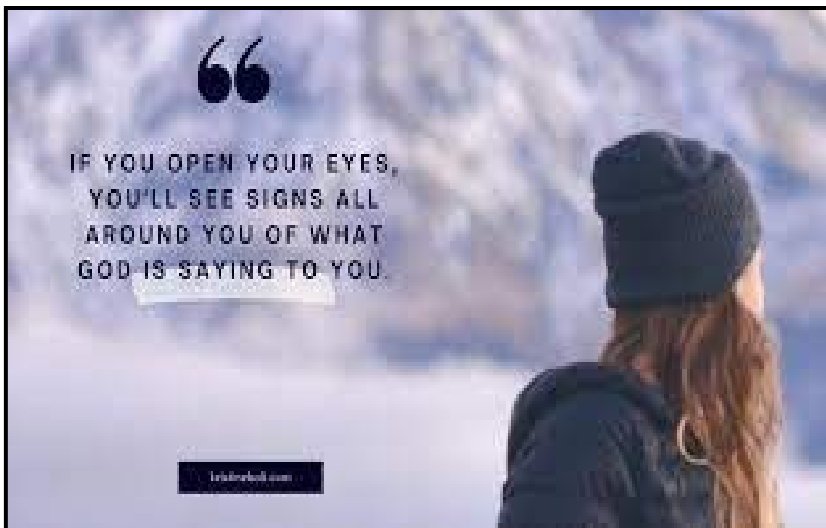
MONDAY 21ST JULY 2025

16th week in Ordinary Time

Exodus 14:5-18, Exodus 15: 1-6, R. v.1, Matthew 12:38-42

Reflections: *We walk by faith...*

‘Jesus, show me a sign! How many times have we given voice to this request? Perhaps we have a difficult decision to make or we’re unsure of which choice or path to take and so we plead to God to show us a ‘sign’. Today’s Gospel is an invitation to recognise and respond to the signs already provided by Jesus in his daily ministry and to repent and believe. God is inviting us to walk humbly and patiently and to trust in his ways. Lord it can be difficult not knowing what to do, or which choices or decisions to make. *Help me to trust in you and to be guided by you. Come Holy Spirit! Be with me through every step of my journey.*



TUESDAY 22ND JULY 2025

16th Week in Ordinary Time

St Mary Magdalene

Song of songs 3: 1-4, Psalm 62: 2-6, 8-9. R. v..2, John 20 :1-2, 11-18.

Reflections: My soul is thirsting for you my God.

In today's first reading, the bride is seeking the one whom her heart loves. Initially, she sought but did not find. And so, she goes throughout the city, in the streets and squares, until finally she finds whom her heart loves. And so, it can be said of Mary Magdalene, who, in the early hours before dawn, when it was still dark, set out to the tomb where the crucified Jesus lay. Finding him missing, she is distressed and weeping. She asks the man, who she thinks is the gardener, 'where have you taken him?' And then he says her name: 'Mary'. Hearing her name from the mouth of Jesus, her heart recognises him! Can you feel her excitement? Place yourself in Mary's shoes. Imagine someone you love deeply, who has gone missing, or is believed dead, saying your name! The overflowing joy and love! *Jesus, just as Mary, your first disciple, leapt with joy at the sound of your voice and shared the Good News of your resurrection, may we too take up this mission with great love, courage, enthusiasm and joy.*



WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 2025

16th Week in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15, Psalm 77: 18-19, 23-28. R. v. 24 Matthew 13 1-9

Reflection: *The Lord gave them bread from heaven*

Jesus often used parables or stories among the people to illustrate a point. In this story, the sower represents the person who shares the Good News of the Gospel, proclaiming the love of Christ and his coming to save us. The seed is the Word of God. We are the soil into which the Word is sown. We can ask ourselves: How do I respond? Am I like the hard bitumen that repels the Word, and allows it to be swallowed by the birds? Am I like the patches of rock, where there is little soil, or like the ground strangled by thorns? Or am I like the rich soil, producing a plentiful and bountiful crop? *Lord, help me to listen and be attentive to your Word, allowing it to take root in my heart, that I may bear fruit in your name.*



THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2025

16th Week in Ordinary Time

*Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20, Psalm Daniel 3: 52-56, R. v. 52,
Matthew 13: 10-17.*

Reflection: . Be still and know that I am God”

In the Gospel, Jesus shares that the purpose of using parables, or stories, is to help break open the mysteries of God and God’s word. Those who have open and receptive hearts will have a better chance in understanding the spiritual truths and message. Jesus tells the disciples that they are blessed because they have open and receptive hearts. ‘Happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear!’ Jesus, you meet us where we are in our spiritual journey, using stories to help us understand better spiritual truths and mysteries. Like the apostles, may we too have open and receptive hearts, that we may see and hear the Word of God and be healed and transformed. And may we take your healing words out into the world, for all to see and hear and experience.



FRIDAY 25TH JULY 2025

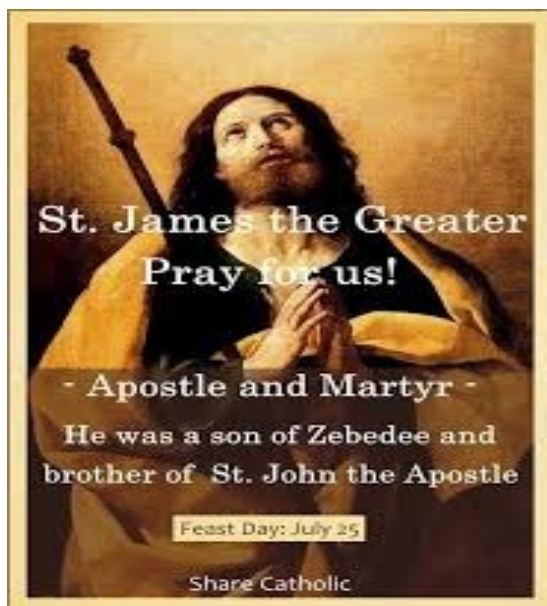
16th Week in Ordinary Time

St James the Apostle

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15, Psalm 125. R. v.5, Matthew 20: 20-29.

Reflection. Here I am Lord....

St James is one of the twelve apostles. He and his brother, John and their father Zebedee were in a boat on the Sea of Galilee preparing their nets, when Jesus approached and invited James and John to leave their nets behind, to follow him. They responded immediately. In the same way, Jesus invites us, wherever we are and whatever we're doing, to follow him. In so doing, our lives will be transformed as we embark on a life of mission and purpose in the name of Jesus Christ. James was present with Peter and John at the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. What an amazing sight to behold and a confirmation to James of the power and divinity of Jesus. May we be inspired by the commitment and willingness of St James to say 'yes' to Jesus.



SATURDAY 26th JULY 2025

16th Week in Ordinary time

Sts Joachim & Anne

Exodus 24: 3-8, Psalm 49:1-2, 5-6, 14-15, R. v. 14, Matthew 13: 24-30.

Reflection: Grand lessons, Grand blessings , Grandparents.

‘Today’s Gospel provides an opportunity for self-reflection—where are the weeds and wheat within my own heart and within my own life? The weeds can be likened to those moments where we sin and perhaps where we allow sinful acts to take hold and crowd out the good in us. Of course, alongside this, we are also filled with grace and have the opportunity to live in accord with God’s will and purpose for us. We have capacity for good and evil, love and hate, light and darkness—the wheat and the weeds. We are called to feed and nurture the wheat—the goodness—within us, that we may grow and flourish to feed and nurture the wheat—the goodness—within us, that we may grow and flourish in God’s name. May we continue to nurture the seeds of God’s goodness and virtue in our hearts, that we bear rich wheat and fruit within ourselves and among others.



Blessed
are those who
Spoil and Snuggle
Hug and Hope
Pray and Pamper
for they shall
be called
Grandparents



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

