

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 10th November 2025

Saturday 15th November 2025



Daily Reflections

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MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025

ST LEO THE GREAT

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1: 1-7, Psalm 138: 1-10. R. v. 24, Luke 17: 1-6.

Reflection: Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

I was seeking a peaceful space to write this reflection. The spot I found under a tree on a park bench was perfect, until a homeless person came to sit beside me, lighting up a cigarette and eager for a chat. This was not what I was seeking. How could I write with this distraction? Then a strange thought came to me: tell this man what you are doing and ask him what to write. I told him about the daily reflections of God's Word. I mentioned today's focus on wisdom and faith. And waited for his comment. He was silent, and after taking a couple of puffs on his cigarette he pondered: 'I'm not a religious person but I need God most when I feel most blind, when I don't know what to do or what to say, when I haven't got enough food, or when I'm sick ... I call it blind faith.' Now that's what I call real wisdom.



TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025

ST MARTIN OF TOURS

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2: 23-3:9, Psalm 33:2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2, Luke 17: 7-10.

Reflection: I will bless the Lord at all times.

It is often thought that the Christian life is a hard life, more difficult than other ways of living. We might then slip into thinking that a Catholic Christian life is the toughest of the hard-life options. My experience suggests something different: that while life on earth is of its nature challenging and even burdensome at times, our Catholic faith provides meaning and direction even amid suffering. In my experience life with Christ, while not always easy, is the easiest of all the options. In the sacraments of the Church the immortal and abundant life of eternity (for which we are created) breaks into the routine, mundane and complex reality of our earthly lives, giving us a perspective which transcends mortality. Such tastes of the presence and action of Jesus here and now enable us not only to survive but to thrive and mature in every difficult circumstance.



WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2025

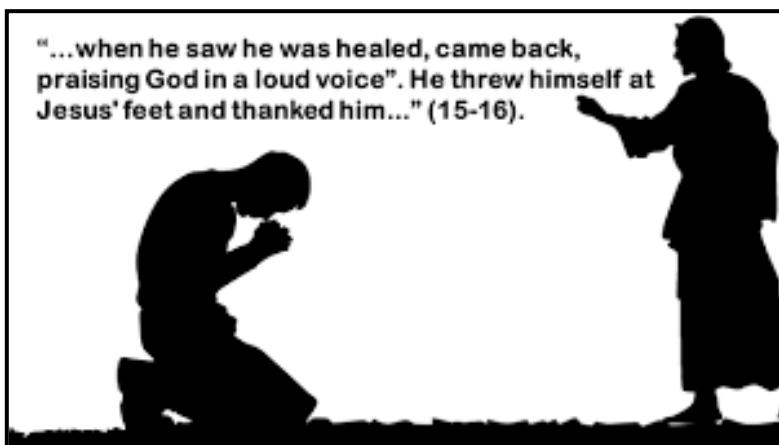
ST JOSAPHAT

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:1-11, Psalm 81: 3-4, 6-7. R. v. 8, Luke 17: 11-19.

Reflection: Rise Up, O God, bring judgement to the earth.

If Jesus were to be given a one-work job description by his Father at the time of the Incarnation, the instruction would have been to save. Jesus is the saviour; not a distant God who we strive to please and appease, but a rescuer who is Emmanuel, God-with-us. Perhaps our problem is that we don't really know our need for salvation. We accept that we need a bit of help every now and then, a hand in times of trouble, but the Gospel evidence is that those who became the intimate friends of Jesus were acutely aware of their need for salvation and were humble enough to desperately and even openly call out to be rescued. Like the lepers, we may experience our need as health struggles and isolation, perhaps relationship difficulties or financial hardship, overwhelm us. These burdens become a gift when they prompt us to call on Jesus, asking for the salvation he is eager to give us.



THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2025

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

*Wisdom 7: 22-8:1, Psalm 118: 89-91, 130, 175. R. v. 89,
Luke 17: 20-25.*

Reflection: Your word is for ever, O Lord.

Its wasn't only the Pharisees who struggled to accept that the reign of God was not just a future reality but a present possibility. It's easy to slip into living only for future rewards, overlooking the gifts and signs in the present moment. Of course, it is easier to notice the problems of today and to work for a better tomorrow. But we Christians are offered much more. Jesus warns us against looking for his presence only in dramatic signs, inviting us instead to discover in every aspect of our present circumstance a place of potential intimacy with him. While we do all we can to avoid problems and escape difficult situation, the central fact of our faith is that in Jesus the reign of God is emerging in every challenging moment and each difficult relationship. The one who seeks the divine presence penetrating and pervading all things is truly wise.



FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 13: 1-9, Psalm 18: 2-5. R. v. 2, Luke 17: 26-37.

Reflection: The heavens proclaim the glory of God

When visiting an art gallery, we appreciate the beauty of the created works. We marvel at the creative genius which takes natural materials, clay, glass and colour, and reconstructs these earthly elements to communicate a greater reality. But if during our gallery visit the artist were to appear, our attention would immediately turn from the displayed works to the artist themselves. We would seek a connection, a handshake, a brief chat, an autograph even, an encounter we would tell of later and (if the artist was a great fame) for the rest of our lives. Every day we are surrounded by the works of the divine Creator, the artist *par excellence*. But how easy it can be to stop in admiration of the created world, people, mountains and lakes, sunsets, sunrises, flora and fauna, without giving a thought to the one who gifts us with such glorious works of art.



SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2025

ST ALBERT THE GREAT

32nd Week in Ordinary time

**Wisdom 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9, Psalm 104: 2-3, 36-37, 42-43. R. v. 5,
Luke 18: 1-8.**

Reflection: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

The one who prays persistently, desperate for a response, is not easily distracted. We are not talking about a childish nagging here, but a healthy human awareness of our dependence on God. The one who persists is focused, firmly oriented towards God, and hypersensitive to every whisper and nuance of divine response. Such persistence and attention is firm faith: an awareness that without relationship with Jesus, who is God-with-us, we remain incomplete, lost, meandering through life, struggling through the difficult days and even unable to savour the joys in the good hours. If we are not persisting in prayer, perhaps we are not convinced that God will answer us. This is a useful acknowledgement, maybe a prompt to ask Jesus to reveal clearly to us the power of prayer.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

