

# **St. Mary of the Angels Geelong**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



## **Daily Reflections**

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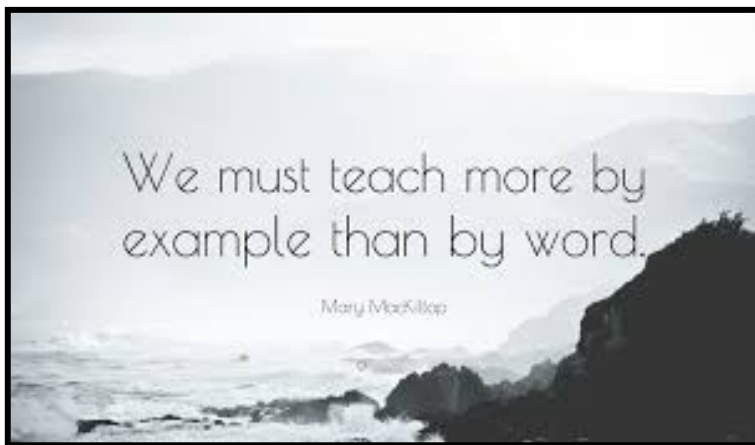
***MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025***

***25<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time***

***Ezra 1: 1-6, Psalm 125: R.v. 3, John 8: 16-18***

***Reflections: We walk by faith***

Today, Jesus gives us a few key insights into the life of faith. First, if our faith is seen as a lit lamp, then we must let it do what comes naturally to it—it should be allowed to shine out, not be hidden away. Why? So that people may see the light of faith alive in us and it might not only attract them but also help light their way ahead. We can't keep our faith secret, turned in on ourselves—faith is meant to be shared. Even in our secular world we can be a light for others, simply by living our lives faithfully, with joy. Finally, Jesus shows us how faith increases, even if we are starting out with just a little of it. 'For anyone who has will be given more...'. *Lord Jesus, thank you for the faith you have given me, help me to share it with others. Amen.*



**TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

***25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time***

***Ezra 6: 7-8, 12, 14-20, Psalm 121: 1-5. R. v. 1, Luke 8: 19-21.***

***Reflections: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

In today's short vignette from Luke, Jesus shows us in stark terms what it means to be a member of God's family. Told that his mother and his brothers are standing outside and want to see him, we might expect Jesus to drop everything and make his way through the crowd to see them. Instead, he redefines for the people the meaning of family as being 'those who hear the word of God and put it into practice'. Once again, Jesus is emphasising for us the importance not only to hearing the word of God in a passive sense, but of really taking it on board and acting accordingly. For when we live according to God's word, we truly are sons and daughters of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus. The spiritual family is not restricted to blood relations, but open to all who live according to the word of God.



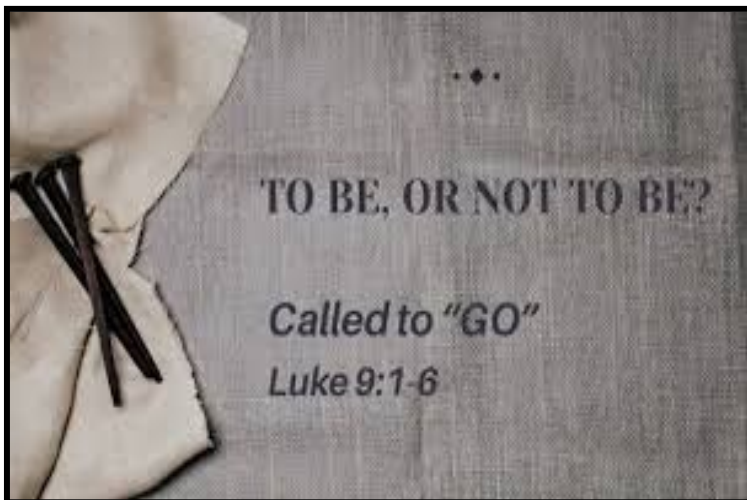
**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

***Ezra 9: 5-9, Psalm Tobit 13, 2, 4, 6-8. R. v. 1, Luke 9: 1-6.***

***Reflection: Blessed be God who lives forever***

‘Take nothing for the journey.’ With this advice, Jesus sent the twelve apostles out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. On a recent holiday trip interstate, I set myself the challenge of taking only carry-on luggage. The packing was difficult, because I realised how attached I was to the notion of taking things with me ‘just in case’. But once I was on my way, I was delighted with the freedom I had as I travelled. My experience wasn’t quite so radical as the missionary assignment given to the apostles, but I think it was this sense of detachment from things that Jesus was trying to instil in the Twelve as he sent them out on their mission. When we are free of our attachments, we are also free to rely more on God and on the goodness of others and to respond more readily to whatever he is asking of us.



