



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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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 8- St Mary of the Cross
August 10- St Lawrence
August 11- St Clare
August 12- St Jane Frances de Chantal
August 13- Ss Pontian & Hippolytus
August 14- St Maximilian Kolbe
August 15- Assumption of Mary
August 19- St John Eudes

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - AUGUST 9, 2026

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Trust the Lord



Reflection:

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Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.



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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: 1 Kings 19: 9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84: 9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Parish Prayer

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, bless the community of Geelong and look over all the people who are part of our Parish Community of St Mary of the Angels. May we continue to live like you and your Son Jesus in the spirit of justice, love and peace. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 129: 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



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Bulletin Notices

Due by: Thursdays at 1.00pm
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NOTICE BOARD

Fr Jim and Fr Vinoth will be attending the annual Clergy Conference this week and will return in time for the weekend Masses. We thank Fr Sijeesh and Fr Hudson for celebrating our 10.00am Masses from Tuesday to Friday during their absence. Please keep Fr Jim and Fr Vinoth in your prayers as they gather with their brother priests for this important time of prayer, formation and fellowship.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15th August: 10am Mass

Please join us on this Holy Day of Obligation.
Please note that Reconciliation will not be held.

Archbishop Comensoli Visit

We are pleased to welcome Archbishop Comensoli to celebrate 11am Mass on Sunday 23rd August.
All are welcome to attend.

Thank you

A sincere thank you to our dedicated collection counters who faithfully give their time each week. Your quiet service, care, and integrity in supporting this important parish ministry are greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity.

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.



Pope Leo's Intention for August - 'For evangelization in the city.'

'Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.' <https://www.popesprayer.va/>



Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.



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



Melbourne Catholic Professionals 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 – 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.
Melbourne Synod email: synod2026@cam.org.au



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).
"Take courage! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).



Music at the Basilica

Friday August 14 2026, 7.30pm
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Next Week - August 16th 2026:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Isaiah 56: 1.6-7, Romans 11: 13-15. 29-32, Matthew 15: 21-28



6.00pm VIGIL

Welcomer: Samina / Maree

Commentator: Caroline

Reader: Januk

Main Collector: Vince

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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: Brenda / Brett

Commentator: Corinne

Reader: Terry

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9.30am

Welcomer: Anna / David

Commentator: Rhonda

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Maree

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HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS:
Every Thursday at 11.30am

Weekly Quote:

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

11.00am

Welcomer: Ivan & Carlo

Commentator: Maria !!

Reader: Santina

Main Collector: Prue

Special Ministers: Georgia / Linda

/ Barbara

AV Operator: Ella

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stanislaw 'Stan' Strzelecki, Ray Ambrose, Eugene Bratanavicius, Michael Joseph Virgona

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Max McGinley, Salvatore Costa, Daniel Patrick O'Keefe, Yolande Bonnefin, John Joseph Sheridan, Angelina Trentino

MONTH MIND: Sr Aileen Moloney RDM, Sr Carmel O'Dwyer RSM, John Kelly, Catherine Moon, Lennard Makowski, Vincent Solerno, Giuseppa Severino

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Shirleigh Quarrell, Marie Claire



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6

Children's Liturgy 11am Mass



August 9th - CLOW | August 16th - CLOW | August 23rd - CLOW | August 30th - CLOW
Maria & Neve Slavica & Lizzie Maria & Neve Domenica & Lina



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