ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- OCTOBER 11, 2026

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Come to the Feast



Reflection: Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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
October 14- St Callistus
October 15- St Teresa of Avila
October 16- St Margaret Mary Alacoque
St Hedwig
October 17- St Ignatius of Antioch
October 19- Ss John de Brebeuf &
Isaac Jogues & Companions
St Paul of the Cross





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: Isaiah 25: 6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all
people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil
covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all
nations, he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame everywhere on
earth, for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we
hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we
hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my
drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his
name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil
would I fear. You are there with your crook and your
staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of
my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is
overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the
days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall
I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I
have been through my initiation and now I am ready for
anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach,
poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength. All the
same, it was good of you to share with me in my
hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in
Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,
our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.



Gospel Acclamation: See Ephesians 1: 17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who
gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to
call those who had been invited, but they would not come.
Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have
been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared,
my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were
not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his
business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched
his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their
town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready;
but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go
to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can
find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the
roads and collected together everyone they could find,
bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with
guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he
noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding
garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my
friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was
silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him
hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where
there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are
called, but few are chosen.'

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NOTICE BOARD

Cafe Light

Cafe Light is back next Sunday! Please support the staff and students of Sacred Heart as they provide delicious treats and service with the funds raised going to Viqueque!

Geelong Catholic Diners Club

You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our dinner for October. Tuesday October 13, at 6pm Great Western Hotel, 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 ASAP!

Parish Volunteers Needed

The Parish continues to seek a few extra volunteers for two new ministries; 1) Social and 2) Decorating. If you are interested in having some fun and keen to help out a few times a year, please contact the Parish Office on 5222 1977 :)

Ordination to Priesthood

Geelong Deacon Rhys Lowther will be ordained to the Priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 14th November at 10am. He will then offer his first Mass at St Anthony of Padua, Lara on Sunday 15th November at 1pm.

Year 12 Exam Well Wishes

We extend our best wishes to all students preparing for their upcoming language and performance exams. Please keep them in your prayers as they undertake this important stage of their studies.

Windfire Music Festival Geelong 2026

Music at the Basilica will present the 17th Annual Windfire Music Festival, Geelong from 2 to 11 October. There are 2 concerts remaining this weekend, both at St Mary's Basilica and should not be missed!! Concert 5: Sweet & Low *The Vocal Consort* -Saturday 10th October at 3pm and Concert 6: Water of Life *A musical Voyage from Skye to Venice* -Sunday 11th October at 4pm. For details of concerts, visit www.musicatthebasilica.org.au or email music.basilica@bigpond.com

World Mental Health Day - Saturday 10 October

World Mental Health Day is a global observance that highlights mental health as a universal human right and calls for action to ensure everyone can access quality care. It draws attention to the reality that one in eight people live with a mental health condition, often facing stigma, discrimination, and inadequate treatment. The day serves as a platform to raise awareness, confront systemic barriers, and promote inclusion, dignity, and community-based support worldwide. Pope Leo XIV has dedicated his October prayer intention to mental health ministry, calling on the Church to listen without judging, and to be an 'open house' where people facing challenges to their mental health find welcome, dignity and hope.
To watch Pope Leo's prayer intention, watch the link below-
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rx0liPoyRLY&t=8s

Melbourne Catholic Professionals October Luncheon 2026

The Melbourne Catholic Professionals Network brings together Catholic professionals and business leaders to build meaningful relationships, pursue professional development, and actively support the life and mission of the Church in Melbourne. Thursday 22 October 12PM - Zinc Federation Square. For the final MCP Luncheon of 2026 with Fr Rob Galea, Catholic priest, international speaker, author, and award-winning musician. Fr Rob will share insights from his journey, his leadership of ICON Ministry, and his mission to share the love of Christ with everyone, everywhere. His message of faith, hope, and love offers a powerful perspective on leading with purpose and vision in a rapidly changing world. For all enquiries, email directly: events@cam.org.au

Geelong Tertiary Student End of Year Mass and Dinner 2026

Catholic university and TAFE students who live in the Geelong region are invited to celebrate the end of the academic year with Mass and Dinner on Sunday 1st November 2026. Mass will be at 5pm at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Geelong. Family and friends are welcome to the Mass. Dinner will follow at 6.30pm at Edge Bar & Restaurant Geelong. Attendance at the dinner is limited to students and partners – booking for dinner is essential at www.trybooking.com/DQKKB. For more info, contact Fr Marcus Goulding corio@cam.org.au.

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Next Week - October 18th 2026:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings
Isaiah 45: 1.4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, Matthew 22: 15-21

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

7.30am Mass
Welcomer: Carlo / Monica
Commentator: Christine
Reader: Terry
Main Collector: Carlo / Monica
Special Ministers: Margi / Nola
AV Operator: Jack

9.30am Mass
Welcomer: Anna / Joanne
Commentator: Geoff M
Reader: Jennifer
Main Collector: Mick
Special Ministers: Vicki/ Marita/ Anna
AV Operator: Marcia

11.00am Mass
Welcomer: Domenica / Neve
Commentator: Rosemary
Reader: Alec
Main Collector: Michael
Special Ministers: Domenica / Slavica / Maria
AV Operator: Joan

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:
"Blessed are those who accept God's invitation."

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dacy De Souza, Julie Wilby
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Joseph & Barbara Dabkowski, Salvatore Servello, Anastasia Saniel, Rose Falkingham, Jadwiga Jodlewski, Tamara Gleave, Fernanda Jose, Darren Bottrell
MONTH MIND: Jordan Vella, Alejandro Sanchez, Flor Sagad
THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Joan St John

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

October 11th - NO CLOW | **October 18th - CLOW** | **October 25th - CLOW**
Slavia & Nina Domenica & Kerry Ella & Lina

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