



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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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

September 14- Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 15- Our Lady of Sorrows
September 16- Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
September 17- St Robert Bellarmine &
St Hildegard of Bingen
September 19- St Januarius
September 21- St Matthew

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

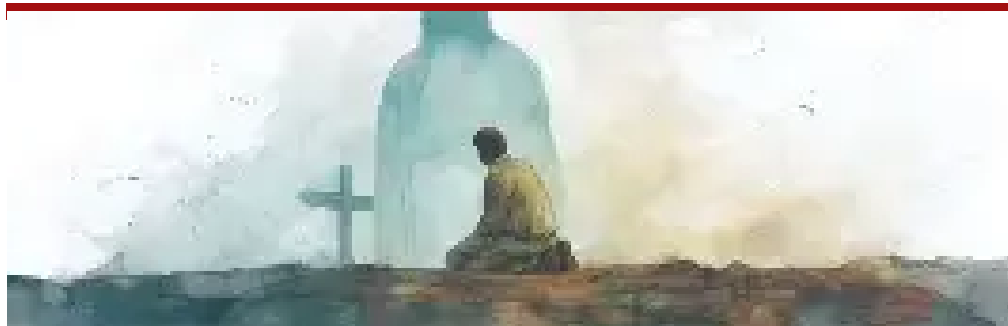
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*Safeguarding
Sunday*



Reflection:

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A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given. Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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Liturgy of the Word

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First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94: 1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5: 19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer- 2026

Loving God, you are kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion. Your love is patient and kind; it does not seek its own interest; it is not easily angered; it bears all things and always protects. As we gather this Safeguarding Sunday under the theme "Love Protects," open our eyes to see where we have failed to protect, open our ears to hear the voices of those who have been harmed, and open our hearts to the patient important work of keeping our people safe.

Make our parish a community where children are cherished, where young people are respected, where older and isolated parishioners are not forgotten, where those living with disability or illness are truly included, and where every vulnerable person among us is seen, valued, and kept safe in body, mind, and spirit.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Bulletin Notices

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NOTICE BOARD

Cafe Light

Cafe Light will be open Sunday 13th Sept. Please call into The Hibernian Hall for a cup of tea and some delicious food- \$5.00 per person. All proceeds go towards our sister Parish Viqueque.

Road Closures

Due to the Geelong Running Festival next weekend, please allow extra time to make your way to Mass on Sunday. A list of effected roads are in the Narthex for your reference.

Parish Volunteers Needed

The Parish is seeking volunteers for two new ministries; 1) Social and 2) Decorating. If you are interested and keen to help out a few times a year please contact Sam at the Parish Office 5222 1977.

Basilica Choir

St Mary's Basilica Choir is seeking new members. We sing at the 9:30am Sunday Mass and rehearse Thursdays at 7:30pm. Music is provided, the hymns are familiar, and no music-reading skills are needed. Our conductor, Frank De Rosso, teaches everything. The choir also enjoys a friendly social side, often sharing supper at rehearsals. We'd love you to join us.

Thank you

To our wonderful Basilica choir, thank you for enriching the 9:30am Mass each week with your beautiful singing.

Safeguarding Sunday 2026

On Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday), we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

This year the theme is Love Protects.

St Mary's Christian Meditation Group



New to the Parish, this group will introduce and explore Christian Meditation over 4 weeks. Starting Wednesday 23rd September in the Pioneer Room at 6pm. There is **no** cost, so please contact the Parish Office to reserve a place.

St Mary's RCIA 2026-2027

Are you, a family member or friend considering becoming Catholic? Then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the pathway. St Mary's Parish RCIA for 2026-27 begins at the start of October. Please email our RCIA Coordinator, Kevin Mark kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au for further information or to register your interest. We'd love to have you join us!



Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal



Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. Health centres are often under-resourced, and distance, cost and extreme weather can make reaching care a challenge. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help upgrade rural health centres, giving women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Your gift today can help support safer pregnancies, safer births and healthier futures for mothers and babies. Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw

BASP Online Trivia Night

St Mary's Hampton Online Trivia event in support of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project is on Friday 9 October: 7.30-9.30pm. To take part, sign up as a team host, and get your team together for a light-hearted night of trivia and conviviality. Suggested minimum donation of \$30 per team member. Booking and more information: cohdig.au/trivia



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting- Tuesday, 22 September 19:00-20:00 via ZOOM. Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison on Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au.



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Next Week - September 20th 2026 :



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Isaiah 55: 6-9, Philippians 1: 20-24.27, Matthew 20: 1-16

6.00pm VIGIL

Welcomer: Maree
Commentator: Gael
Reader: Jude
Main Collector: Vince
Special Ministers: Gael / Mario
AV Operator: Josh

7.30am Mass

Welcomer: Carlo / Monica
Commentator: Nola
Reader: Seung
Main Collector: Carlo / Monica
Special Ministers: Annette/ Margi
AV Operator: Antonia

9.30am Mass

Welcomer: Anna / Joanne
Commentator: Peter
Reader: Ruby
Main Collector: Mick
Special Ministers: Marita / Vicki / Clare
AV Operator: Dominic

11.00am Mass

Welcomer: Domenica / Neve
Commentator: Alec
Reader: Maria
Main Collector: Prue
Special Ministers: Lina / Barbara / 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.

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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Weekly Quote:

"A forgiving heart reflects the mercy of God."

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Andrew Barfoot, Alejandro Sanchez, Flor Sagad
CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Peter Chandley, Kathleen Reed, Richard Brennan, Karolina Segat, Giuseppe Malone, Matilda Fernandes
MONTH MIND: Paul Davies, Ghislaine Bruget, Nicole Keisler, Mirko Miskovic, Frank Dubrovic, Tito Kiko
THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6
Children's Liturgy 11am Mass



| September 20th - NO CLOW | September 27th - NO CLOW | October 4th - NO CLOW



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