

**St. Mary of the Angels,
Geelong**
Monday 1st September 2025
Saturday 6th September 2025



Daily Reflections

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MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025

22nd week in Ordinary Time

***1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, Psalm 95: 1, 3-5, 11-13. R. v 13,
Luke 4: 16-30***

Reflections: The Lord hears the cry of the poor – Blessed be the Lord.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is in his hometown with all the people he grew up with and knows well. In the synagogue, he begins reading from the prophet Isaiah a verse about the coming of the Messiah. And then he declares that this prophecy is being fulfilled today... in him. I imagine what it must have been like to be there, listening to him outline his mission as Messiah. A mission to bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, give the blind new sight and set the downtrodden free. No wonder 'all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him'. But, when he follows this up by referencing instances when the prophets ministered God's love and compassion to those outside of Jewish society, the crowd turns on him. This is a reminder for us that Jesus' mission of mercy is to all, especially the downtrodden and outcast, wherever we might encounter them.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

Luke 4:18



TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025

22nd Week in Ordinary Time

***1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11, Psalm 26: 1, 4, 13-14. R. v. 13,
Luke 4: 31-37.***

Reflections: Jesus heal our hearts, our souls, our minds. Make us whole.

Today we hear that Jesus' teaching made a deep impression on the people because he spoke with authority'. They recognised Jesus' authority because of his authentic teaching and his ability to cast devils out of a man possessed by unclean spirits. What they were really recognising was his Oneness with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is this divine unity which gave him authority over the unclean spirits and allowed him to demand that they leave the man. Today, many people rail against any authority over their lives, especially religious authority. But we also live in a world filled with fakes and scams. Isn't it truth that we are truly seeking? To accept Jesus' authority over our life is to surrender the self-reliance we cling to, and open ourselves to his loving action in our life. Jesus' authority is not one of tyranny, but of freedom, as the man in today's Gospel can attest.



WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025

St Gregory the Great

22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Colossians 1: 1-8, Psalm 51: 10-11, R. v. 10, Luke 4: 38-44

Reflection: I trust in the kindness of God for ever.

The Gospel highlights the healing power of personal interaction with Jesus. Despite the huge crowds that presented themselves to him for healing, it was always a personal encounter that actually brought the healing about. First, we see Jesus responding to a request to 'do something' for Simon's mother-in-law who was suffering from a fever, a potentially lethal condition in the days before antibiotics. Jesus went to her, leaned over her head and rebuked the fever, which left her. Immediately, we are told, she was whole and well again. Then, we see Jesus confronted with a crowd of people coming to him for healing. But rather than praying a communal prayer over the whole crowd, Jesus laid his hands on them one by one, healing each person individually through the power of encounter. *Lord, help me encounter you personally today, in prayer, Word and Sacrament and open myself to your healing love. Amen*



THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025

22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Colossians 1: 9-14, Psalm 97: 2-6, R. v. 2, Luke 5: 1-11.

Reflection: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Jesus teaches us two key lessons of discipleship today – the importance of obedience and the abundance that flows from that. Simon is just packing up from a hard night's fishing when Jesus tells him to 'Put out into the deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. He must have been exhausted, and he tells Jesus as much – 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing'. But then comes the crucial follow-up when Peter goes on to say, 'but if you say so, I will pay out the nets'. How many times have I been in that position. Jesus is calling me forward to pay out into the deep, but instead, I tell him all about why I can't possibly., why it won't work etc. It's only when I surrender to God's will and act in obedience that his super – abundance starts to flow, often in ways I could never have imagined.

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FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025

22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Colossians 1: 15-20, Psalm 99 : 2-5, R.v.2, Luke 5: 33-39.

Reflection. Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

The Bible is replete with images of marriage and wedding banquets. In the Old Testament we see God portrayed as the bridegroom and Israel as the bride, and we hear, of the covenant of love between them. In the New Testament, starting with John the Baptist, we see Jesus referred to as the bridegroom, and we, the church as the bride. In today's reading the Pharisees ask why John's disciples fast, but Jesus' disciples go on eating and drinking. Jesus replies, "Surely you cannot make the bridegroom's attendants fast while the bridegroom is still with them"? Indeed. Can you imagine walking into a wedding reception, only to find that there is no food or wine and everyone is fasting? There are times for fasting, to be sure, but today's reading reminds us of the need to be joyful in our Christian life, remembering always that Christ, the bridegroom is with us still and will be with us always.



SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2025

22nd Week in Ordinary time

Colossians 1: 21-23, Psalm 53: 3-4, 6, 8. R. v. 6, Luke 6 : 1-5.

Reflection: God himself is my help

The Pharisees, who are always trying to catch Jesus out by breaking the Jewish laws today turn their attention to Jesus' followers, accusing the disciples of breaking the sabbath by picking ears of corn and eating them, something prohibited by the Law. In response, Jesus reminds them of the time when David and his followers were hungry and he went into the House of God, took the loaves of offering, not only ate some and gave some to his followers, even though these loaves were only for the priests to eat. Jesus then tells the Pharisees that he is the master of the sabbath, surely a jaw-dropping claim to their ears. In this encounter, Jesus reminds us that the sabbath is a gift from God, set aside for rest, worship and fellowship in Christ. Once again, he shows the Pharisees that a right disposition of heart is crucial for a right understanding and living out of the Law.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

