ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- NOVEMBER 8, 2026

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Ready When He Comes



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Leo's Lens

'To welcome a person means to integrate them as if they were part of one's own family,' Pope Leo says, 'offering them the opportunity to develop their gifts, abilities and sensibilities, but also to enter into the life of the household.' While we all must attend to the oil in our lamps, we must also ensure others have opportunity to do likewise.

We live in an epoch of what the Pope characterises as 'unprecedented encounter between peoples and cultures.' This period, he says, 'calls us to rediscover our roots in new and creative ways, while at the same time listening carefully to others.'

As part of that, the Pope encourages us to reflect on how we are called to serve each other for the good of all. 'We need to commit ourselves to patient dialogue,' he says, 'to show courage in negotiation and to be willing to give up some positions for the greater good of peace.'

The Pope wants us to be true to our deepest values, open to the needs and gifts of others. In doing so, we become the illumination the world needs right now. The lamp we can light is that of kindness and compassion, humanity and common sense. Perhaps we can start by topping up the oil of welcome.

As Pope Francis further reminded us, the lamps symbolise faith and the oil symbolises charity. We might therefore ask ourselves whether and how we prepare our lamps of faith to shine? Do we see Jesus in the poor, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten peoples of this world, and act accordingly? Or do we sleepily wander through life fixated only on the final encounter, slowly letting the oil of charity run dry and the lamp of faith grow dim?

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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 9- Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 10- St Leo the Great
November 11- St Martin of Tours
November 12- St Josaphat
November 16- St Gertrude and St Margaret of Scotland
November 17- St Elizabeth of Hungary

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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: Wisdom 6: 12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62: 2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary, to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)



Through the month of November, the Parish Remembrance Book will be displayed at the altar during the celebration of Mass. If you would like to have your deceased family & friends included, please fill in a November Mass Offering envelope and either leave with the collection plate or hand in at the Parish Office. We will update the book regularly throughout November to reflect new names that are requested to be included.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24: 42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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NOTICE BOARD

Geelong Catholic Diners Club

You are warmly invited to the November social get-together dinner with good food, new and old friends. Tuesday November 10th- 6 PM at the Great Western Hotel: cnr Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown. Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you do wish to come to the dinner, please phone or text Joan 0429215111 or Michael 0431959584.

St Mary's Christian Meditation Group

You are warmly invited to join the Parish's Christian Meditation Group each Wednesday at 6.00 pm. Spend an hour in prayerful reflection and guided meditation in the WCCM tradition. Meetings are held in the Parish Pioneer Room. No experience is necessary, and there is no cost to attend. Come along and give it a try!

Circle of Mercy- Sacred Heart College

As part of the 2026 Circle of Mercy formation series, Sacred Heart is hosting an online session, The Way: Finding the Resilience to Sustain Our Mission for the Long Haul, on Monday 16 November from 6.00pm. Presented by Cathy Jenkins (Program Lead for the Melbourne Archdiocese Synod), the session will explore how hope, synodality and mercy can strengthen and sustain our shared mission in parish, school and community life. A FREE Event.
This PL is recognised for accreditation. Teaching staff should register via CECV's TAP. Non-teaching staff are asked to register via Trybooking.
https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1653186

Pope Leo November Prayer Intention: For the proper use of wealth.



Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of November, and invites Catholics to pray "for the proper use of wealth," so that we may recognize that true wealth lies not in accumulating or possessing, but in giving with love. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiBoCMYGe-4&t=4s

Lord of life, all we have comes from You: the fertile land, the talents we've received, the effort of those who came before us. Nothing is ours alone — everything is a shared gift. But so often, Lord, we let the wealth we seek or attain harden our hearts, lock us in selfishness, and make us forget the most vulnerable. Forgive us for storing up instead of sharing, for using goods as power rather than as service. You remind us that true wealth is not found in what we keep, but in what we give with love. A heart detached from possessions transforms the world: it opens paths of justice, tears down walls of indifference, and sows hope among the poor. We ask you, Lord, that your Spirit teach us to use what we have — money, time, talents, opportunities — as instruments of fraternity. May each economic, family, or community decision spring from a free heart, able to recognize that every good is meant for all, and that only by sharing we build the future. Make us witnesses of a wealth transformed into service and mercy, so that our lives, united to the lives of others, may be a sign of your Kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

Remembrance Day Mass- Wednesday 11th November



St Mary's warmly invites all parishioners and friends to join us for Remembrance Day Mass at 10.00am. Together, we will remember and honour all those who served and sacrificed their lives for our country, giving thanks for their courage and keeping them and their families in our prayers. We welcome you to join us as we gather in prayer and remembrance. Lest We Forget.

Ordination at St Patrick's Cathedral -14 November 10–1pm



You are welcome to join the celebration for the Ordination Mass of both Rev Rhys Lowther and Rev Dominic Lawes to the priesthood, and the ordination to the diaconate of Mr Nicolas Calandra, Mr Andrew Tran, Mr Anthony Wright, Mr Bradley Proud, Mr Ryan Martin, Mr Francis Thomas and Mr Peter Nguyen. Please pray for these men as they embark on their ministries in the service of God's people! This Mass will also be broadcast live via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/archmelb and to Community Channel C31 (channel 44 on TV).

The World Day of Prayer



The World Day of prayer will be celebrating 100 years in March, 2027. A meeting will be held on Friday 13th November, 2026 to make arrangements for this special celebration & we would be so pleased to welcomed parishioners to come along with their ideas as to how this can be organised. The Meeting will be held at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra Street, Geelong at 10am. For further information, please ring Sue O'Donoghue, 042 784 331 or Heather Watson, 0412 139 295.



We warmly welcome Rory, Dougie, Sebastian, Thomas, Ivy & Hudson into our Parish family following their Baptisms this weekend! Let's pray that they continues to grow in God's love and grace throughout their lives.



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Next Week - November 15th 2026:

33rd Sunday: Readings
Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

6.00pm VIGIL
Welcomer: Yvette
Commentator: Gael
Reader: Samina
Main Collector: Vince / Brendan
Special Ministers: Gael / Mario
AV Operator: Josh

7.30am Mass
Welcomer: Carlo / Monica
Commentator: Annette
Reader: Corinne
Main Collector: Carlo / Monica
Special Ministers: Nola / Margi
AV Operator: Mareta

9.30am Mass
Welcomer: David / Ruby
Commentator: Rhonda
Reader: Jennifer
Main Collector: Mick / Extra
Special Ministers: Maree / Vicki / Geoff
AV Operator: Teresa

11.00am Mass
Welcomer: Domenica / Neve
Commentator: Alec
Reader: Rosemary
Main Collector: Prue / Extra
Special Ministers: Lina / Nina / Slavica
AV Operator: Ella

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:
'Keep your lamps burning and be ready for the Lord.'

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Wanda Witecki, Brenda Henry, Dante Zita Sagad, Lorna Golightly, Giovanna Scaffidi
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Bedriska Doslik, Bessie Pike, Rita Tanner, Mary McMahon, Klara Van Slooten, Anne Dalton, Gerard Dalton, Paul Fernandes, Peter & Shirley Loghlen
MONTH MIND: Dacy DeSouza, Julie Wilby
THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Fr Kerry Cronan

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 8th - CLOW Ella & Prue | **November 15th - CLOW** Maria & Kerry | **November 23rd - CLOW** Maria & Liz

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