

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 22nd June 2026

Saturday 27th June 2026



Daily Reflections

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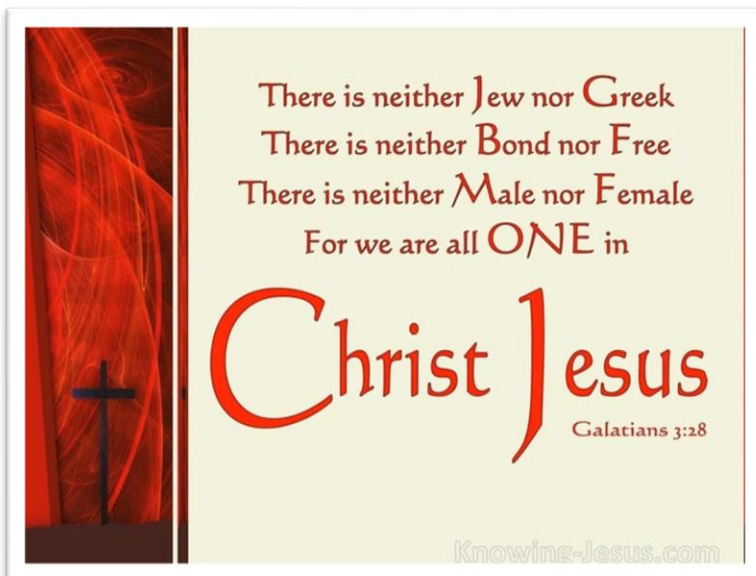
St Thomas More

12th Week in Ordinary Time

*2 Kings 17: 5-8, 13-15, 18, Psalm 59: 3-5, 12-13, R. v. 7,
Matthew 7: 1-5.*

Reflections: Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.

Can you think of a time in your life where you've judged too quickly or too harshly? These moments can prompt us to take a hard look at ourselves and our presumptions, and to think: is it really my place to judge? Jesus uses clear imagery to point out the importance of self-awareness and of refraining from judgement. It can be very easy to see the 'speck' of faults and failings of our neighbour. It can be very easy to silently think that at least we would never do or say the things others do, all while overlooking the 'log' – faults, failings and presumptions – in ourselves. God is, above all, the ultimate judge, who will judge us according to the way we have lived and loved. Is it really my place to judge others today? How can I be more self-aware.



TUESDAY 23RD JUNE 2026

12th Week in Ordinary Time

**2 Kings 19: 9-11, 14-21, 31-36. Psalm 47: 2-4, 10-11. R. cf. v. 9,
Matthew 7: 6, 12-14.**

Reflection: The just will live in the presence of the Lord'.

Today, we have one of the most famous sayings of Jesus: do unto others as you would have them do to you. These words are incredibly familiar, yet difficult to follow. It's easier to be kind to someone who is kind to us. Similarly, if someone hurts us, we could easily find ourselves tempted or driven to hurt them back. But this is not the way of Jesus who sets for us an example of generosity, love and forgiveness which forms the path to life. Pay attention to how you treat others today.



WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2026

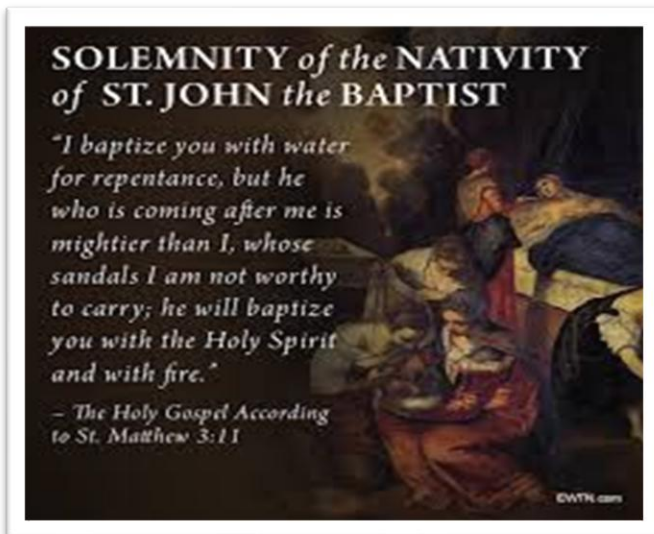
The Nativity of St John the Baptist.

