



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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PENTECOST SUNDAY- YEAR A - MAY 24, 2026

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Come Holy Spirit



Reflection:

by Nick Brodie

The Church, Pope Leo XIV reminds us, is more than an institution. It is 'mystery made perceptible.'

This mystery is not an unsolvable problem, but an indescribable reality. As the Pope explains, we experience the mysterious workings of Jesus' call to unity 'first of all in the assembly gathered for the liturgical celebration.' Our act of gathering, the Pope understands, 'is experienced as an attraction exerted by the cross of Christ, which is the supreme manifestation of God's love. It is feeling called together by God.'

Christ's summoning of us is therefore a sign of his presence among us. As the Pope elaborates, it is in our assembling for worship that 'differences are relativised, and what counts is being together because we are drawn by the Love of Christ.' Indeed, we thereby become a sign to the world that Jesus 'broke down the wall of separation between people and social groups.'

'The condition of humanity is one of fragmentation that human beings are unable to repair,' the Pope points out, 'even though the tendency towards unity dwells in their heart.' Our liturgical celebrations, therefore, are moments where 'Jesus Christ's action enters into this condition, and through the Holy Spirit, he overcomes the powers of division.' This is the mystery of his presence, still working among us.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4.30pm
Closed on Public Holidays

BASILICA CLOSED - Monday 25 May

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

May 25- Our Lady, Help of Christians
May 26- St Philip Neri



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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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Sequence:

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in us will stay;
All our good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless they are under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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Bulletin Notices

Due by: Thursdays at 1.00pm
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Feedback Month – Parish Survey (1–31 May)

As part of Feedback Month, parishioners are invited to complete a short survey to share their experience of connection within our Parish. Your feedback will help guide the Parish Pastoral Council as we plan for the future and continue building a welcoming and connected community. The survey is open from 1 May to 31 May and takes only a few minutes to complete.

There are several ways to take part:

- Scan the QR code provided
- Access the survey via the Parish website
- Collect a hard copy from the Narthex after Mass,

or from the Parish Office before May 31. Please return to the basket in the Narthex or the Parish Office. Your feedback is important to us.



Bishop Martin Ashe Episcopal Parish Visit 2026

Bishop Martin Ashe will be visiting our Parish next weekend- Friday 29th May to Sunday 31st May. Bishop Martin will be attending Masses, visiting hospitals, meeting with Parish schools and also spending time with the parishioners of St Mary's. All are welcome to attend the Parishioners Open Forum with Bishop Martin at 11am on Saturday May 30th held in the Pioneer Room. We encourage all parishioners to extend a warm welcome and keep him in our prayers.

Corpus Christi Procession 2026

You are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession as the Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully journeys with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Walk on Sunday June 7, 2pm from St Patrick's Cathedral to Federation Square. More information at proclaim@cam.org.au

Project Compassion 2026

Thank you for your generous donation to the Project Compassion Appeal for 2026. Through your kindness and support, our Parish has raised an impressive total of \$4,721. Your generosity reflects the compassion of our Parish community, and we are deeply grateful for every contribution.

World Mission Rosary 2026

Catholic Mission is inviting everyone to join daily online Rosary prayer session throughout May. Sessions will run Monday to Friday 1–31 May, from 2pm to 3pm. Join a prayer session via Teams at tinyurl.com/RosaryPrayer26

Thanksgiving Envelopes: 2025/2026 Financial Year

Please collect your allocated Thanksgiving Envelopes from the Narthex. We appreciate your help as it saves the Parish valuable funds not having to post them out.

Basilica Choir

Come and enjoy! New members are welcome to join, with practice held in the Sodalities Room each Thursday evening. A current WWCC is required. Contact Jane: jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

NOTICE BOARD

Faith and Life- Geelong Community

Christian sharing for those with a disability, their families and friends. You are invited to the next gathering on Tuesday May 26th, 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Celebrating Pentecost with friendship, faith, music and afternoon tea. RSVP to Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267 by May 25th.
www.faihandlight.org

Fundraiser for Meredith Parish

An afternoon of Music, Dance & Fellowship to raise funds for the Parish Office and Mission Centre.

Sunday May 31st, 12-5pm at the Lara Hall (1A Flinders Ave, Lara). Tickets \$20.
Contact St Joseph's Parish 5286 1230

Annual Parish Mass Count

We thank all that have assisted in the Parish Mass Count. This weekend is the last required count: 23 & 24 May.

Bulletin

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The Most Holy Trinity : Readings

Exodus 34: 4-6. 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; John 3: 16-18

6.00pm VIGIL

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

7.30am

Commentator: Lesley
Reader: Barry
Special Ministers: Nola / Margi
Welcomer: Brenda
Main Collector: Carlo
AV Operator: Keith

9.30am

Commentator: Peter
Reader: Maree
Special Ministers: Vicki/ Maree/ Ann
Welcomer: Rhonda
Main Collector: Geoff
AV Operator: Marcia

11.00am

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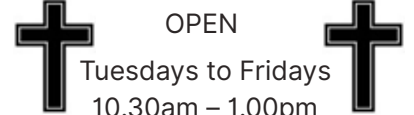
A warm welcome to all who join us at St Mary's today—whether you are visiting or returning, we are grateful to share this Mass with you as one community in faith.

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Weekly Quote:

Let courage lead you, joy fill you, and love guide all you do.
-Anonymous

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dr Kevin Shannon, Roger Maurer

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Giovanna Campanile, Joseph Virgona, Laudadio Antonietta, Emilio Callegher, Nila de Leon, Harold Stewart, Margaret Featherston, Lyn O'Keeffe, Bricka Smith, Nell Cummins, Catherine O'Rourke, Thomas Boyd

MONTH MIND: Mary Keating, Dennis Willey

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

May 24th - CLOW | May 31st- CLOW | June 7th- CLOW | June 14th - CLOW



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