



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- JUNE 28, 2026

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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 29- Ss Peter and Paul
July 3- St Thomas Feast
July 4- St Elizabeth of Portugal
July 6- St Maria Goretti
July 9- St Augustine Zhao Rong
July 11- St Benedict
July 13- St Henry

Reflection:

Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood.

Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

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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: 2 Kings 4: 8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88: 2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6: 3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.



Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2: 9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.

Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



We warmly welcomed George, Roman, Levi and Percival into our parish family following their Baptism last weekend. This weekend we welcome Mya, Eleanor and Luca! Let's pray that they continue to grow in God's love and grace throughout their lives. †

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Holy Spirit Church Manifold Heights is running a free Children's Retreat on Friday 3rd July 10-12.30. Grades 3-7. Book at:
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Vinnies- 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.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

Please ensure that you collect your Thanksgiving Envelopes before 1st 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

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.

Eucharistic Congress 2028- SYDNEY

Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, an extraordinary global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Pilgrims from around the world will come together in worship, reflection, and celebration, united by a shared faith and a mission to carry Christ into the world. Over the coming months we will share Eucharist Prayers and information. For regular updates, register at eucharist28.org.



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"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all"

1Thess. 3:12



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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 5th July

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Next Week - July 5th 2026 :



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Zechariah 9: 9-10, Romans 8: 9.11-13, Matthew 11: 25-30

6.00pm VIGIL

Commentator: Margot
Reader: Trish
Special Ministers: Gael/ Trish
Welcomer: Samina/ Tim
Main Collector: Vince
AV Operator: Josh

7.30am

Commentator: Corinne
Reader: Antonia
Special Ministers: Annette/ Margi
Welcomer: Brenda/ Carlo
Main Collector: Carlo
AV Operator: Jack

9.30am

Commentator: Geoff
Reader: Jennifer
Special Ministers: Vicki/ Barbara/ Erminia
Welcomer: Anna/ David
Main Collector: Geoff
AV Operator: Dominic

11.00am

Commentator: Alec
Reader: Pamela
Special Ministers: Domenica/ Liz/ Linda
Welcomer: Domenica/ Neve
Main Collector: Klaus
AV Operator: Georgia

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

"Even a cup of kindness echoes in eternity."

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Graziano Marruso, Antonino Sorbera, Catherine Hemmings, Martha Demopoulos
CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Vincenzo Gagliardi, Judith Hayes, Pat Carroll, Herbert Joyce, Patrick Tobin, John Cummins, Alan Eadie, Greg Lee, Mary DiGiovanni
MONTH MIND: Julia Gardner, Neale Daniher
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

NO CLOW UNTIL TERM 3.

We look forward to seeing you then!



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