



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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Basilica Opening Hours

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

***PENDING BASILICA CLOSURE: TBC**
Mon 27th or Tues 28th July.

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 25- Feast St James
July 26- Sts Joachim And Anne
July 29- Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus
July 30- St Peter Chrysologus
July 31- St Ignatius of Loyola
August 1- St Alphonsus Liguori

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- JULY 26, 2026

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Reflection: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

"I will not forget you" (Isaiah 49:15) is the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, which this year will take place on Sunday, July 26. According to a Feb. 10 statement from the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family, and Life, the verse chosen by the Holy Father "is meant to emphasize how God's love for every person never fails, not even in the frailty of old age." Taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the theme also aims to be "a message of comfort and hope for all grandparents and the elderly," especially those who live alone or feel forgotten.

The Vatican dicastery emphasized that it is also an invitation to families and ecclesial communities not to forget the elderly and to recognize in them "a precious presence and a blessing." World Grandparents' Day was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021 and is celebrated every fourth Sunday of July. It is an opportunity to show the elderly the closeness of the Church and to value their contribution to families and communities.

This year, the date coincides with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the maternal grandparents of Jesus Christ, on Sunday, July 26, and the Holy Father invited everyone to celebrate the day with a Eucharistic liturgy in the cathedral church of their diocese.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/grandparents/documents/20260615-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

Source: <https://ewtnvatican.com/articles/pope-leo-xiv-theme-world-day-grandparents-elderly-2026>

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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 3: 5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118: 57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)



We warmly welcome Aira, Phoenix, Ruby, Zed, Charlie, Taj, Bowie & Arthur 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: 28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son. We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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: 44-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Prayer for the Seniors-

Lord, our God. You have given the elderly in our Parish, the grace to maintain their hope in you through all life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. We bless you for the gifts you have showered on them for so many years. We ask that they may find joy in a renewed strength of spirit, that they may have good health, and that they may inspire us by the example of their serene way of life. Amen

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Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to our Piety Stall volunteers for your generous service. Your friendly advice and assistance in providing religious goods is a meaningful service to our parish community.

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70th Anniversary Celebration Dinner - 28th August at Truffleduck, Fyansford at 6pm.

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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!

World Day of Grandparents and Elderly

Grandparents and Seniors are invite to join us for a light morning tea this Sunday from 10.30am . 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. Together, we can share stories, friendship, and celebrate the important role that older generations play in enriching our lives, our Parish and our world. Held in The Hibernian Room from 10.30am.



Vocations Expo

The Melbourne Vocations Office and ACU Campus Ministry are hosting a Vocations Expo on Saturday 1 August 2026. They are honoured to welcome Archbishop Peter Comensoli as their keynote speaker, alongside speakers representing Catholic Religious Orders, the Diocesan Priesthood, and married life. The event is open to all ages; however, attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event is free to attend, but registrations are required.



Sycamore @ St Mary's

The parish Sycamore course is now underway, but you are still welcome to join if you missed the first few weeks. 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>

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. Lyn is able to write out the books for you, post them out, or arrange pick up from the Parish Office.



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Isaiah 55: 1-3, Romans 8: 35. 37-39, Matthew 14: 13-21

6.00pm VIGIL

Welcomer: Tim / Samina

Commentator: Lorraine

Reader: Jude

Main Collector: Vince

Special Ministers: Vicki / Margot

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: Monica / Nola

Commentator: Lesley

Reader: Terry

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9.30am

Welcomer: Anna / Joanne

Commentator: Rhonda

Reader: Ruby

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ST JOHN OF GOD **HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS:** Every Thursday at 11.30am
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Weekly Quote:

Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face, from the first instance of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth.

- Pope Leo XIV

11.00am

Welcomer: Prue / Liz

Commentator: Rosemary

Reader: Santina

Main Collector: Klaus

Special Ministers: Sarah/Liz/ Nina

AV Operator: Georgia

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paolo Surdich

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Doug Hood, Chaiel Balcombe, Antun, Anica & Augustin Frlan, Michael Hewitt, Carmelo 'Charlie' Vella, Jadwiga Kornacki

MONTH MIND: Antonino Sorbera, Martha Demopoulos, Patrick Chandley, Diana Santospirito

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Aoife Sully, Norm Read



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6

Children's Liturgy 11am Mass

July 26th - CLOW | August 2nd - CLOW | August 9th - CLOW | August 16th - CLOW |
Domenica & Lina Maria & Nina Maria & Neve Slavica & Lizzie



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