12th Week in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 49: 1-6, Psalm 138: 1-3, 13-15. R. v. 14, Acts 13: 22-26,
Luke 1: 57-66, 80.*

Reflection: I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

If you've ever lost your voice, even for a short time, you'll know the frustration and isolation of not being able to talk (or even sing). Something that we rely on so heavily for communication is no longer available, and we can feel incredibly isolated. Zechariah was similarly isolated through his own speechlessness, and because of his lack of faith. But he was never abandoned by God; ; with the birth of his son, John, his faith was restored and God revealed his loving presence. Today, spend some time thinking about the times you may have struggled to believe. How has God shown his favour and presence in those moments? How has your faith been restored?



THURSDAY 25th JUNE 2026

12th Week in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 24: 8-17, Psalm 78: 1-5, 8-9, R. v. 9, Matthew 7: 21-29

Reflection: For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.

Today, Jesus says that the ones who enter the kingdom of heaven are those who do God's will. But what does it mean to do God's will? At times, it can be difficult for us to know if we are following what God is asking and desiring of us. We may get caught up in looking for signs that we are doing the right thing. Jesus calls us to be open to learning what God is asking if us, by listening to and acting on his words. Today, lets ask for the grace to work with God, expressing gratitude for his presence and changing what we need to change to be closer to him.



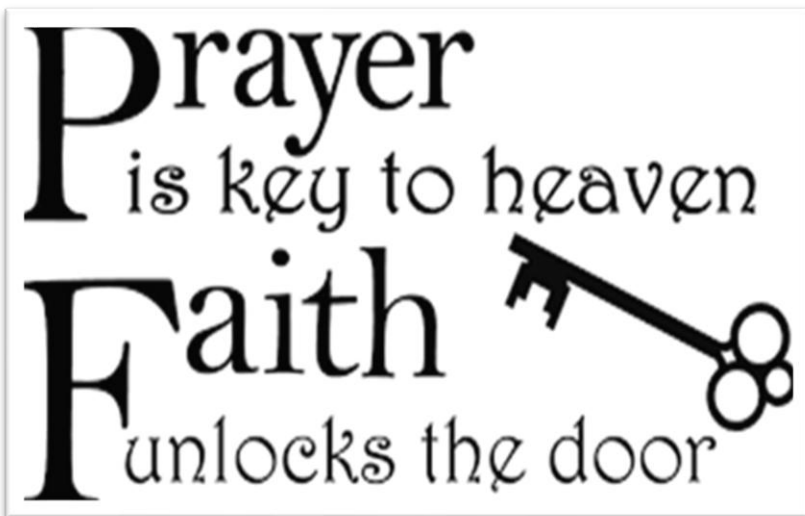
FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2026

12th Week in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 25: 1-12, 20, Psalm 136: 1-6, R. v. 6, Matthew 8: 1-4.

Reflection: We can learn that God values the least, He honours faith, and He cherishes gratitude.

Our Gospel story today reminds us that no one is unwelcome in the presence of Jesus. Lepers were forbidden to come into close contact with non-lepers. By approaching Jesus, kneeling before him and speaking to him, the leper breaks the law and social protocol. Jesus also goes against social attitudes by welcoming the leper and touching him – an action which would have shocked his on lookers. Just as Jesus loved this leper and wanted to cure him, so too does he love us and want us with him always. Today, lets pray in thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus' welcoming love.



SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2026

St Cyril of Alexandria

12th Week in Ordinary Time

*Lamentations 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19, Psalm 73: 1-7, 20-21, R. v. 19,
Matthew 8: 5-17*

Reflection: Just say the word and my soul shall be healed'.

In today's Gospel, a centurion = a Gentile and a commander of the occupying Roman force- comes to Jesus with the greatest humility and sensitivity. Jesus was not expecting this expression of faith, and he is amazed. He offers to enter the centurion's home which would have made him 'unclean' in the eyes of his followers. Jesus recognised the centurion's faith as a sign of God's presence. This Gospel story reminds us that no moment of faith is wasted, and that God answers our prayers – though perhaps not always in the ways we might expect.



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