

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 13th July 2026

Saturday 18th July 2026



Daily Reflections

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MONDAY 13TH JULY 2026

St Henry

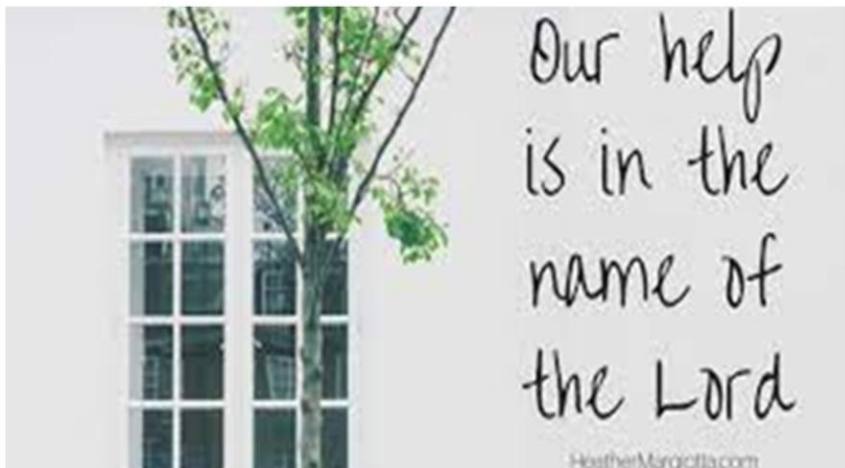
15th Week in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 1: 10-17, Psalm 49: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23. R. v. 23,

Matthew 10: 34 – 11: 1.

Reflections: We are called to trust

Anyone who follows Isaiah's injunction to search for justice and help the oppressed is also well acquainted with Jesus' warning that a disciple's enemies may be members of their own household. Faithful discipleship can come at a huge cost. Many are blessed with families who share Isaiah's vision and Jesus' mission. Some find members of their own household the greatest obstacle and the hardest cross to bear as followers of Jesus. It is not surprising then, that this is the first mention of taking up a cross in Matthe's Gospel. It is also comforting to consider that Jesus really does know what its like.



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TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2026

15th Week in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 7: 1-9, Psalm 47: 2-8. R. v 9, Matthew 11: 20-24.

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

Like the prophets, Jesus found those who had witnessed his mighty works the hardest to convert. People flocked to Jesus previously in Capernaum for healing and forgiveness, yet this did not result in complete acceptance of Jesus' message. They welcomed mercy and healing for themselves but were not prepared to reciprocate by extending the same to others. The stern words of Isaiah to the people during the reign of Ahaz as another invasion was imminent, 'if you do not stand by me, you will not stand at all; apply as much to us now as they did to the people of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum. Are we despite the many miracles we may have witnessed still reluctant to truly repent and live the Good News of Jesus Christ'.



WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2026.

St Bonaventure

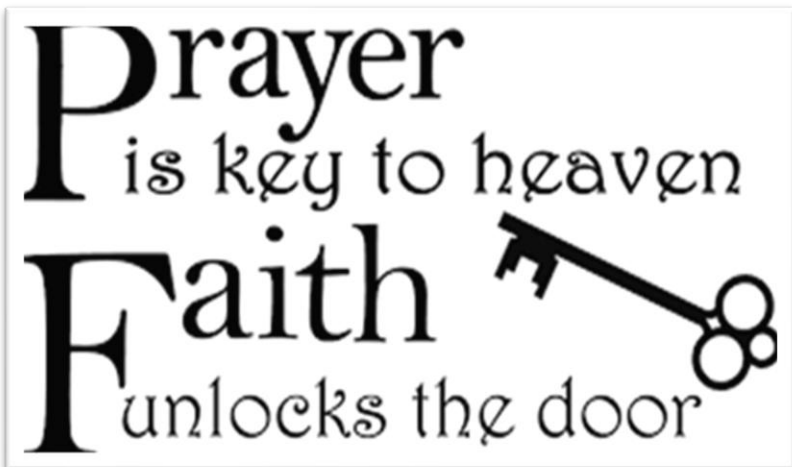
15th Week in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13-16, Psalm 93: 5-10, 14-15, R. v. 14,

Matthew 11: 25-27

Reflection: The Lord will not abandon his people.

Assyria was the most powerful nation at the time the verses of today's first reading were written. Both Judah and Israel wavered between accepting its dominance and conspiring with other nations against it. Isaiah sees Assyria's invasion both as a divinely sanctioned punishment for the people's infidelity to God, and as arrogant excess that brings a curse down on Assyria itself. Assyria, like Judah and Israel, has placed more faith in its own abilities than realising it was a mere instrument in the hand of a divine wielder. Jesus' exclamation that it is children, rather than the seemingly clever to whom the revelation is given, suggests that humility is the means by which God's will in our lives and our times can be best discovered.



THURSDAY 16th JULY 2026

15th Week in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Isaiah 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19, Psalm 101: 13 -21, R. v. 20,

Matthew 11: 28-30

Reflection: ... 'Come to me all who labour and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest'

It is as though Isaiah and Jesus are signing a duet in today's readings: Isaih declares 'my soul longs for you in the night' and Jesus responds, "I will give you rest". Isaiah is speaking from a context of war, oppression and destruction, yet painful as such experiences are, when endured in faith, it is possible to learn integrity and find peace from them. He likens them to those moments when the excruciating pains of labour are over and both newborn child and mother can rest in relief and joy. May the final lyrics of this duet, 'my yoke is easy and my burden light', be a prayerful refrain for us today.



FRIDAY 17th JULY 2026

15th Week in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 38: 1-6, 21-22, 7-8, Psalm Isaiah 38: 10-12, 16. R. cf. v. 27, Matthew 12: 1-8.

Reflection: Holy Spirit renew the face of the earth.

Hezekiah is blessed with a remedy for his illness, along with a cosmic sign to indicate that his 15-year reprieve is to further God's purpose. Jesus shows that while the Sabbath is dedicated to God, it need not deprive people of sustenance. His disciples have committed a minor infringement of the Sabbath rule on work. Their offending is trivial when compared with the far greater – but divinely approved – infraction of the law when David and his followers ate the loaves of presence while fleeing from King Saul. This is the kind of integrity in ruling that Hezekiah was to demonstrate in his reign and that we modern day disciples are also called to practise in our application of laws and regulations.



SATURDAY 18th JULY 2026

15th Week in Ordinary Time

Micah 2: 1-5, Psalm 9B: 1-4, 7-8, 14. R. v. 12, Matthew 12: 14-21.

Reflection: 'you are special to me...'

Micah's warning that covetous thoughts and evil plots recoil on the perpetrators themselves is sobering. Nurturing covetous desires and murderous intentions erodes a person's spiritual and physical health, even if such thoughts are not acted upon. As the plot against Jesus begins to gather momentum, he opts for tactical withdrawal but continues his mission undaunted. When tempted to plot evil, let Micah alert us to its due consequences. When subject to a malevolent conspiracy, may we be as tactically prudent and as undeterred as Jesus in continuing our mission.



16th Sunday in Ordinary time

