



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4.30pm
Closed on Public Holidays

Basilica Opening Hours

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

***PENDING BASILICA CLOSURE: TBC**
Mon 3rd or Tues 4th August.

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 1- St Alphonsus Liguori
August 3- St Dominic
August 4- St John Vianney
August 6- Transfiguration of the Lord Feast
August 7- St Sixtus II & Companions
and St Cajetan
August 8- St Mary MacKillop

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- AUGUST 2, 2026

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God's
Generous Care



Reflection:

Nick Brodie

Jesus did not ask the crowds for identification before he fed them. He encountered need and responded generously.

Pope Leo comments on how 'Catholics are called to imbue every dimension of their existence with the charity of Christ.' As the Pope noted, 'living out the Gospel in the circumstances of daily life ... has given rise to the many benefits that the Church has provided over the years.' Advances in education, welfare, healthcare, and so on, all flow from this straightforward principle.

But none of this is done for Catholics alone. Living out the Gospel means truly seeing that every person is 'endowed with an inherent worth that calls for reverence, protection and care.' As the Pope reminds us, we all have a part to play in 'building a society in which the vulnerable, the suffering and the forgotten are always met with compassion, solidarity and love.' They do not need to be Christian before they can be helped. This, the Pope adds, especially 'includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants' who help build up the nations in which we live. 'To receive them with compassion and generosity is not only an act of charity,' he points out, 'but also a recognition of the dignity that belongs to every human person.'

(Quotes from Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the USA: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/letters/2026/06/25-lettera-anniversario-usa.html>)

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Liturgy of the Word

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First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost,
wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to
eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will
live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144: 8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)



We warmly welcome Mia, Wilhemina, Orla, Mia,
Cole, Liam, Loki & Fionn into our parish family
following their Baptisms this weekend.
Let's pray that they continue to grow in God's
love and grace throughout their lives. ✚

Second Reading: Romans 8: 35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him who
loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4: 4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that
comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where
they could be by themselves. But the people heard of
this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So
as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he
took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped
by; so send the people away, and they can go to the
villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied,
'There is no need for them to go: give them something
to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have
with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to
me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to
sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves
and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said
the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them
to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all
ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the
scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate
numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of
women and children.

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Melbourne Synod 2026 – Theme Paper Released

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Synod 2026 Dec 4th – 6th
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. synod2026@cam.org.au



Prayer for the Synod (Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

National Vocations Awareness Week: 2 - 9 August 2026

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



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Next Week - August 9th 2026:



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

1 Kings 19: 9.11-13, Romans 9: 1-5, Matthew 14: 22-33

6.00pm VIGIL

Welcomer: Maree/ Gael
Commentator: Samina
Reader: Margot
Main Collector: Vince
Special Ministers: Gael/ Mario
AV Operator: Natalia

7.30am

Welcomer: Brenda/ Monica
Commentator: Antonia
Reader: Seung-Hun
Main Collector: Glenn
Special Ministers: Margi/ Nola
AV Operator: Mareta

9.30am

Welcomer: Ruby/ Rhonda
Commentator: Maree
Reader: Peter
Main Collector: Mick
Special Ministers: Erminia/
Rhonda/ Geoff
AV Operator: Teresa

11.00am

Welcomer: Domenica/ Sarah
Commentator: Slavica (Alec)
Reader: Shirley
Main Collector: Klaus
Special Ministers: Pamela/
Slavica/ Domenica
AV Operator: Charlene

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.

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Weekly Quote:

A community grows stronger when its members care for one another.

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pauline Gilmore

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Michael 'John' Ganim, Asbjorn Hansen, Vincenzo Campanile, Diana Serra, Virgilio Spina, Ignacio & Pete Fernandez, Mary Thomson Christopher, George Kulic, Osvaldo Tarsitano, Silvestre Maca, Vilma Cioch

MONTH MIND: Catherine Hemmings, Michael Minge, Anton Maurer, Virginia Bulaon

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Gary McIlvena



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6
Children's Liturgy 11am Mass

August 2nd - CLOW | August 9th - CLOW | August 16th - CLOW | August 23rd - CLOW
Maria & Nina Maria & Neve Slavica & Lizzie Maria & Neve



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