



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

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER: CLOSED
(Due to the AFL Public Holiday)

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 21- St Matthew

September 23- St Pius of Pietreicina

September 26- Ss Cosmas & Damian

September 28- St Wenceslaus,

Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

September 29- Ss Michael, Gabriel &

Raphael Archangels

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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**God's
Abundant
Love**



Reflection:

by Nick Brodie

The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today. Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbours; perhaps because their economies have been industrialised longer. People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them.

But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. 'The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical Caritas in Veritate, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected. During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?

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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 55: 6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Acts of the Apostles 16: 14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!



We warmly welcome Poet, Cove, Xavier, Amelia and Jack 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.



Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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Bulletin Notices

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NOTICE BOARD

Faith and Light

Geelong Christian community for people with a disability, family and friends. Wednesday September 30th at St. Mary's Hibernian Hall, 1.30 to 4.30pm. Shared news, Gospel, prayer, music, friendship & afternoon tea. RSVP essential by 28th. Tricia O'Keeffe- Coordinator : 0414 672 267

Parish Volunteers Needed

The Parish is still 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 the Parish Office on 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.

Melbourne Synod 2026

To keep updated with news and changes, please seek information at <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

St Mary's Christian Meditation Group



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

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!



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



Windfire Music Festival Geelong 2026

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



Music at the Basilica

Anchored - Loving Smarter: Keys to Relationship Success

Online- Tuesday 27 October 2026 at 7.30pm. Join Drs Byron and Francine Pirola, founders of Smart Loving, as they share practical insights into what makes relationships flourish. During this online webinar, you will discover how understanding your spouse's unique needs can strengthen communication, deepen emotional connection and help you avoid common relationship pitfalls.



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Geelong Wonder Children's Festival 2026



Big Wonder Weekend invites you to turn the September school holidays into a joy-filled Geelong adventure, and a vibrant celebration of creativity and curiosity in the heart of the CBD. With Free and Ticketed Events at the Geelong Arts Centre & Beyond <https://geelongartscentre.org.au/whats-on/geelong-wonder-childrens-festival/>



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Next Week - September 27th 2026:



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Ezekiel 18: 25-28, Philippians 2: 1-11, Matthew 21: 28-32

6.00pm VIGIL

Welcomer: Samina
Commentator: Januk
Reader: Brendan
Main Collector: Vince
Special Ministers: Margot / Vicki
AV Operator: Natalia

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.

7.30am Mass

Welcomer: Carlo / Brett
Commentator: Corinne
Reader: Antonia
Main Collector: Carlo / Brett
Special Ministers: Margi / Nola
AV Operator: Jack

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9.30am Mass

Welcomer: David / Marita
Commentator: Rhonda
Reader: Ruby
Main Collector: Geoff
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HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS:
Every Thursday at 11.30am

Weekly Quote:

"Walk humbly, serve faithfully, and let God's grace shape your life."

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Remigio Darasin, JaeJin 'Peter' Kim

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Jean Giuffre, Ernesto Furnari, Thelma Idos, Bernie Hansen, Dagmar Mackinlay, Andrew Mackinlay, Peter 'Sid' Chandley, Simone Rodgers, Pilar de Guzman, Dante Aguirre, Neil & Irene Byrne, Jack Santospirito, Robert John Stirling, Francesco & Sam Marino, Amanda Grgetic

MONTH MIND: Dan Aguas, Soring Sapasap, Mill Gatto, John Burke, Domenico Sposaro, Lorraine Simpson, Stanley Reid, Jadwiga Szkuta, Leptosava Jokic, Austin Kerr, Kathleen Hogan, Emilija 'Milla' Sutalo

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL.

11.00am Mass

Welcomer: Ivan / Karlo
Commentator: Santina
Reader: Shirley
Main Collector: Prue
Special Ministers: Maria / Pamela / Barbara
AV Operator: Georgia



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD [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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