

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 29th September 2025

Saturday 4th October 2025



Daily Reflections

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MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2025

STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS.

26th week in Ordinary Time

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14, Psalm 137: 1-5, R. v. 1, John 1: 47-51.

Reflections: Angels of God be with us

Angels are mentioned throughout the Bible, but today we celebrate the only three angels who are named—the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Michael is known as the protector, Gabriel as the messenger and Raphael as the healer, based on the biblical accounts in which they are mentioned. Who can forget the encounter with Gabriel and the Blessed Virgin Mary when he brought her the news that by the power of the Holy Spirit she would bear a child—Jesus? And, the rollicking account from Revelation in today's alternative first reading for St Michael in his epic battle against Satan reminds me again of why I ask for his intercession whenever I feel in danger or under attack. May the presence of the Archangels always be a reminder to us of the thin veil between heaven and earth and the spiritual helpers God has sent to accompany us on our journey.



TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

26th Week in Ordinary Time

St Jerome

Zechariah 8: 20-23, Psalm 86. R. Zechariah 8: 23, Luke 9: 51-56.

Reflections: God is with us

As the end of his life neared, 'Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem'. I imagine Jesus standing on the road, looking back at his followers and all that had taken place around Galilee, then, with conviction, turning and walking the other way—the road to Jerusalem, where he would be met with opposition, persecution and death. He can't even expect any comfort along the way, because the Samaritans aren't keen on helping a Jewish rabbi headed for Jerusalem. What a lonely walk that must have been. But Jesus knew there was no other way to complete his mission of redemption, and he set off, out of love for us. We too have those moments in life, when we head into what we know will be a difficult situation.



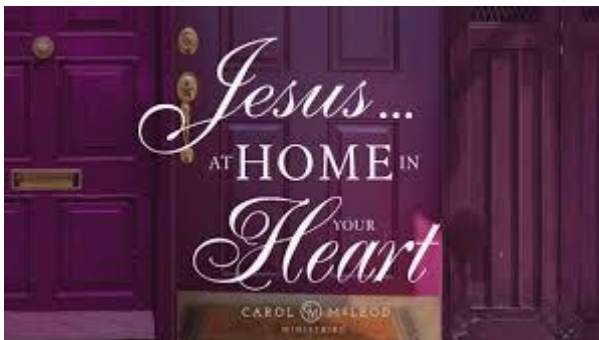
WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2025

26th Week in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 2: 1-8, Psalm 136: 1-6. R. v. 6, Luke 9: 57-62.

Reflection: My home is God

My dad would greet strangers with a question. “So, where’s home for you?”. That opened up a discussion on whatever they considered ‘home’ – usually the place where they were born, or where they were currently living. Jesus approaches this question in a very different way today. He invites us to consider not a place, but a person. Can we make our homes our homes in Him? Can his presence and his work be where we experience belonging and meaning? Jesus’ strong words also make us think about that eternal Christian tension between our families of origin and the family of the people of God. St Therese of the Child Jesus was able to broaden her love for her close and devout family into a universal love for the whole world.



THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2025

26th Week in Ordinary Time

Exodus 23: 20-23, Psalm 90: 1-6, 10-11, R. v. 11, Matthew 18: 1-5, 10.

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

There are times when we all feel like a warm embrace, comfort and protection. They may be times of grief, tension, crisis or ill-health. Then let these words on this Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels touch us. God's angels are here for us, and in a special way for those of us who are young, vulnerable or child-like. God promises to protect us, to shelter us and to keep watch over us. Can we reorganise that gift in our lives? Sometimes we are so caught up in our busyness, our strife or our climbing life's ladder that we can't see it. May we open our minds and hearts to God's loving presence and angelic watchfulness. In humility, may we cast our cares on God and trust in that warm embrace today.



FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025

26th Week in Ordinary Time

Baruch 1: 15-22, Psalm 78: 8-9, R. v. 9, Luke 10: 13-16.

Reflection. Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

Sometimes even Jesus gets fed up. Today his human qualities are on display as he launches a tirade against three cities that do not receive him as well as they could have. As Jewish cities, they were held to a higher standard than the Gentile cities of Tyre and Sidon. Jesus feels rejection by his own people, as he foresaw. The first reading also concerns the people of Judah not listening to God and going their own way. There is need for repentance – turning back to God – all around. Yet is all lost? We hope not. The Gospel passage is sandwiched between Jesus sending the 72 disciples in towns to preach the good news and heal the sick, and the 72 returning, joyful and successful. Perhaps new life begins in the small and overlooked places. And perhaps they will demonstrate that ‘whoever listens to you listens to me’.



SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER 2025

St Francis of Assisi

26th Week in Ordinary time

Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29, Psalm 68: 33-37, R. v. 34, Luke 10: 17-24.

Reflection: Guide me Lord, along the everlasting way.

As the disciples return on top of the world from their successful missionary adventures Jesus celebrates along with them. But then he makes an interesting observation. God is found more in 'mere children' than the 'learned and the clever'. These disciples were not the theologians of the liturgists of the day, but merely filled with Jesus' presence and passion. As this Season of Creation ends, we remember St Francis Assisi, whose life words and actions often appeared annoyingly childlike to the leaders of his time. Yet he was able to speak truth to power because he was motivated by the gospel of Jesus and lived in bae simplicity. Actions speak louder than words, and Francis' compassion for people in illness, disability, poverty, and all of God's creatures, still brings many people to faith. Let us follow his example today and find wisdom in the simple.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE APOSTLES SAID TO
THE LORD, "INCREASE
OUR FAITH!"

- LUKE 17:5

