ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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Faithful With God's Gifts



Reflection: **Fr Michael Tate**

Befriending Time

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible. In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of omission – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men
which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
omitted, all the voyage of their life
is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant … come and join in your Master's happiness.'

Parish Office Hours
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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR DATES
November 16- St Gertrude and St Margaret of Scotland
November 17- St Elizabeth of Hungary
November 18- Dedication of Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul
November 21- Presentation of Mary
November 22- Christ the King
November 23- St Clement & St Columban

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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: <u>Proverbs 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31</u>

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: <u>Ps 127: 1-5. R. v.1</u>

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading: <u>1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6</u>

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation: <u>John 15: 4. 5</u>

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel: <u>Matthew 25: 14-15. 19-21</u> *(short version)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."'

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NOTICE BOARD

Volunteers Needed – Piety Stall 2027

The Parish Piety Stall is seeking volunteers for 2027! If you can assist with one 2.5hr shift per week, one shift per month, and/or on Sundays, we would love to hear from you. Training and support are provided. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Volunteers Needed - Parish Pantry

Looking for a rewarding way to serve others? Join our friendly Parish Pantry team. No experience needed, with training provided on site. Just one, 2-hour shift per fortnight. Speakers of languages other than English are especially welcome. Help make a real difference to people in need. Contact the Parish Office for more information 52221977.

Taizé-style Prayer

You are warmly welcome to join Santa Casa Queenscliff for a Taizé-style Prayer on Saturday 28 November 2026 from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. 33-35 Flinders Street, Queenscliff. Our prayer focus is Advent. All are welcome. Afternoon tea will follow. For seating & catering purposes RSVP Lizzie on 03 5258 2661 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au.

Confirmation 2027 Enrolments Open

Children attending non-Catholic schools are invited to enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2027. Weekly after-school classes will be commencing on the first week of Term 1. Classes are held at St Mary's Parish.
Contact the parish office for more information.

Geelong Catholic Professionals

Thursday 19th November at GMHBA Stadium's President's Room. Join the Geelong Catholic Professionals Luncheon, bringing together Catholic professionals from across the Geelong region for an opportunity to connect, be inspired, and strengthen our faith in both our professional and personal lives. Inspired by the Melbourne Catholic Professionals network, this luncheon provides an opportunity to build meaningful connections with like-minded professionals, exchange ideas, and foster a vibrant Catholic professional community in the Geelong region. Whether you work in business, education, healthcare, government, law, or the not-for-profit sector, this gathering offers a welcoming space to connect with others who seek to integrate faith and professional life. For more information: events@cam.org.au https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1666565 for booking tickets directly.

New Vicar General- Reverend Binh Le

The Archbishop has appointed Reverend Father Binh Le as the new Vicar General. We give thanks to Fr Binh for his willingness to accept this important responsibility in the service of the Archbishop and the People of God. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen him as he takes up his new appointment as Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Melbourne from 1 Feb '27.

World Youth Day 2026 Celebration

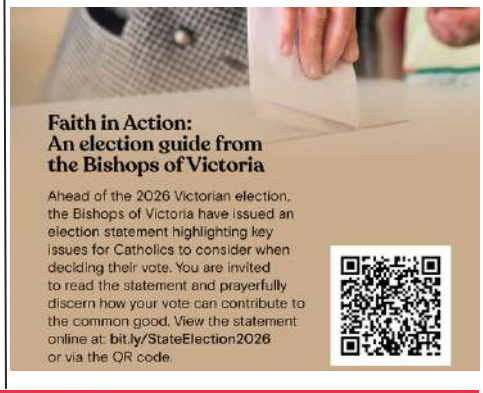
You're invited to gather at the Catholic Leadership Centre for World Youth Day. Join for Mass and afternoon tea, break open the WYD theme and learn more about our pilgrimage to South Korea for WYD Seoul 2027! Sunday 22 November 2026, 2pm-5pm Open to all aged 15 to 30 years. Register by 18 Nov. Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5761.

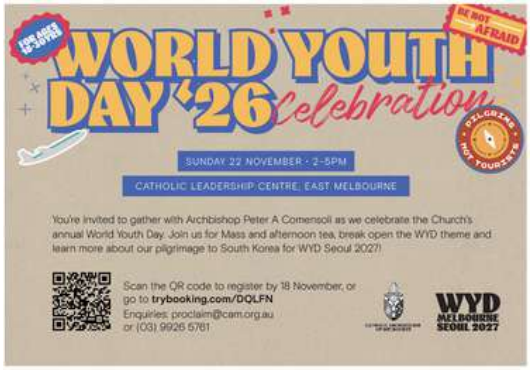
Red November – A Call to Prayer

During Red November, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invites us to pray for our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Churches and public buildings will be lit in red as a visible reminder of their faith, courage and suffering. May we stand with them in prayer and hope. Red November Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral - East Melbourne 21/22 Nov. Visit www.rednovember.org to learn more.

CDF

Following the Reserve Bank's decision last week to increase the cash rate by 25 basis points to 4.85%, CDF has increased its loan and overdraft rates. Loan & Overdraft Rates - effective 6 November 2026: Standard variable loan rate: 7.10% p.a. and Standard overdraft rate: 7.10% p.a. Please contact your CDF Relationship Manager, or our Client Services team at csg@melbcdf.org.au or on 1800 134 135.











Next Week - November 22nd 2026:

The Solemnity of Christ the King: Readings
Ezekiel 34: 11-12. 15-17, 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26. 28, Matthew 25: 31-46

6.00pm VIGIL
Welcomer: Peter
Commentator: Januk
Reader: Margot
Main Collector: Vince / Brendan
Special Ministers: Margot / Vicki
AV Operator: Natalia

7.30am Mass
Welcomer: Carlo / Brett
Commentator: Antonia
Reader: Annette
Main Collector: Carlo / Brett
Special Ministers: Annette / Christine
AV Operator: Jack

9.30am Mass
Welcomer: Joanne / Extra
Commentator: Geoff
Reader: Ruby
Main Collector: Geoff J
Special Ministers: Maree/ Vicki/ Ann
AV Operator: Dominic

11am Mass
Welcomer: Sarah / Liz
Commentator: Santina
Reader: Shirley
Main Collector: Michael / Extra
Special Ministers: Linda / Domenica / Michael
AV Operator: Dominic

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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ST JOHN OF GOD Geelong Hospital **HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS:** Every Thursday at 11.30am

Weekly Quote:
"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it, is your gift back."
— Leo Buscaglia

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rosa Cotruzzola, John Joseph Garvey, Rhonda Furnari
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Nola O'Connell, Gabriel 'Gabe' Clarke, Elsie McFarlane, Bernard Mathieson, Giovanni Villanti, Monsignor James Murray, Robert, Peter & David Marguglio
MONTH MIND: Brigita Matic
THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL.

St Mary's CLOW – Catholic Children's Liturgy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD [CLOW]
For children Grade 2 – Grade 6
Children's Liturgy 11am Mass

November 15th - CLOW Maria & Kerry | **November 22nd - CLOW** Maria & Liz | **November 29th - CLOW** Slavica & Nina

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