

# St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026



## Daily Reflections

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**MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

**11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

***1 Kings 21:1-16, Psalm 5:2-3, 5-7. R. v.2, Matthew 5:38-42***

***Reflections: Lord, listen to my groaning.***

The message of Jesus in today's Gospel seems at odds with human nature. Who, when they are wronged or hurt, naturally responds by turning the other cheek or giving their own coat, or going an extra mile? We can read these words of Jesus as restricting, but when we look deeper, they are freeing. When we fall into those seemingly instinctual reactions of grudge, vengeance and retaliation after being hurt, we place limits on ourselves, and on our ability to share Christ's message of love and forgiveness with those around us. Let's ask ourselves today: does my love have limits? How can I free myself up to love more deeply?



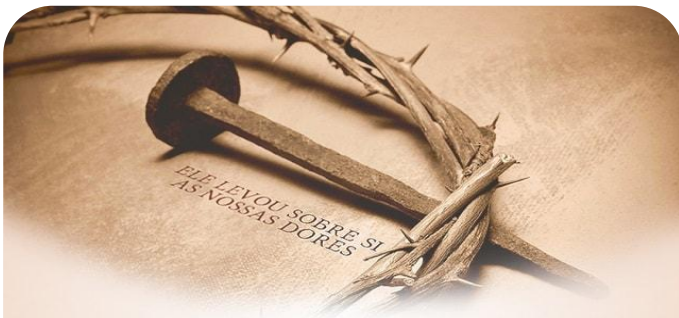
**TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

**11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**1 Kings 21: 17-29. Psalm 50:3-6, 11, 16. R. cf .v.3,  
Matthew 5: 43-48**

***Reflection: Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned.***

In today's Gospel, Jesus puts it plainly and simply: be perfect. What does it mean to be perfect? In this context, it means to love and bless those who do not love and bless me. It means that, in my heart, I should wish well those who hate me and do wrong by me. This is certainly not something I can do on my own; I need the grace of the Holy Spirit, the love that flows between God and the Father and Jesus, his son, which is poured out into my heart. Lord, help me to love others especially when I do not feel loved by them; help me to bless others, even when I do not feel blessed myself.



**But I say to you, Love your enemies,  
bless them that curse you,  
do good to them that hate you,  
and pray for them which spitefully use you,  
and persecute you;**

**Matthew 5:44**

Ματθαιου 5:44  
αγαπατε τοις εχθροις υμων  
ελεησητε τοις υβρισιζουσιν υμας και καταδιωκουσιν υμας

## WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

*2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14, Psalm 30: 20, 21, 24. R v.25,*

*Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18.*

***Reflection: Let your heart take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.***

Today, Jesus shifts away from his theme to love to explore right worship. He uses the example of the Pharisees, who performed elaborate public rituals to put their holiness on display, to tell us what we should not do. While publicly giving alms, praying, and fasting can gain us admiration from others; this is not the true reward of authentic worship. Jesus urges that whenever we pray, fast, or give to others, we should do so in such a way that our actions, and the motivations behind our actions, are directed wholly to God and not to ourselves. We are encouraged to act as a conduit by which the love of God pours out into the world.



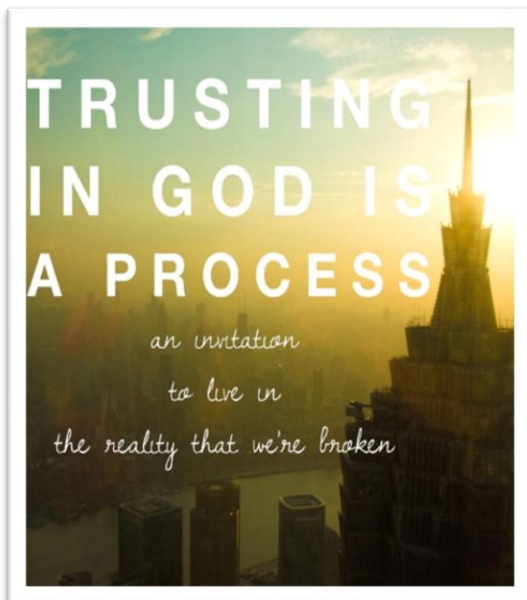
**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

**11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

*Sirach 48: 1-14, Psalm 96: 1-7, R. v. 12, Matthew 6: 7-15.*

***Reflection: Let the just rejoice in the Lord.***

When I think back to my childhood, I remember the presence of my father and how he taught me and my siblings the importance of love, generosity, work ethic and forgiveness. The prayer Jesus gives us today is steeped in his own relationship with his Father. The Aramaic word used for 'father', 'Abba', is best translated as 'Daddy' or 'Papa', a name that may surprise us with its familiarity and intimacy. We are reminded through the Lord's Prayer, that God wants us to have that close relationship with us, as a Father who loves, guides, and teaches. What is my relationship with God like? Can I come to him in childlike trust and confidence today?



**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

**11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

***2 Kings 11: 1-4, 9-18, 20, Psalm 131: 11-14, 17-18. R. v. 13,  
Matthew 6: 19-23***

***Reflection: Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.***

The words of Jesus today, express a deeper theme of his teachings: the safety, security, and happiness that comes with living according to the kingdom of God. This is counter to the pull of the world, with our fast-paced society often telling us that we need more to be fulfilled but never actually satisfying us. When our treasure is held in God's kingdom, we have all that we need, and more besides. Is my treasure in God's kingdom, or somewhere else?



**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

**11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**2 Chronicles 24: 17-25, Psalm 88: 4-5, 29-34. R. v. 29,  
Matthew 6: 24-34.**

***Reflection: For ever I will keep my love for him.***

Today's Gospel focuses on the importance of complete trust in God. Jesus uses some of the smallest elements of nature – lilies and birds – to stress the significance of complete dependence on the loving faithfulness of God. The flowers and birds seem small and unimportant, yet they allow the goodness, glory and love of God to shine. God is always faithful and loving. Where can I see God's faithful, trusting invitation in my life today.



12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary time

