

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 20th October 2025
Saturday 25th October 2025



Daily Reflections

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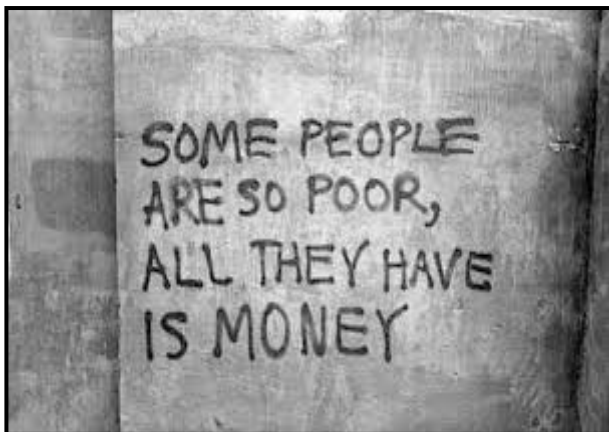
MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2025

29th week in Ordinary Time

Romans 4: 20-25 , Psalm Luke 1: 69-75. R. cf. 68, Luke 12: 13-21.

Reflection: God is rich in mercy and compassion

Have you ever heard of, or tried the Marie Kondo method? Her book *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* has been published in more than 30 countries since 2011. Kondo recommends gathering all your possessions, then discarding those that don't 'spark joy'. This method of simplification is meant to free us to live with the things and people we love the most. Is that what Jesus is talking about? He is certainly commenting on material possessions, and the trap we can fall into by wanting more. Yet unlike the value of what 'sparks joy', he speaks of treasures that make us rich in the sight of God. Perhaps with this method, we could assess what we have and discard what prevents us from living life to the full. And at all times give thanks to God. Like the Kondo method, it can work magic in the heart and soul.



TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025

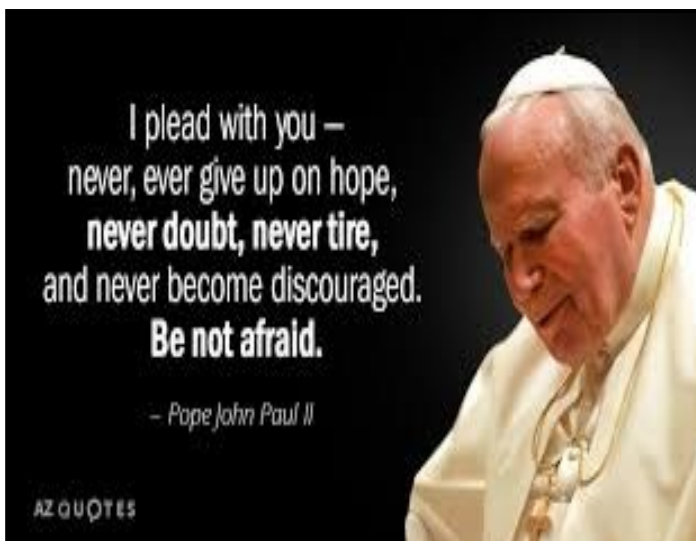
29th Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 5: 12, 15, 17-21, Psalm 39: 7-10, 17. R. cf. vv. 8,9

Luke 12: 35-38

Reflections: The Lord speaks of peace to his people

Towards the end of the church year, our Gospel readings warn us more and more about the end times. The simple message today is 'be ready!' Jesus is not asking us to 'get ready', but to live in a state of readiness- so that we are always ready to meet God face-to-face. The psalm today repeats 'Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.' It gives us a hint about how to be ready to respond to God's call. God does not ask for sacrifices, offering or martyrdom, but 'an open ear'. To stay ready, we just need to be open to God's presence and movement in our lives. We may be called to rejoice or to love or to do hard things but calls are not competitions. God has a special way for each of us to participate in God's work in the world.



