



# 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\**

## 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

September 3- St Gregory the Great  
September 4- Spring Ember Day  
September 5- St Teresa of Kolkota  
September 8- Navidity of Mary  
September 9- St Peter Claver  
September 12- Holy Name of Mary  
September 14- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- AUGUST 30, 2026

### PARISH PRIEST

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**Social Justice  
Sunday**



## Reflection:

**Nick Brodie**

Pope Leo regularly demonstrates how it is possible to call out misbehaviour without making it about the misbehaving persons. In a world of big personalities, this Pope has a knack for keeping his focus on the issues.

Trying to stop some renegade clergy, for instance, the Pope wrote to them 'filled with Christian affection'. He did not look the other way and pretend there was no problem. Rather, he faced the issue head on in a spirit of charity. 'I plead with you', he told them, 'and ask you with all my heart: please turn back!'

Urging his readers 'to consider carefully the spiritual good of the faithful', the Pope also explained that he was praying for them 'because to tear the seamless garment of Christ is a sin of extreme gravity.' Such was the spirit in which Jesus rebuked Peter - a kind sort of blunt. Through this instance the Pope shows us the need to confront the tempters of our own age. Both 'sorrowful yet hopeful', he prayed that consciences be enlightened and hearts awakened. Whether as confronters or confronted, we do not always like confrontation - but there are times when it is good for us in the long run.

Quotes from Letter, 29 June 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/letters/2026/documents/20260629-lettera-fraternita-sanpiox.html>

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# Liturgy of the Word

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## First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me. You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62: 2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

## Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

## Gospel Acclamation: See Ephesians 1: 17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

## Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.

'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path,

because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

## Social Justice Prayer

You created every person in your image and call us to live as one human family. In a world marked by division, fear and misunderstanding, fill our hearts with the self-giving love of Christ. Teach us to see one another not as strangers or opponents, but as sisters and brothers, worthy of dignity, respect and compassion. Give us the courage to build bridges where there is distrust, to seek encounter where there is separation, and to work for justice with humility and mercy. Help us to listen with open hearts, speak with kindness, and walk together in the way of peace. May your Holy Spirit guide us to welcome the stranger, stand beside those on the margins, reject all forms of hatred and racism, and become instruments of reconciliation in our communities. Through the example of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and all the saints, strengthen us to live the Gospel through sacrifice, generosity and love, so that your light may shine through us and bring hope to our nation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Bulletin Notices

Due by: Thursdays at 1.00pm  
admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

## NOTICE BOARD

### St Mary's Christian Mediation Group

New to the Parish, this group will introduce and explore christian mediation over 6 weeks. Starting Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the Pioneer Room at 6pm. More information shared in the coming weeks or please contact the Parish Office to reserve a place.

### St Ignatius College PFA Fuel Raffle

The 'PFA \$1000 Fuel Card Raffle' is drawn on September 13th, with all money raised going towards student resources at the College  
<https://events.humanitix.com/2026-pfa-usd1000-fuel-card-raffle/tickets>

### Basilica Choir

St Mary's Basilica Choir is seeking new members. We sing at the 9:30am Sunday Mass and rehearse Thursdays at 7:30pm. Music is provided, the hymns are familiar, and no music-reading skills are needed—our conductor, Frank De Rosso, teaches everything. The choir also enjoys a friendly social side, often sharing supper at rehearsals.  
We'd love you to join us.

### Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to Tricia O'Keeffe for her dedication to running Faith and Light at St Mary's each month. Tricia creates a warm and welcoming environment for everyone and always treats us to a delicious afternoon tea.

## The Feast of Bartholomew 2026

Feast of Saint Bartholomew - THIS Sunday: 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 tè pomeridiano nella Pioneer Room; tutti sono i benvenuti.



## St Mary's RCIA 2026-2027

Are you, a family member or friend considering becoming Catholic? Then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the pathway. St Mary's Parish RCIA for 2026-27 begins at the start of October. Please email our RCIA Coordinator, Kevin Mark [kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au) for further information or to register your interest. We'd love to have you join us for the journey!



## 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering)

## Father and Son Weekend

Growing Good Men is a weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons. The goal of this program is to encourage and equip fathers and sons alike to strengthen their relationship, all while exploring important topics about growing into manhood. We have specifically designed this two-night weekend for fathers or significant male role models and teenage boys in high school, between years 7-10 (12-16 years old).

Fri 11 Sept — Sun 13 Sept : CYC Forest Edge · Neerim East VIC  
<https://cycitd.venue360.me/event/app?eventNumber=40#/landing>



## Annual Blessing for Pets

All are welcome to attend Lumen Christi- 72-78 Kensington Rd Leopold with their loved animal/s for a blessing Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. Refreshments for pets and owners will be available!



## Global Week of 24-7 Prayer 2026



From 6-13 September 2026, you're invited to the global Church to pray non-stop in every nation on earth in an event called the Global Week of Prayer. We sense God's invitation to unite together to lift up the name of Jesus. For more information: <https://24-7prayer.au/events>

Sunday September 13 2026, 3pm  
Sacred Heart Chapel, Retreat Road, Newtown

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Next Week - September 6th 2026 : FATHER'S DAY!



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Ezekiel 33: 7-9, Romans 13: 8-10, Matthew 18: 15-20

### 6.00pm VIGIL

**Welcomer:** Samina  
**Commentator:** Caroline  
**Reader:** Margot  
**Main Collector:** Vince  
**Special Ministers:** Gael / Mario  
**AV Operator:** Josh

### 7.30am

**Welcomer:** Glenn / Carlo  
**Commentator:** Antonia  
**Reader:** Corinne  
**Main Collector:** Carlo  
**Special Ministers:** Annette / Nola  
**AV Operator:** Jack

### 9.30am

**Welcomer:** Ruby / Rhonda  
**Commentator:** Maree  
**Reader:** Geoff  
**Main Collector:** Mick  
**Special Ministers:** Vicki/ Erminia/  
Ann  
**AV Operator:** Marcia

### 11.00am

**Welcomer:** Liz / Sarah  
**Commentator:** Linda  
**Reader:** Santina  
**Main Collector:** Michael  
**Special Ministers:** Domenica /  
Nina / Lina  
**AV Operator:** Joan

## 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](mailto:admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

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### Weekly Quote:

**"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."  
— Mahatma Gandhi**



### As a community, we pray for:

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Ida De Angelis, Ivan Spoljaric Snr, Dulcie Naughtin, Francisco Arias Snr, Damiano Fazio, Shaun Treffry, Gabriella 'Elly' Baré

**MONTH MIND:** Pauline Gilmore

**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 30<sup>th</sup> - CLOW | September 6<sup>th</sup> - CLOW | September 13<sup>th</sup> - CLOW  
Domenica & Lizzie Ella & Kerry



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