



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- JUNE 21, 2026

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Have no fear!

### Parish Office Hours

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

June 22- Ss John Fisher & Thomas More  
June 23- St Paulinus of Nola  
June 24- Nativity of John the Baptist  
June 27- St Cyril of Alexandria  
June 29- Ss Peter and Paul



### Reflection:

Fear is something every one of us experiences. We fear the unknown, the possibility of rejection, the pain of loss, and even the weight of living as true disciples of Christ. Yet into all these very human worries, Jesus speaks a steady and loving word: "Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." He does not say this because life is simple or predictable, but because God is close—closer than we often realize.

Jesus reminds His disciples that the Father knows them so intimately that even the hairs on their heads are counted. This is not just a comforting image; it is a profound truth about God's heart. His care for us is personal, constant, and unwavering. Nothing in our lives escapes His attention, and nothing we carry is carried alone.

This Sunday's Gospel also calls us to a renewed boldness in our faith. Following Christ is not a private hobby—it is a way of life meant to be lived with openness and conviction. Jesus invites us to speak His truth with love, to stand firm when our faith is tested, and to trust that God will strengthen us when the world pushes back. Christian courage is not loud or forceful; it is the quiet, steady confidence that comes from knowing we are held securely in God's hands.

As we reflect this week, we are invited to bring our fears into the light of God's presence. When we entrust them to Him, fear loses its grip, and faith begins to shape our choices, our words, and our witness. May this Gospel encourage us to walk more confidently with Christ, trusting that wherever He leads, His grace goes before us and His love surrounds us.



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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: Jeremiah 20: 10-13

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me- "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

## Responsorial Psalm:

**Ps 68: 8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14**

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

## Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-15

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

## Gospel Acclamation: John 15: 26. 27

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## Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew-*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



## Viqueque Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the many blessings given to us, living here in Australia. Through Jesus, we are all members of one Body. Grant your protection and favour to the parishioners of our partner parish of Mary Immaculate in Viqueque.

May we always be alert to the ways we can assist them, and be generous in sharing what we have with our sisters and brothers in Viqueque.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Bulletin Notices

Due by: Thursdays at 1.00pm  
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## NOTICE BOARD

### Cafe Light

We are delighted to announce that Café Light will be open between 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Located at The Hibernian Room.

Sacred Heart College staff and student volunteers will be there to serve lovely treats and tea/coffee.

The cost per serve is \$5.00.

All donations from the Café go to Viqueque

### Thanksgiving Envelopes

Please ensure that you collect your Thanksgiving Envelopes before 1<sup>st</sup> July

### Basilica Choir

Come and enjoy! New members are welcome to join, with practice held in the Sodalities Room each Thursday evening.

For more details, please email Jane:

[jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)

### World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day 2026 on 20th June, reminded us to pause and reflect on the many stories of people who had been displaced from their homes. It invites us to hold their journeys in our thoughts and prayers and to continue fostering compassion and understanding.

### Thank you

A warm thank-you to all the dedicated helpers who arrange the Basilica flowers each week.

You help to keep our Parish looking lovely.

## Pope's prayer intention for June 2026: For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



Pope Leo's video message for June can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvBvVhr7qil>

## St Vincent De Paul- WINTER COLLECTION

We kindly request your support by donating clean winter clothes, blankets and other essential items. These donations can be left in the Church foyer. Cash Donations may be placed in labelled envelopes in the weekend Collections until end of June. Your ongoing support is appreciated.





**Clonard 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner**

Reconnect, reminisce and raise a glass to 70 wonderful years. Join our community for a very special 70th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, held at Truffleduck.

Enjoy canapés, a delicious sit-down dinner and a sweet finale with Clonard alumni, past and current staff, families and the extended Clonard community. This milestone celebration is more than a dinner; it's a chance to honour our history, celebrate our achievements, and look ahead to Clonard's exciting future.

28 AUGUST 2026 | 6.00-10.00PM  
TRUFFLEDUCK, FYANSFORD

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**Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

We gather as one in Christ – celebrating the deep faith, culture, and gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. Find resources for your Parish at [www.natsec.org.au](http://www.natsec.org.au)



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## Sycamore@St Mary's

This year St Mary's Parish is offering the Sycamore course. Sycamore is an informal course about the Catholic faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each Sycamore session features a short film about a key aspect of Catholic faith and life, serving as the launching point for reflection, sharing, and discussion in small groups.

**Sycamore@St Mary's** begins- 14 July and will continue each week until 15 Sept. Tuesday evenings (7.00 pm to around 8.45 pm) in The Pioneer Room (upstairs) at St Mary's Parish Centre, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong.

For further information or to register see the Parish website or use the QR code to register.



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**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings**

2 Kings 4: 8-11. 14-16, Romans 6: 3-4. 8-11, Matthew 10: 37-42

**6.00pm VIGIL**

**Commentator:** Gael  
**Reader:** Januk  
**Special Ministers:** Gael/ Trish  
**Welcomer:** Maree  
**Main Collector:** Vince  
**AV Operator:** Natalia

**7.30am**

**Commentator:** Barry  
**Reader:** Lesley  
**Special Ministers:** Annette/ Margi  
**Welcomer:** Carlo  
**Main Collector:** Glenn  
**AV Operator:** Antonia

**9.30am**

**Commentator:** Marita  
**Reader:** Peter  
**Special Ministers:** Rhonda/ Ann/ Erminia  
**Welcomer:** Anna  
**Main Collector:** Geoff  
**AV Operator:** Teresa

**11.00am**

**Commentator:** Slavica  
**Reader:** Santina  
**Special Ministers:** Pamela/ Linda/ Domenica  
**Welcomer:** Prue  
**Main Collector:** Klaus  
**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:**

**"Courage grows when we remember that God is always near."**

**As a community, we pray for:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tamara Finnen, Joseph Topolcsanyi, Philomena Carvalho

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Vin Mathieson, John Richard Day (Qld), Damiano Costa, Alyssa Marie Cababat, Jarrod Mills, Ted McFarlane, Jack Hose, Zoe Kennedy, Dorothy O'Keeffe, Sr Fatimafcc, Cefar Mata

**MONTH MIND:** Dr Kevin Shannon, Roger Maurer

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** Ian Wolfe



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]**

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

**NO CLOW UNTIL TERM 3.**

**We look forward to seeing you then!**



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