

St. Mary of the Angels, Geelong

Monday 9th June 2025

Saturday 14th June 2025



Daily Reflections

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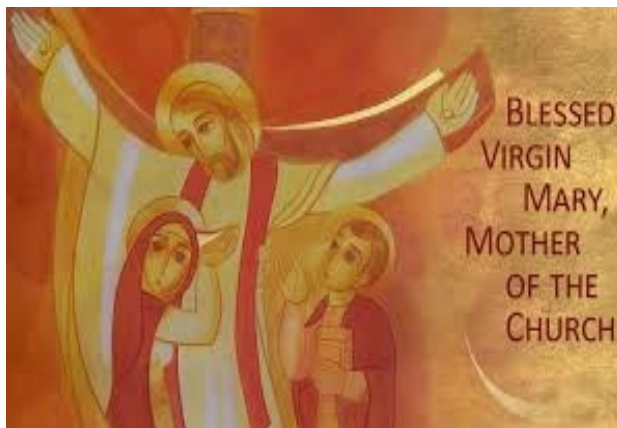
10th week in Ordinary Time

Memorial – Mary, Mother of the Church

Genesis 3: 9-15, 20, Psalm 86: 1-2, 3, 5, 6-7, R. v. 3, John 19: 25-34

Reflections: Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us.

At the foot of the cross a new community is formed in the figures of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the disciple he loved—the mother, who at the marriage in Cana Showed total trust in her Son and challenged others to do the same and the disciple who was close to Jesus at the last Supper and who heard and absorbed those words: ‘This is my body given for you’. What qualities and examples for the community of disciples that is our Church today! For while our first parents thought they would gain the wisdom which would make them equal to the Creator, the foundation members of the new community—the new Eve and the Beloved Disciple—remain open to the mysterious ways of God’s design and plan. On this feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, we invoke her intercession for the living Church today that all may be open to the direction the Spirit is leading us.



TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2025

10th Week in Ordinary Time

*2 Corinthians 1: 18-22, Psalm 118: 129-133, 135. R. v. 135,
Matthew 5: 13-16*

Reflection. Lord, let your face shine on me.

After the series of blessings Jesus invokes on his audience—the rejected and marginalised in that society, the blind, lame, epileptics and possessed—he now proclaims them as signs of hope and meaning to others. He uses the powerful images of salt and light, so vital at the time, to tell them how they, of all people, by being themselves give meaning and direction to their contemporaries. We note that Jesus does not say ‘You should be salt and light for others’ but rather ‘you are’ these elements. In our lives as Christians, we often get tied up in the effort to strive to be more pleasing to God. It is good to remind ourselves always that we are so richly blessed just as we are with our limitations and weaknesses, and as such can be salt and light for others. We can be confident, because, as Paul reminds us in today’s reading, God assures us of our dignity through the unwavering commitment of Jesus



WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025

10th Week in Ordinary Time

Acts 11: 21-26, 13: 1-3, Psalm 97: 1-6, R. v. 2, Matthew 5: 17-19.

Reflection: Sharing strength and support enables significantly

Barnabas is one of the most significant figures in the early Christian community. It was he who convinced the doubting disciples in Jerusalem that Saul had truly changed direction and was no longer to be feared. And it was Barnabas who brought Saul (later called Paul) to Antioch, from where they embarked on the first missionary journey. He was with Paul for the meeting in Jerusalem with the apostles and elders. He must have been a character strong enough to withstand the pressure of Paul's dominant personality. As his name 'Son of Encouragement' suggests, his influence on Paul and the wider communities was highly significant. Such a supporting and enabling role is always needed in our parishes and communities so that the proclamation of the Kingdom can proceed.



THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025

10th Week in Ordinary Time

***2 Corinthians 3: 15 – 4: 1, 3-6, Psalm 84: 9-14, R.cf. v 10,
Matthew 5: 20-26***

Reflection: The Glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.

So much of the narrative in the Gospel of Matthew is taken up with Jesus' attempts to convince the scribes and Pharisees about a different way of fulfilling the Law. There is, however, as Paul remarks 'a veil over their minds'. The series of Gospel readings over the next few days are examples of Jesus' authoritative new way. Defining what the spirit or heart of the law demands is more important, more life giving, than its rigorist literal application. At the centre of these passages is attention to our human relationships. While none of us will ever be convicted of murder or manslaughter, we must acknowledge the ways we have caused harm to another's reputation, harmony or general well being by unkind words, actions or slanderous gossip. It is through genuine reconciliation and forgiveness that the light shining in the darkness of our minds is released, bringing the joy of the Good News of the glory of Christ to others.



FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 2025

10th Week in Ordinary Time

St Anthony of Padua

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15, Psalm 115: 10-11, 15-18, R. v. 17

Matthew 5: 27-32.

Reflection: Actions speak louder than words

In this well-known story in the Gospel of John of the woman accused of adultery the question is often asked about the whereabouts of the man involved. There is no doubt the woman was disadvantaged by the Law. Jesus in his teaching upholds the dignity and equality of women in a society whose values are different. Once more it is the heart of the law upholding basic human needs that is paramount. This is a teaching that resonates significantly in modern society where women are so often victims of violence and abuse at the hands of men. The strong sayings about plucking out an eye or amputating a hand, while clearly not to be taken literally, emphasise and enhance the central importance of this teaching. We can apply the words of St Anthony of Padua, whom we celebrate today to this subject: 'Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak'. The treasure we carry in the earthenware jars of our flawed humanity is surely the ability to bring renewed life into damaged and broken lives.



SATURDAY 14th JUNE 2025

10th Week in Ordinary time

***2 Corinthians 5: 14-21, Psalm 102 : 1-4, 8-9, 11-12. R. v. 8,
Matthew 5: 33-37.***

Reflection The Lord is kind and merciful.

The whole purpose of these examples, or antitheses, as they are sometimes called, is to sharpen the demands of the Torah. As Jesus has said: 'I have come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to fulfil them. This means to give the prescriptions of the Law their fuller, complete meaning. In today's passage the opposite could well be interpreted. A double prohibition on swearing oaths would seem to be a total ban. Perhaps it is simply a powerful call to honesty and transparency in our dealings with one another. And most of us would acknowledge our need to heed those strong words that conclude today's Gospel reading. Such openness will always be a challenge, yet we have the assurance of Paul's message to the Corinthian community: 'For anyone who is in Christ there is a new creation'. This conviction will help us to be effective ministers of the reconciliation Jesus has achieved. May the example of Jesus, with whom it is always 'Yes', and the fruits of his saving death and resurrection inspire and guide us.



The Most Holy Trinity



The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

“I am with you always”