

St. Mary of the Angels Geelong

Monday 25th May 2026

Saturday 30th May 2026



Daily Reflections

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MONDAY 25TH MAY 2026

Our Lady Help of Christians

*Sirach 4: 11-18, Psalm 112: 1-8. R. v. 2, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25,
John 19: 25-27.*

Reflections: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Under the title of Help of Christians, Mary was chosen as the Patroness of Australasia by the First Provincial Synod convened by Archbishop John Bede Polding in Sydney in 1844. The fledgling colonies needed Mary's Help at that time, as the nation does today. As we see in today's Gospel, from the cross Jesus instructs his mother to take as her children all those who belong to the community of believers (represented by the Beloved Disciple). In turn we who believe in him are urged to receive his mother, Mary, as our mother, to take her into our own homes and hearts. As we do, may we learn from the example of her life and benefit from her powerful motherly intercession.

Mary, Help of Christians Feast Day: May 24

O Mary, you love me with a Mother's heart. Just as you held your son Jesus in your arms, you hold me in your care. Help me in my need. Protect me day by day. And through your Motherly intercession, may I become ever more aware of the breath of God living within me.

*Mary, Help of Christians,
pray for us. Amen.*



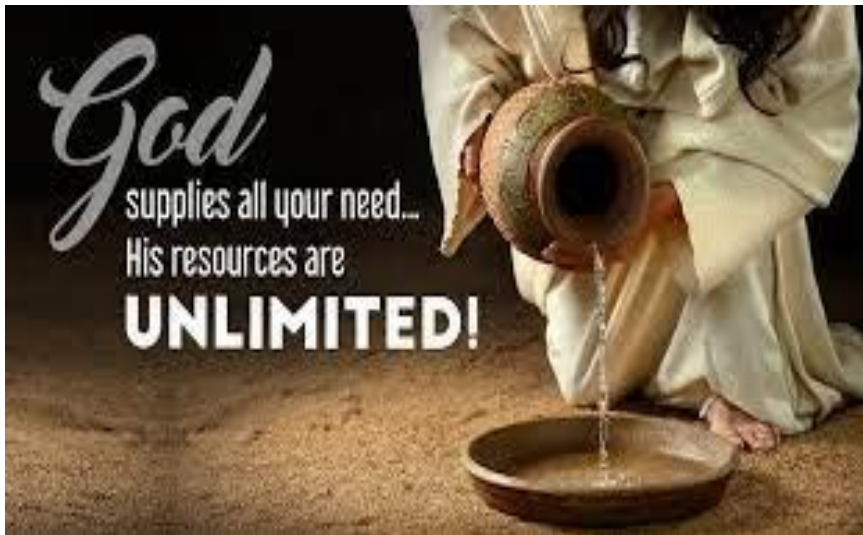
TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2026

8th Week of Ordinary Time

1 Peter 1: 10-16, Psalm 97: 1-4. R. v. 2, Mark 10: 28-31.

Reflection: The Lord has made known his salvation.

St Peter features in both our reading today, as a questioner in the Gospel and as the author of the first reading, written many years later. Peter's question in the Gospel reflects something of his youthfulness on the Christian journey: 'What about us? We have given up so much to follow you. What are we going to get out of it?' His focus is very much on himself: 'What's in it for me?' His young mind is filled with concerns; we might call them 'encumbrances'. Jesus reassures him that his generosity will be rewarded a hundred times over. The Peter we meet in the first reading is a wiser person. Certainly, there has been pain in his life but from experience he can tell his reader to 'trust in nothing but the grace of God that will be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.' Amid all his challenges he has experienced something of the hundredfold reward promised to him. Let us take his advice to heart. May encumbrances not weigh us down.



WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2026

8th Week of Ordinary Time

St Augustine of Canterbury

1 Peter 1: 18-25, Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12, Mark 10: 32-45.

Reflection: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

We can be critical of the sons of Zebedee if their intention was to be placed above the other disciples. But there is nothing wrong with being ambitious in the Christian life. Indeed, we should all strive to be as close as possible to Jesus in his kingdom. We must remember, however, that for Jesus, greatness is measured in terms of service: 'Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant.' For the Son of Man came among us not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. May we seek to serve our brothers and sisters as best we can this day.



THURSDAY 28th MAY 2026

8th Week of Ordinary Time

1 Peter 2: 2-5, 9-12, Psalm 99: 2-5. R. v. 2, Mark 10: 46-52.

Reflection: Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

The Gospels that we hear proclaimed at Mass are not just telling what happened 2000 years ago. They are not simply historical documents. No, they are God's living word to us in our present circumstances. Through them, God is saying something to us now. One way to hear this living word is to find ourselves in the Gospel stories. In today's Gospel, for instance, I believe that, in one way or another, we are all Bartimaeus, the blind beggar who wants to see. And the question Jesus asks Barimaeus in this Gospel is the question he is asking you and me this day: 'What do you want me to do for you?' Hear Jesus calling you to come to him



FRIDAY 29th MAY 2026

8th Week of Ordinary Time

St Paul VI pope

1 Peter 2:7-13, Psalm 95:10-13. R.v.13, Mark 11: 11-26

Reflection: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

I do feel sorry for the fig tree in today's Gospel. I wish that Jesus could have shown more lenience towards it, perhaps giving it another season to bear fruit. That indeed was the problem with the tree. It looked very nice, but it didn't produce any fruit. In the first reading St Peter reminds us that we have all received a special grace from God which needs to bear fruit in the loving service of others. In overturning the tables and chairs of the money changers and driving out the buyers and sellers in the temple, Jesus is seeking to overturn a style of life that simply doesn't produce fruit that will last. The next day he reminds the disciples that prayer and forgiveness are prerequisites for a fruitful life. Let us pray for the grace to bear good fruit this day.



SATURDAY 30th MAY 2026

8th Week of Easter

Jude 17, 20-25, Psalm 62: 2-6, R. v.2, Mark 11: 27-33

Reflection: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Imagine yourself walking in the Temple and meeting Jesus? What questions would you ask him? Perhaps you are confused as to why he overturned the tables of the money changers and drove out the buyers and sellers on the previous day. 'Why did you do that?', you may ask. The most important thing is to be open to listen to his answer. We can ask people questions to try to trap them, or we can ask questions, seeking understanding. We can ask with open minds or closed minds. In reply, Jesus may ask us some questions. May our answers be open and truthful. In the honest exchange, our relationship will deepen.





*Holy God, Three in One,
you are our eternal hope.....*