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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- OCTOBER 18, 2026

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Bearing God's Image



Reflection: by Nick Brodie

'Our time is in great need of precisely this', Pope Leo says, 'men and women who have the courage to do good even when it comes at a cost.' As Jesus showed us: sometimes we are forced to make a choice, but we need not respond in the way the world expects.

Our way is a surprising one. 'Draw near to those who are alone, support those who are weary, seek out those who have drifted away', the Pope says. 'Have the courage to forgive, to begin anew and to engage in dialogue. Goodness is not always recognised and often demands sacrifice; yet it is precisely this daily courage of charity that makes our proclamation of the Gospel credible.'

Indeed, as we draw ever closer to Christ, we learn 'the joy of our vocation and learn to love as he loves.' The Pope encourages us to be 'a church that walks together behind the same Lord, listening, welcoming and recognising in the other a brother or sister and a companion along the way, never a rival.'

Unlike those who seek to sow division, we are called 'to discover that following Christ does not diminish freedom, but brings it to fulfilment; that faith does not restrict life, but opens it to a greater horizon.'

www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/october/documents/20261005-sacerdoti-religiose-corea.html

Parish Prayer

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our mother, bless the community of Geelong and look over all the people who are part of our Parish Community of St. Mary of the Angels. May we continue to live like you and your Son Jesus in the spirit of justice, love and peace. Amen.

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 19- Ss John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions St Paul of the Cross
October 22- St John Paul II
October 23- St John of Capostrano
October 24- St Anthony Claret
October 28- Ss Simon & Jude
November 1- All Saints
November 2- All Souls

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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: Isaiah 45: 1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95: 1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)



We warmly welcome Emma, George, Cormac, Cruise and Jesse 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.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2: 15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



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NOTICE BOARD

Cafe Light

Please call into Cafe Light held in The Hibernian Hall for a cup of tea and some delicious food to support Viqueque! Only $5.00 per person with wonderful service from the great Sacred Heart Team.

St Bernard's Book Fair - Fiction Books

Sunday October 18th at Clairvaux School Hall. The Book Fair runs from 8am -12noon and features beautiful homemade scones. Pop in early so you don't miss out on them! There is a large variety of novels so come along and grab some riveting reading for your summer holiday. Please tell your family and friends and we hope to see you there on the day.

Multicultural Social Support Groups

A variety of Social Support Groups for communities from different multicultural backgrounds for seniors over 65 years, at a small fee. Seniors who are under the Commonwealth Home Support Program can join with a referral code from My Aged Care. There are a variety of activities with interests in mind where everyone is most welcome. Venue: White Eagle House, 46-48 Fellmongers Road, Breakwater. Fridays 10am-2.30pm

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Melbourne Catholic Professionals

MCP will be holding a Geelong luncheon in the coming months. This gathering aims to build connections, strengthen community, and provide an opportunity to meet others who share a commitment to living their faith in the workplace and daily life. More information to come!

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV



Almighty and eternal God, source of all healing and strength, look with kindness upon your servant, Pope Leo XIV. Grant him comfort in his recovery, restore him to health, and sustain him with your grace. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph, and Saints Peter and Paul, strengthen him in body, mind, and spirit, that he may continue to shepherd your Church in faith and charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

17 Years of Friendship with Viqueque

For 17 years, St Mary of the Angels has shared a remarkable partnership with St Mary Immaculate Parish, Viqueque, Timor-Leste — a relationship built on faith, friendship, education and solidarity. Working together with the Geelong Viqueque Friendship Schools Committee and Viqueque Community Centre, the partnership continues to create opportunities for young people, schools and communities. St Robert's, St Margaret's, St Mary's and Christ the King have played an important role, with seven Geelong colleges visiting Timor-Leste in 2026. We celebrate the leadership of Fr Tom Cruz and Fr Jim Clarke, the contribution of Cafe Light, the 2025 Order of Timor-Leste medal, and the upcoming Parish Twinning Cup in Viqueque. Thank you so much for your support through the years.

ALL SOULS DAY- Monday 2nd November 10am & 7.30pm



Over the next two weeks, you are warmly invited to write the names of your departed loved ones in the Book of Remembrance located in the Narthex. If someone has passed away within the last 12 months, please also submit their name directly to the Parish Office by phone, email, or in person as they will be displayed during the service.
At each Mass, the Book of Remembrance will be brought forward in procession and placed before the altar. The names will be blessed and all the faithful departed remembered in our prayers and in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Archbishop Comensoli Appointment-

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli writes to formally advise that Fr Tony Kerin will conclude his term as Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 31 January 2027 and that Fr Binh Le has generously accepted his invitation to succeed him and will commence as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia on 1 February 2027, for a term of six years.
Please keep both in our prayers as they continue their service of Christ and his Church for the good of God's people. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them, and may our Blessed Mother watch over them always.

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 25th 2026:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings
Exodus 22: 20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10, Matthew 22: 34-40

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

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

9.30am Mass
Welcomer: David / Ruby
Commentator: Maree
Reader: Rhonda
Main Collector: Geoff J
Special Ministers: Marita / Geoff / Ann
AV Operator: Teresa

11.00am Mass
Welcomer: Linda / Prue
Commentator: Domenica
Reader: Pamela
Main Collector: Prue
Special Ministers: Nina / Linda / Barbara
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:

"We bear God's image; let our lives reflect His love."

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brigita Matic
CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Peter Rodgers, Russell Zampatti, The Bolo Family- Ricardo Omaque, Regino, Milagros & Dionisio, Salvatore Serra, Gary Featherston, Giuseppe Stramandinoli, Sr Philomena Likiard
MONTH MIND: Remigio Darasin, JaeJin 'Peter' Kim
THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Pope Leo, Luke Strain

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 25th - CLOW Ella & Lina | **November 1st - CLOW** Neve & Lina | **November 8th - CLOW** Ella & Prue

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