

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 1st June 2026

Saturday 6th June 2026



Daily Reflections

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MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2026

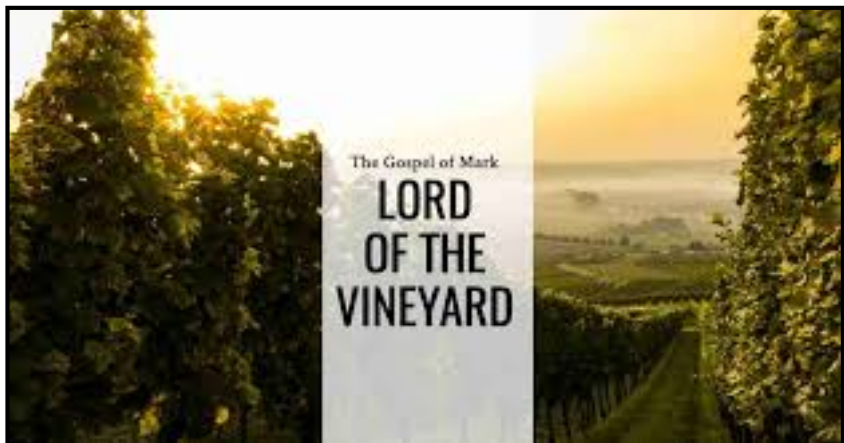
9th Week in Ordinary Time

St Justin

2Peter 1:2-7, Psalm 90:1-2, 14-16. R. cf. v.2, Mark 12: 1-12

Reflections: ***In you, my God, I place my trust.***

When I was young my family used to attend Mass at a church with walls made of stone bricks of different sizes. I remember hearing this Gospel, looking at the wall and trying to guess which stone was the keystone; the one that held everything together. Jesus uses today's parable and the image of the rejected stone to emphasise who he is: the cornerstone of God's kingdom' the sure foundation on which life and faith are built. How can I hold Jesus at the centre of my life today?



TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2026

9th Week in Ordinary Time

Sts Marcellinus and Peter

2 Peter 3: 11-15, 17-18, Psalm 89: 2-4, 10, 14, 16. R. v. 1.

Mark 12: 13-17

Reflection: In every age O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Have you ever experienced times where you've felt things are out of control? This is a central theme of today's Gospel. We meet Jesus encountering Pharisees and Herodians, desperate to catch him out in what he says. They use a question about taxes to try to trap him. Jesus uses the example of a coin to emphasise that God cares about what we do; and that we should foster peace about the things we can't control in life – like the need to pay taxes. Today, let's pray for that peace as we strive to glorify God in our life and work.

“Love the LORD your
GOD with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind
and with all your
strength.”

Mark 12:30

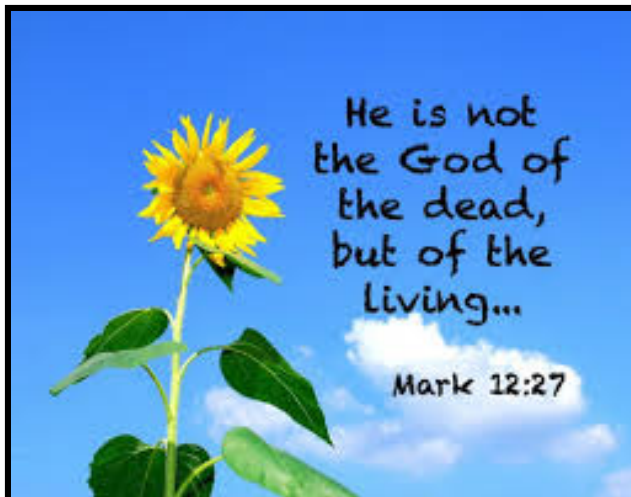
WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE 2026

9th Week in Ordinary Time

2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12, Psalm 122: 18-27, Mark 12: 18-27

Reflection: To you, O Lord I lift up my eyes.

In Douglas Adams' *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, The supercomputer Deep Thought is presented with the Ultimate Question, "What is the meaning of life, the universe, and everything?". It replies, "42" – an answer which proves shocking. In the same way, Jesus today is presented with some strange questions which lead to a shocking, but good, answer. While we struggle with deep questions throughout life, and while we may not always get an answer, we can trust that they are given a context and a meaning in Jesus and his word. Today, let's ask God for the courage and freedom to come to him with our questions, even if they may not be answered in the way we think.



THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

9th Week in Ordinary Time

2 Timothy 2: 8-15, Psalm 24: 4-5, 8-10, 14. R. v. 4, Mark 12: 28-34.

Reflection: Teach me your ways O' Lord.

My mother tells lots of stories about my grandfather, who passed away almost ten years ago. He and my grandmother had twelve children, yet he was so generous and loving that he would give needy families money from his own wallet. In today's Gospel Jesus is met by a scribe who asks him to identify the greatest commandment of all. Jesus clarifies that there are two: to love God with all that we are and all that we have, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. We cannot truly love God and not show authentic love to others. I know my grandfather was someone who loved and lived these commandments. Can you think of some people who impress you by the way they follow these commandments? How can we love more authentically today?



FRIDAY 5th JUNE 2026

9th Week in Ordinary Time

St Boniface

2 Timothy 3: 10-17, Psalm 118: 157, 160-161, 165-166, 168. R. v. 165, Mark 12: 35-37

Reflection: O Lord, great peace have they who love your law.

In today's very brief Gospel, Jesus continues his conversation with the Pharisees, focusing on their understanding of who the Christ was to be. The Pharisees believed that the Messiah would come as a conquering force. Their lives - and their relationship with God - were built on ceremony and ritual. Did they really know God, or did they just know 'about' God? Today, let's ask ourselves, 'Do I really know God? Do I really love God? Why do I follow Jesus, and what does that mean to me?' And let us pray for a relationship with God that deepens and becomes richer every single day.



SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2026

9th Week in Ordinary Time

*2 Timothy 4: 1-8, Psalm 70: 8-9, 14-17, 22. R. cf. v 15,
Mark 12: 38-44*

Reflection: *I will sing your salvation.*

Have you ever had an encounter that really made you feel seen? A moment where you felt like someone else was truly seeing you- and the dignity in you? This is a central theme of today's Gospel. Jesus urges followers to be aware of the scribes, whose lives are a pretence and an effort to appear important and favoured by God. Baptism unites each of us as equal members in the family of God. There is no person greater than or more important than another in the eyes of God. God sees us all with the same unfathomable love and grace. Let's remember this in our own interactions today.



JUNE 7
MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST

