



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - MAY 3, 2026

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Reflection: Leo's Lens

Nick Brodie

The Church, as Pope Leo XIV puts it, is called 'to be certain that the Holy Spirit guides us and teaches us all things.' Jesus calls us to 'remain in his love,' as the Pope reminds us, so that thereby 'he comes to dwell in us and our life will become a temple of God.'

Yet this indwelling of Jesus is more than a personal fuzzy feeling. 'His love enlightens us,' the Pope adds, which 'influences the way we think and act.' In our attitudes and actions, Jesus' love 'spreads outwards to others and embraces every situation in our lives.'

'This dwelling of God within us,' the Pope continues, 'is precisely the gift of the Holy Spirit, who takes us by the hand and enables us to experience God's presence and closeness amid our daily lives, for he makes us his home.' With that great mystery in mind, the Pope implores us to 'walk in the joy born of faith, in order to become a holy temple of the Lord.'

'Let us resolve to bring his love everywhere,' the Pope encourages us, 'never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering.'

[Quotes from Regina Caeli, 25 May 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2025/documents/20250525-regina-caeli.html>]

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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: Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32: 1-2. R. v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



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Bulletin Notices

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CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This week is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held in August), supporting people facing homelessness, mental health challenges, family difficulties, and those experiencing grief, trauma, or displacement. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Please donate to help open the door to safety, dignity and hope. Appeal envelopes are available from the Narthex and the the Parish Office or can be made online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au. Gifts over \$2 are tax deductible. *"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* (Matthew 25: 35)

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.



NOTICE BOARD

Geelong Catholic Diners Club

You are warmly invited to join us for our May social get-together on Tuesday May 13, 6pm. Great Western Hotel, Newtown. Meals and Drinks at your own cost. For booking numbers, please contact Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by May 9.

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

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Geelong Candlelight Vigil 2026

The Geelong Candlelight Vigil honours women and children lost to family and domestic violence, bringing the community together to remember, stand in solidarity, and ensure those behind the statistics are never forgotten. Our crib will be lit purple on Wednesday May 6 in recognition of this important event.

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

The situation in Lebanon is critical, with over 2,000 lives lost and 1.1 million people displaced, including 390,000 children. Caritas Lebanon is providing urgent food, water, shelter, and health support, reaching even the hardest-hit areas. Stand with the people of Lebanon—learn more or donate at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



Safeguarding Network Meeting- Geelong Location

Meeting at St Mary's Wednesday May 27th 11-1pm to discuss Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited Audit along with updated information. Join to create connections with other Parishes in the Western Region. Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/DLRCK> before May 20th.



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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A : Readings

Acts of the Apostles 8: 5-8. 14-17; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21

6.00pm VIGIL
Commentator: Jude
Reader: Margot
Special Ministers: Vicki / Margot
Welcomer: Tim
Main Collector: Vince
AV Operator: Josh

7.30am
Commentator: Barry
Reader: Terry
Special Ministers: Annette / Nola
Welcomer: Brenda
Main Collector: Carlo
AV Operator: Mareta

9.30am
Commentator: Maree
Reader: Ruby
Special Ministers: Vicki / Rhonda / Maree
Welcomer: Marita
Main Collector: Mick
AV Operator: Marcia

11.00am
Commentator: Rosemary
Reader: Pamela
Special Ministers: Nina / Slavica / Pamela
Welcomer: Ivan / Karlo
Main Collector: Michael
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.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT

We thank our Collectors who will begin conducting the Parish Mass count throughout the month: 2 & 3 / 9 & 10 / 16 & 17 / 23 & 24 May.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."
-Mother Teresa*

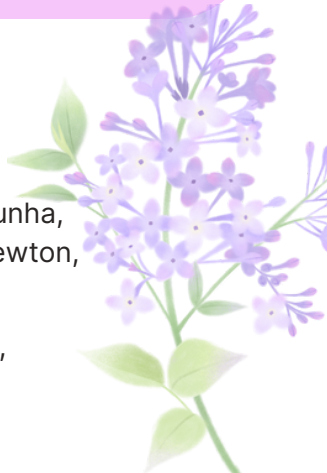
As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Peter Foley

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Teresa Hewitt, Alberto Celeste, Peter O'Toole, Janette Konradt, Maria Cunha, Adeline Costanzo, Jose Ferraz, Madalena Ferraz, Noel Newton, Angela McDonald, Stan McDonald, Manuel Ramos

MONTH MIND: Geraldine Costa, Ivo Paic, Daniel Houlihan, Jane Gibson (SYD), Simon Schooneman

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 3rd - CLOW | May 10th - NO CLOW | May 17th- CLOW | May 24th - CLOW



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