



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4.30pm
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Basilica Opening Hours

Monday 10am-3pm*
Tuesday - Friday 9am-3pm
Saturday-Sunday: Mass Times
Please note change of hours

MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass

10.00am Tuesday - Saturday
ROSARY recited prior to Mass

Reconciliation

After 10am Mass Saturday

Saturday

6.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday

7.30am; 9.30am; 11.00am;
12.30pm (Polish)

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays after 10am Mass

Novena to St Anthony

Tuesdays after 10am Mass

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday at 9.00am

LITURGICAL CALENDAR DATES

August 15- Assumption of Mary
August 19- St John Eudes
August 20- St Bernard
August 21- St Pius X
August 22- Queenship of Mary
August 24- St Bartholomew
August 25- St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz
August 27- St Monica

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- AUGUST 16, 2026

PARISH PRIEST

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Mercy



Reflection:

Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles. God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.



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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Parish of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong acknowledges the Waddawarrung people, the Traditional Owners and Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Liturgy of the Word

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First Reading: Isaiah 56 : 1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66: 2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)



**We warmly welcome Maeve,
Salvatore, Ayla, Sloane, Betty & Billy
into our parish family following their
Baptism this weekend!**

**Let's pray that they continue to grow in
God's love and grace throughout their lives.**

Second Reading: Romans 11: 13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



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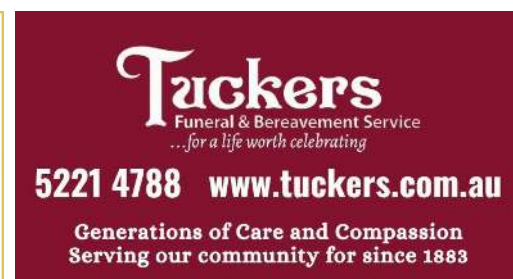
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Bulletin Notices

Due by: Thursdays at 1.00pm
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NOTICE BOARD

Archbishop Comensoli Visit

We are pleased to welcome Archbishop Comensoli to celebrate 11am Mass this Sunday.

Basilica Choir

Come and enjoy! New members are welcome to join, with practice held each Thursday evening.

A current WWCC is required. Contact Jane:

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MCP August Luncheon

The Melbourne Catholic Professionals Network brings together Catholic professionals and business leaders to discuss faith, leadership, and public service. Thu 20 Aug 2026 12pm at the RACV City Club Melbourne. events@cam.org.au

Melbourne Synod 2026 –

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Synod 2026 Synodality and mission beyond the Church: A synodal Church listens not only inwardly but outwardly, engaging respectfully with society and culture. Synodality prevents isolation: When leaders and communities walk together, no one carries the burden alone. Synodality builds shared responsibility. Papers are printed and in the Narthex for you to read and to take action. Melbourne Synod email: synod2026@cam.org.au

Lifeboat Raffle 2026

If you are wishing to purchase books for the Lifeboat raffle, please contact Lyn Howard 0422 131 144 or lynette.howard@cam.org.au.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15th August- together we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God; assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Her life of faith, humility and faithful surrender to God reminds us to trust in His love and to follow her example of saying "yes" to His will.



Fr Denis Ryan 40 Year Jubilee- Saturday 22nd August

Please join us to celebrate 40 years of Priestly Ordination for Fr Denis on Saturday 22nd August at 10am Mass. Fr Denis is a cherished member of our Parish and amongst the Geelong and Ballarat regions. Calling Geelong home for the past 10 years, Fr Denis is semi-retired and is still very actively celebrating the Sacraments and offering pastoral support at key moments in many people's lives. Fr Denis is a skilled cricket and football umpire, totalling over 20 years and when able, he enjoys the theatre.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord." (Matthew 25:23)



The Feast of Bartholomew 2026

Feast of Saint Bartholomew August 30th at 2:30pm: Holy Mass in Italian will be celebrated by Fr Sijeesh. Followed by afternoon tea in the Pioneer Room; everyone is welcome.

Festa di San Bartolomeo Giornata 30 di Agosto, alle ore 2.30pm: Ci sarà la Santa Messa in Italiano celebrata da Padre Sijeesh. Seguirà il te pomeridiano nella Pioneer Room; tutti sono i benvenuti.



St Mary of the Angels Parish Survey Report

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parish Survey in May. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) team have now read through all the responses and are working on next steps to deliver a parish planning day to build on the great suggestions and feedback we received. You can pick up a copy of the survey summary report from the Parish Office during business hours, or from the Narthex following mass during August. www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/files/2026%20Parish%20Survey%20Report%20Summary.pdf



Catholic Earthcare -Season of Creation Gathering 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act, a national online event on 3–4 September 2026. The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home.



Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

Collections- do you know the difference?

The 1st Collection goes into the Presbytery account for the support of the Priests—in appointments in our Parish and across the Diocese as well as those in retirement. 2nd Collection goes into the Parish or Church account to support the Parish activities and upkeep of all the buildings.



World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 is the 17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July – 11 August 2027). 1 year to go!!

Join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and young people from across the Archdiocese as we launch the Archdiocese of Melbourne's pilgrimage to WYD Seoul 2027. **Thursday 20 August 2026, 6.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral.**

"Take courage! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) wyd@cam.org.au.



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Next Week - August 23rd 2026:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Isaiah 22: 19-23, Romans 11: 33-36, Matthew 16: 13-20



6.00pm VIGIL

Welcomer: Tim / Samina

Commentator: Lorraine

Reader: Brendan

Main Collector: Vince

Special Ministers: Gael / Mario

AV Operator: Josh

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all who join us at St Mary's today—whether you are visiting or returning, we are grateful to share this Mass with you as one community in faith.

To receive the bulletin by email, or to suggest a notice for the weekly bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

7.30am

Welcomer: Carlo / Brett

Commentator: Lesley

Reader: Seung

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9.30am

Welcomer: Ruby / Joanne

Commentator: Geoff

Reader: Maree

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Weekly Quote:

Take courage; do not be afraid. Christ comes to us in every storm.

11.00am

Welcomer: Sarah / Liz

Commentator: Rosemary

Reader: Shirley

Main Collector: Prue

Special Ministers: Pamela / Nina / Slavica

AV Operator: Georgia

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tito Kiko, Frank Dubrovic, Mirko Miskovic, Nicole Keisler, Ghislaine Bruget, Paula Davies

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Giuseppe Vivona, Domnic Fernandes, Brigid (Bridie) Mary Stroud, Kristijan Matkovic, June Harvey, Jeffery Hollis, James & Phyllis Gebbie, Soring Sapasap, Dan Aguas, Gasperino Ficca, Darmel Fernandes, Peter Chandley

MONTH MIND: Cristina Maria Giustra, Rosaria Toto, Margarita Miguel, Virginia Pinzon Magno

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6

Children's Liturgy 11am Mass

August 16th - CLOW | August 23rd- CLOW | August 30th - CLOW

Slavica & Lizzie

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Domenica & Lina



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