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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- OCTOBER 25, 2026

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Love God.
Love your neighbour.
Live with joy.



Reflection: Fr Michael Tate

True Perspectives

Did you notice that Jesus does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Jesus does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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

CLOSED Tuesday 3rd November

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 28- Ss Simon & Jude
November 1- All Saints
November 2- All Souls
November 3- St Martin de Porres
November 4- St Charles Borromeo
November 9- Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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: Exodus 22: 20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17: 2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)



We warmly welcome
Murphie and Perri
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: 5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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Faith and Light

A Christian group for people with a disability, family and friends. All are welcome to share scripure, prayers, music and afternoon tea. Hold on Tuesday October 27th at 1.30pm- October Theme: The wonder of creation-Land at St Mary's Hibernian Hall, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong. RSVP / Enquiries by 26/10 to Tricia O'Keeffe Coordinator 0414672267

Volunteers Needed – Piety Stall 2027

The Parish Piety Stall is seeking volunteers for 2027. If you can assist with one 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 info :)

St Mary's Cuppa & Chat

All are welcome to join a new initiative at St Mary's Cuppa & Chat. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat after the 9.30am and 11am Masses throughout each month. This Sunday is our first gathering, so please join our volunteers for a drink

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St Patrick's Camperdown Primary School

Celebrating 140 years. Be a part of the school's rich history and attend Mass with an Open Day -Sunday 8th November. Flyers with all information are in the Narthex for you to take.



Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to our gardeners and volunteers who lovingly care for our parish grounds throughout the year. We are especially grateful for the beautiful rose gardens pictured here, which are enjoyed by all who visit.

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

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 on the overheads during each Mass.
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. You are able to add addiotnal names for the month of November.

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.

54th International Eucharistic Congress- Sydney 2028

The theme Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme for Eucharist28: "This is My Body, Given for You", is both an invitation to renewal and a challenge to be sent. As St Augustine taught, we receive Christ so that we may become what we receive: His Body, given to the world. A companion is available online to work through individually or with family and friends. eucharist28.org/parishes/walking-with-christ-companion

St Mary's Parish Christian Meditation Group

We are excited to launch a new St Mary's Parish Christian Meditation Group, beginning Wednesday 4 November at 6.00pm. Join us for one hour of reflection, guided meditation, and sharing of the teachings of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) with Steve McLachlan. The group will meet regularly in the upstairs Pioneer Room, offering a welcoming space to deepen your prayer life, find peace, and connect with others on the journey of faith. Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to meditation or have practiced for many years. Come along and discover the gift of stillness.New participants can join at any time. We look forward to welcoming you!

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Next Week - November 1st 2026:

All Saints Mass : Readings
Revelation 7: 2-4. 9-14, 1 John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5: 1-12

6.00pm VIGIL
Welcomer: Yvette
Commentator: Margot
Reader: Januk
Main Collector: Vince
Special Ministers: Gael / Mario
AV Operator: Natalia

7.30am Mass
Welcomer: Carlo / Glen
Commentator: Lesley
Reader: Seung
Main Collector: Carlo / Glen
Special Ministers: Margi / Nola
AV Operator: Keith

9.30am Mass
Welcomer: David / Joanne
Commentator: Marita
Reader: Peter
Main Collector: Mick
Special Ministers: Vicki / Rhonda/ Joanne
AV Operator: Dominic

11.00am Mass
Welcomer: Sarah / Pamela
Commentator: Maria
Reader: Santina
Main Collector: Klaus
Special Ministers: Linda/ Slavica / Lina
AV Operator: ? TBC

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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To receive the bulletin by email, or to suggest a notice for the weekly bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au.

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THE PULSE 94.7 FM **RADIO MASS BROADCAST:** Every Sunday 10am

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Weekly Quote:
"Love God wholeheartedly, love your neighbour generously."
— St Teresa of Calcutta

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anthony Maurice Doyle (Albury), Mary Coppe
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Margo Clarke, John Santospirito, David Stawicki, Giovan Pietro Ficca, Don Mathieson, Dominic 'Mick' Villanti, Lauris DeVercelli, Kazimiera Timanowicz, Anita Lodonia
MONTH MIND: Aldo Siketa, Patricia Fitzgerald, Juvenal Niyibizi
THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Helen Haines, Trudie Vriens, Joan StJohn

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 1st - CLOW Neve & Lina | **November 8th - CLOW** Ella & Prue | **November 15th - CLOW** Maria & Kerry

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