ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- OCTOBER 4, 2026

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Faithful in God's Vineyard



Reflection:

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God.
God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God will find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.
I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. The influx of immigrants from the sub-Continent and Southeast Asia have re-energized and reinvigorated parish life. The diversity of nationalities and cultures in our parishes reflect the universality of the Church, which is the vineyard of the Lord.
Together we are working to fulfil the mission of bringing about the reign of God in our lives and the lives of all.
As we reflect on this Sunday's Gospel, we are invited to pause and consider how we are responding to God's trust in us. The Lord continues to nurture His vineyard with patience and love, calling each of us to bear the fruits of faith, compassion, and service. May we open our hearts to His grace, cherish the richness of our diverse community, and walk together as faithful stewards of His vineyard, confident that God is at work among us, bringing His kingdom to fulfilment.

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 5- St Faustina Kowalska
October 6- St Bruno
October 7- Our Lady of the Rosary
October 9- St Denis & Companions
St John Leonardi
October 14- St Callistus
October 15- St Teresa of Avila
October 16- St Margaret Mary Alacoque
St Hedwig

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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 5: 1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: See John 15: 15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:
It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



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NOTICE BOARD

Fr Jim on Leave

We wish Fr Jim a restful and enjoyable annual leave throughout the month of October. After a very busy year at St Mary's, may this time provide him with rest, renewal, and fresh energy. Please keep Fr Jim in your prayers and pray for his safe return to us. We look forward to welcoming him back refreshed and renewed.

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 by Friday October 9. We need to know numbers for our booking.

St Mary's Christian Meditation Group

The Introduction to Christian Meditation program continues on Wednesday. The prior attendance to the earlier sessions is not essential, so please join us at 6pm in the upstairs Pioneer Room.

Parish Volunteers Needed

The Parish continues to seek volunteers for two new ministries; 1) Social and 2) Decorating. We are also needing some extras to help with the Parish Pantry on a casual basis. If you are interested and keen to help out a few times a year, please contact the Parish Office on 5222 1977.



Pope Leo's October Prayer Intention:

For mental health ministry

'Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.'

Viqueque Sunday- 4th October

Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to donate to support the community. These envelopes can be taken home, filled and returned the following week, placing them in with either Collection at Sunday Masses. They can also be dropped into the Parish Office during the week. EFTPOS donations can be made at the Parish Office. Thank you.

October-Rosary Month:

Concluding Mass in Lourdes, France, Pope Leo launched an appeal that he said was "particularly close to my heart, here in this place." Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in the Grotto of Lourdes with a Rosary and guided her in prayer, the Pope said he hopes all Christians will pray the Rosary especially during the month of October. He called for them to pray the Rosary "with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict." "Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation," he said. An assortment of Rosary are available for sale at the Piety Stall with Fr Jim & Fr Vinoth able to bless your items (when available) at the Parish Office.

GEELONG TERTIARY STUDENTS END OF YEAR MASS & 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.

Windfire Music Festival Geelong 2026

Music at the Basilica

Music at the Basilica will present the 17th Annual Windfire Music Festival, Geelong from 2 to 11 October. There will be 6 concerts featuring some of our finest local and national musicians. The concerts range from classical choral music by the Australian Chamber Choir and The Vocal Consort (of the Australian Boys Choir), a flute, viola and harp trio, Opera star – Lee Abrahmsen, Axes saxophone quartet and the Evergreen Ensemble. During the week there will be 5 free short concerts with some unusual instruments. We hope you will be able to support us in making this an enjoyable and successful feast of music for all! For details of concerts, dates, times and venues please visit www.musicatthebasilica.org.au or email music.basilica@bigpond.com

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In response to current interest rate and market conditions, and to balance the needs of our borrowers and investors while supporting the long-term sustainability of our shared mission, CDF will be increasing its standard variable loan rate and overdraft rate by 25 basis points. The new loan rate of 6.85% per annum will take effect from Thursday, 1 October 2026. please contact your CDF Relationship Manager, or our Customer Service Team at csg@melbcdf.org.au or on 1800 134 135.

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Next Week - October 11th 2026:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings
Isaiah 25: 6-10, Philippians 4: 12-14. 19-20, Matthew 22: 1-14

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

7.30am Mass
Welcomer: Brenda / Carlo
Commentator: Nola
Reader: Corrine
Main Collector: Carlo / Brenda
Special Ministers: Annette / Christine
AV Operator: Keith

9.30am Mass
Welcomer: Rhonda / Ruby
Commentator: Maree
Reader: Marita
Main Collector: Geoff
Special Ministers: Rhonda/ Geoff
AV Operator: Dominic

11.00am Mass
Welcomer: Ivan / Karlo / Ella
Commentator: Slavica
Reader: Shirley
Main Collector: Klaus
Special Ministers: Lina/ Liz / Nina
AV Operator: Charlene

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.



We warmly welcome Arthur and Scottie into our Parish family following their Baptisms this weekend! Let's pray that they continue to grow in God's love and grace throughout their lives.

St Marys Parish Pantry
150 Yarra Street,Geelong
Open 1-3pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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.

Tuesdays to Fridays 10.30am – 1.00pm
St Mary of the Angels Piety Stall
OPEN SUNDAYS 10.15am – 12.15pm

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

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

Weekly Quote:
"Let our lives bear fruit of faith, love and goodness."

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norm Read, Elizabeth Schwartz, Seraphine Nyirabuhoro, Denys Ndekezi
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Adrian Kol, Carol Davison, David Beretta, Larry Quinn, Antonina 'Nina' Chillari, Silvestre & Maria Maca, Robert Palma
MONTH MIND: John 'Wally' Wanat, Olivia Slee, Patricia McKeegan
THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Daryl Kelly

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 4th - CLOW - Slavica & Nina | **October 11th - CLOW** | **October 18th - CLOW** Domenica & Kerry

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