



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- JULY 19, 2026

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Let them grow
together until
the harvest.



Reflection:

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'The Gospel', Pope Leo says, 'resounds where peoples meet.' Exclusion is not Christ's way – encounter is.

The Gospel 'falls silent,' the Pope warns, 'when each person makes him or herself an island, avoiding contact and cutting off exchange.' We must never presume another person to be darnel, unworthy to be counted among us. Individuals and groups may exclude themselves from the Church, but we are not called to exclude them. 'There is no love of God without love of neighbour,' the Pope reminds us, 'and there is no neighbour if I do not draw near.' We are called to help the wayward and lost, not reject them. This also applies at a societal level, regarding those with beliefs or cultures different from our own. 'It is time,' the Pope states emphatically, 'to recognise and affirm that religious affiliation must never become a reason for discrimination.' The Pope implores us all to 'give spiritual, cultural, legal, political and economic expression to the civilisation of love.'

We might not all be lawmakers, but we can take up this call. 'The parish, in particular,' the Pope added, 'should be a community where, guided by the Gospel, we learn to welcome, accompany and integrate one another in a spirit of communion.'

(Quotes from Homily at Lampedusa, 4 July 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260704-lampedusa-messa.html>)

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

July 20- St Apollinaris

July 21- St Lawrence of Brindisi

July 22- St Mary Magdalene

July 25- Feast St James

July 29- Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

July 30- St Peter Chrysologus



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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

First Reading: Wisdom 12: 13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85: 5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound
of my voice. (R.)

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify
your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who
alone are God. (R.)

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to
anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take
pity on me. (R.)

**We warmly welcomed Samuel, Christian
and Kariel into our parish family
following their Baptism last weekend.**

**This weekend we welcome Paddy,
Louise, Josephine, Willow and
Maximiliaan! Let's pray that they
continue to grow in God's love and grace
throughout their lives. ✝**



Second Reading: Romans 8: 26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when
we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the
Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could
never be put into words, and God who knows everything
in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and
that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are
according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11: 25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good
seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy
came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off.
When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel
appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and
said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your
field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some
enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants
said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he
said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you
might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till
the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the
reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to
be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

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NOTICE BOARD

Thank you

A huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our parish survey this past May. We are deeply grateful for your valuable insights and your shared dedication to our parish community. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been reading the responses, and we look forward to sharing a report on the findings with you very soon. Once released, the report will be available to read digitally on our website, and physical hard copies will also be placed in the Narthex for you to take home.

Calling All Singers! 🎵

Do you enjoy singing? We're looking for singers to join our Basilica Choir. No previous experience is needed—just a love of music and a willing heart! If you'd like to give it a try, simply come up to the choir gallery on Sunday morning before 9.30am Mass on any Sunday morning, and introduce yourself to our choir director, Frank De Rosso. You can join the choir in singing the hymns at Mass on that morning to experience the joy of contributing to the liturgy with music and song. All are welcome!

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World Day of Grandparents and Elderly

We will celebrate World Day of Grandparents and Elderly 2026 next Sunday- July 26th. Grandparents and Seniors are invite to join us for a light morning tea! This occasion allows us to recognise and give thanks for the wisdom, faith, experience, and countless contributions that our older parishioners bring to our Parish. All are encouraged to invite their grandchildren and great-grandchildren to attend Mass and Tea. Together, we can share stories, friendship, and celebrate the important role that older generations play in enriching our lives, our parish, and our world. Morning Tea will be held in The Hibernian Room from 10.30am.



Melbourne Synod 2026

The purpose of the Synod is to help shape the evangelical and missionary priorities for the Archdiocese of Melbourne for the years ahead. Our consultation will focus on the three themes identified by the Archbishop: · Young Discipleship · Missionary Leadership · Formation and Participation. Three theme papers have been prepared to assist in focusing on the themes. It may be helpful to suggest that the papers are read prior to the consultation meeting/s. The purpose of the papers is to provoke thinking and encourage feedback responses. Melbourne Synod 2026 theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination - trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code with is at the end of each paper. Theme papers can be found: https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/media/2026/next-steps-for-the-melbourne-synod/DiscernmentThemes_MissionaryLeadership_Synod2026.pdf
https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/media/2026/next-steps-for-the-melbourne-synod/DiscernmentThemes_Formation-Participation_Synod2026.pdf



Cordis—A Night for Young Adults

Join young adults (over 18) from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne for an evening of good food, meaningful conversation with a guest speaker, prayer and community. At Cordis, find new friends, explore your faith and encounter God in a new and real way. Sunday 26 July: 6.30pm–9.30pm at St Christopher's Parish Syndal, Glen Waverley. <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/cordis-a-night-for-young-adults#:~:text=proclaim%40cam.org.au>



Sycamore @ St Mary's

The parish Sycamore course is now underway, but you are still welcome to join if you missed the first week. Each Sycamore session features a short film about a key aspect of Catholic faith and life, serving as the launching point for reflection and discussion in small groups. Sycamore @ St Mary's will continue each Tuesday at 7.00 pm until 15 Sept., in the Pioneer Room (upstairs), St Mary's Parish Centre, 150 Yarra Street. For further information or to register see the Parish website: <https://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/sycamore>

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Next Week - July 26th 2026:



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

1 Kings 3: 5. 7-12, Romans 8: 28-30, Matthew 13: 44-46

6.00pm VIGIL

Commentator: Gael

Reader: Brendan

Special Ministers: Margot/ Vicki

Welcomer: Samina/ Tim

Main Collector: Vince

AV Operator: Natalia

7.30am

Commentator: Lesley

Reader: Corinne

Special Ministers: Glenn/ Nola/
Annette

Welcomer: Carlo/ Brett

Main Collector: Glenn

AV Operator: Barry

9.30am

Commentator: Maree

Reader: Peter

Special Ministers: Erminia/ Geoff/
Marita

Welcomer: Ruby/ Rhonda

Main Collector: Mick

AV Operator: Dominic

11.00am

Commentator: Maria

Reader: Alec

Special Ministers: Pamela/
Slavica/ Domenica

Welcomer: Ivan/ Karlo

Main Collector: Prue

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.

Friday August 14 2026, 7.30pm
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Weekly Quote:

"Trust God's timing; His grace is always at work."

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Giuseppa Severino, Rosaria Toto, Cristina Giustra, Margarita Miguel, Virginia Pinzon Magno

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Jaun Torre, Giuseppina Pirera, Giuseppe and Antonetta Ficca, Gaspare Ficca, Mary Turner, Bonifacia Salapa, Colin William, Maurice Rolfs, Diny (Denis) and Mary E Moriarty, Margaret Keogh, Robert (Bob) James Stroud, Grietje (Margaret) Vahland, Assunta Virgona, Eduardo Cortez, Mary McMahon

MONTH MIND: Graziano Marruso, Philomena Carvalho

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Ricki-Lee Rundle



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6

Children's Liturgy 11am Mass

July 19th - CLOW | July 26th - CLOW | August 2nd - CLOW | August 9th - CLOW

Ella & Kerry

Domenica & Lina

Maria & Nina

Maria & Neve



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