**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

*25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time*

*Haggai 1: 1-8, Psalm 149: 1-6, 9, R. v. 4, Luke 9: 7-9*

*Reflection: The Lord takes delight in his people.*

When news came of King Herod about all that Jesus was doing around the countryside, he was puzzled and also anxious to see Jesus. The various reports he was getting about Jesus being John the Baptist risen from the dead or Elijah reappearing didn't add up, especially as he had beheaded John himself! So, who was this Jesus? Herod was no doubt worried that Jesus might become so popular as to pose a threat to his own kingship. At another level though, this curiosity about Jesus is natural. People are still drawn to the Christian faith precisely because they have heard of all that Jesus is doing in someone else's life and they want to meet him to themselves. Herod had the curiosity, but not, it seems, the open heart and mind to learn that Jesus was no threat to his worldly kingship but could reign sovereign in his heart if given the chance.



**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

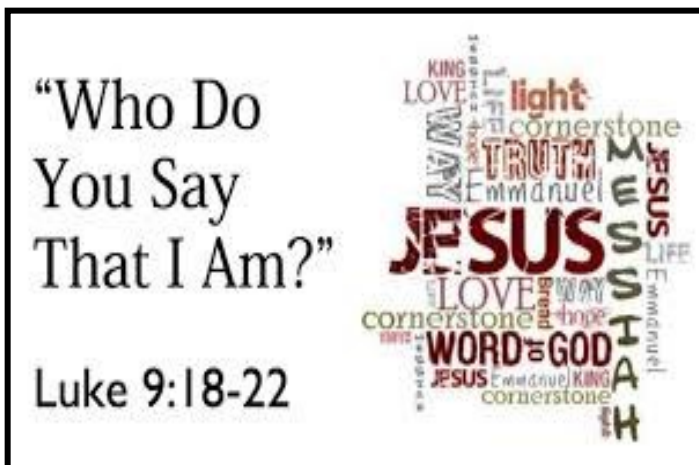
***Sts Cosmas and Damian***

***25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time***

***Haggai 1: 15 –2: 9, Psalm 42: 1-4, R. cf. v. 5, Luke 9: 18-22***

***Reflection. Hope in God – He is our hope.***

Of all the Gospel passages, this one, it seems to me, demands the most direct and personal response from us. Jesus begins with the universal, asking his disciples, ‘Who do the crowds say I am?’ But then, after receiving various answers, Jesus hones in on the personal, asking his disciples, ‘But you, who do you say I am?’ There’s no hedging around a question like that. It hits you between the yes and demands a personal response. I might’ve needed to take time and formulate a response, but not impetuous Peter. He came right out with his Spirit-inspired answer: ‘The Christ of God,’ he said. Each of us would have their own answer to the question, perhaps Saviour, brother, King, rock, Lord, redeemer or something else entirely. Today, let’s ponder our own answer to Jesus when he turns to us and asks, ‘But YOU—who do YOU say that I am?’



**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**St Vincent de Paul**

*25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary time*

*Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15, Psalm : Jeremiah 31: 10-13, R. v. 10,*

*Luke 9 : 43-45*

***Reflection: The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.***

It can be unsettling sometimes to know that the Christian life is both our greatest strength and comfort, but also that it requires us to walk the way of the Cross. It must've been easy for the disciples to follow Jesus when 'everyone was full of admiration for all he did'. No doubt they did their fair share of basking in Jesus' reflected glory and felt pretty good about his popularity that Jesus brought them back to earth with a thud by revealing to them that he was going to be handed over into the power of men—a truth which became abundantly clear to them on Calvary. *Lord, help me to trust you in good times and bad, knowing that it is the Cross that leads us to eternal life in you. Amen*



# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