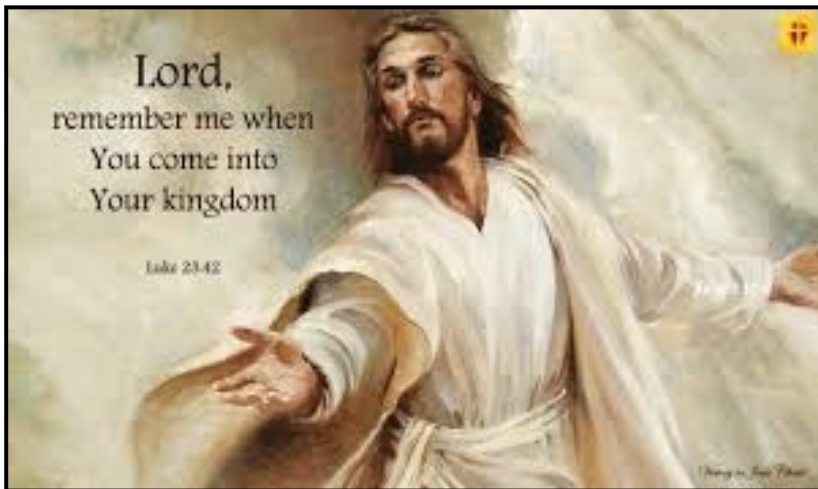
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2025

29th Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 6: 12-18, Psalm 123. R. v. 8, Luke 12: 39-48

Reflection: If today you hear his voice – harden not your heart

Today is the feast of our recent Pope, St John Paul II. He had a great heart of young people and high expectations of their call to holiness. He challenged them to see holiness as a 'radical' way of following Jesus. He wrote, 'Jesus, who loved us first, is prepared to give himself to you, as well as asking of you. If he asks much of you, it is because he knows you can give much.' These words are an echo of the words in the Gospel. Jesus had high expectations of his disciples, and stern words for slackers. Yet there is hope and support for all of us, and a promise of joy. 'Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment.' Can we find happiness in holiness today?



THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025

29th Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 6: 19-23, Psalm 1: 1-4, 6. R, Psalm 39: 5, Luke 12: 49-53

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

John the Baptist says that Jesus will 'baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Yet here, Jesus says that he still has a baptism to receive, and the future has not yet been lit. What does he mean? Perhaps he is speaking about his death, which is the only pathway (down) to the resurrection (up). And we know that after his resurrection, the disciples will be moved by the Holy Spirit that arrives like tongues of fire. These events will not be peaceful. Yet we are all called to follow in the way of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. We too are filled with the Holy Spirit, moved to share the Good News and challenged to build a just world. It won't be easy, but if we share in Jesus' death, we will also share in his new life.



"Therefore, as God's
chosen people, holy
and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness
and patience."

COLOSSIANS 3:12

women's day

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

29th Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 7: 18-25, Psalm 118: 66, 68, 76-77, 93-94, R. v. 68

Luke 12 : 54-59

Reflection: Teach me your ways O Lord.

Saint Paul's honesty is such a breath of fresh air! I can relate to someone who struggles with addictions, who breaks promises, who can never seem to get everything right. Many of us feel like it's two steps forward and three steps back, all the time. So Paul is a great example for those of us who try to do the best we can, but seem to fail more often than not. Are we doomed? No! Paul is certain about that. Luckily, God in Jesus Christ believes in us more than we believe in ourselves. He has come to set us free and rescue all who are in prison of any kind. Paul shows that even saints need assurance that God keeps promises better than we can. Let us claim that promise today!



SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 2025

29th Week in Ordinary time

Romans 8: 1-11, Psalm 23: 1-6, R. v. 6, Luke 13: 1-9.

Reflection: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

‘Why do bad this happen to good people?’ So many have asked the same question for thousands of years. ‘Why did I get cancer?’ ‘Why did my child go off the rails?’ ‘Why did the storm damage my town?’ And a common response is that I/we must have done something wrong. The people around Jesus were asking these questions too. Yet he doesn’t follow that neat and common response. Terrible human and natural disasters are often not caused by people’s sins, but they remind us of the need for God in our lives. God is the patient gardener, drawing fruit and life and goodness from the plant, whatever its condition. In the bad times, may we do the same, finding hope in our relationships with God.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

