

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 6th July 2026

Saturday 11th July 2026



Daily Reflections

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MONDAY 6TH JULY 2026

St Maria Goretti

14th Week in Ordinary Time

Hosea 2: 16-18, 21-22, Psalm 144:2-9. R. v. 8, Matthew 9: 18-26.

Reflections: The Lord is kind and merciful.

The woman with the haemorrhage may well have pondered Hosea's poignant description of God's love for his people when she reached out to touch Jesus' cloak. She was rewarded with exactly the kind of response envisaged by Hosea. Jesus perceived both the touch of this woman and true condition of the supposedly dead child. Are we ready to welcome Jesus into our life to dispel our hesitancy, and quell our interior doubts? Are we open to receive what Hosea promised and the haemorrhaging woman and comatose child's family both experienced?



TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026

14th Week in Ordinary Time

Hosea 8: 4-7, 11-13, Psalm 113B: 3-10. R.v. 9, Matthew 9: 32-38.

Reflection: O Lord send labourers for the harvest we pray.

Despite his cure of the mute demonic being dismissed as the work of the devil, Jesus continues to heal. He feels intense compassion for the crowds, perhaps seeing them not as a random mass of people, but recognising their personal and collective joys and sorrows, needs and desires. Hosea condemns those who have constructed idols of silver and gold, warning them of dire consequences of their idolatry. It is so easy to allow something other than God to become sovereign in our lives, blinding us to daily miracles, and blocking there inward and outward flow of divine compassion, eroding our effectiveness as labourers of the Lord's harvest.



WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2026.

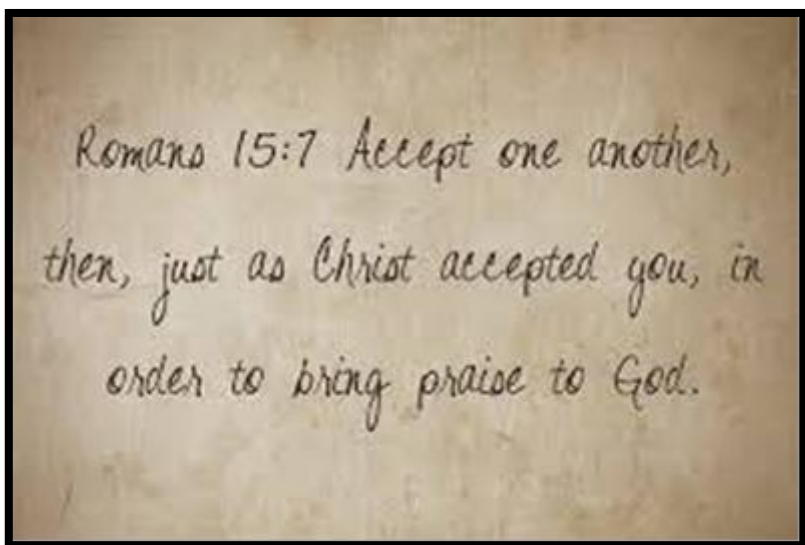
14th Week in Ordinary Time

Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12 Psalm 104 : 2-7, R.v .4,

Matthew 10: 1-7.

Reflection: Seek always the face of the Lord.

The disciples are summoned named and commissioned as apostles. This is the first set of missionary instructions in Matthew's Gospel, which unlike the global mission of the final commissioning (Matthew 28: 18-20), is directly solely to 'the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. Whether or not it was a trial run for the global mission, the same characteristics are needed – awareness that the kingdom is indeed near, and an undivided heart. Whether to the lost sheep of our own household or to those further afield, may we, like Hosea, sow integrity to reap a harvest of kindness today.



THURSDAY 9th JULY 2026

14th Week in Ordinary Time

Hosea 11: 1-4, 8-9, , Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-16. R. v. 4,

Matthew 10: 17-15

Reflection: Turn to the Lord in need and you will live.

The apostles are instructed to travel lightly – ‘carry-on baggage only’- unencumbered by gold, silver or the need to care for them. They are also to be unencumbered by pride and resentment to bring peace instead. Wherever they are rejected they are to leave that rejection behind them as they go. Rejection and disappointment can linger in thoughts, and emotions long after the occasions, when they occurred. Dwelling instead on that tender, parental love of God for his people, as described by Hosea, is an effective antidote for such resentment and a sustaining power for missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.



FRIDAY 10th JULY 2026

14th Week in Ordinary Time

***Hosea 14: 2-10, Psalm 50: 3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17, R. v. 17,
Matthew 10: 16-23.***

Reflection: Holy Spirit renew the face of the earth.

There is little that is comforting in Jesus' instructions for the Twelve as he prepares them for the persecution they will receive as his followers. His only encouragement is to trust that the right words will be provided by the Holy spirit when needed. Hosea's promise of flourishing crops, fragrant vegetation, and shady trees as the fruit of hearts turned to God offers more solace. Hosea cites hardy plants like lilies that survive and flourish in all sorts of as examples of the wise person whose heart is turned to God. Such a person will learn how to be adaptable to God's purpose, that is gentle as a dove and cunning as a serpent in the appropriate circumstances.



SATURDAY 11th JULY 2026

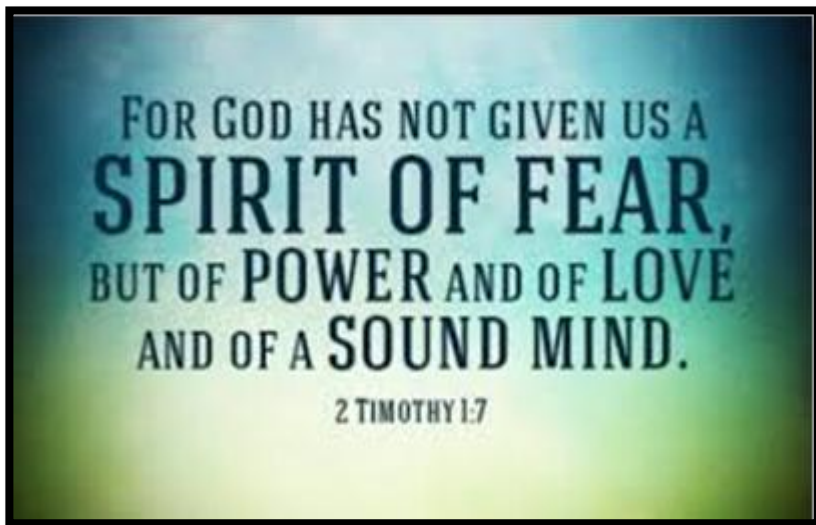
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14th Week in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6: 1-8, Psalm 92: 1-2, 5, R. v. 1., Matthew 10: 24-33

Reflection: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

A burning coal to the lips seems a strange way to prepare anyone for a divine commission, but that is Isaiah's explanation for how he was prepared by God for his prophetic mission. Isaiah responds willingly. As Jesus continues to instruct the Twelve, he urges them, like Isaiah, not to be afraid, to remain confident in the face of resistance, to trust that the truth will ultimately be revealed, that their worth remains intact no matter what they confront, and their fidelity will be reciprocated by God. However, we may be commissioned today by Jesus, may we experience sufficient assurance to readily say, 'Here I am, send me'



15th Sunday in Ordinary time



The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1-9