



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4.30pm
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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 28- St Wenceslaus,
Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
September 29- Ss Michael, Gabriel &
Raphael Archangels
September 30- St Jerome
October 1- St Therese of the Child Jesus
October 2- Guardian Angels
October 5- St Faustina Kowalska
October 6- St Bruno

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees



Reflection:

Dianne Bergant CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken. We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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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: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24: 4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.



Second Reading: (cont.)

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10: 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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NOTICE BOARD

Faith and Light

Christian community for people with a disability, family and friends. All welcome to our next monthly Meeting with sharing prayer and music.
Theme: Water is Life.

St Mary's Hibernian Hall, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong.
Tuesday September 29th @ 1.30 for 2pm. Fiesta
Afternoon Tea, Birthdays until 4pm. RSVP /
Enquiries by 28/9 to Tricia O'Keeffe 0414672267

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving begins on Sunday, 4 October.
Before heading to bed on Saturday night, remember to turn your clocks forward one hour so you're on time for Sunday Mass!

Parish Volunteers Needed

The Parish continues to seek 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.

Ordination to Priesthood

Geelong Deacon Rhys Lowther will be ordained to the Priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 14th November at 10am. He will then offer his first Mass at St Anthony of Padua, Lara on Sunday 15th November at 1pm.

Thank you

A sincere thanks to all our Mass volunteers who assist with Reading, Commentating, Special Ministry, Collection, Alter Serving, Greeting and AV each week.

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Sunday 27th 2026

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children." Pope Leo has quoted: "... The Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord's affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). ..."

St Mary's RCIA 2026-2027

St Mary's RCIA 2026-2027: Final Call for Enrolments St Mary's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for 2026-27 begins in less than two weeks. If you are considering joining the Catholic Church, the RCIA is for you. Please email our RCIA Coordinator, Kevin Mark kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au, as soon as possible, to enrol or for further information.



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



Engaging Your Faith- Online October Series 2026

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world.

Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as spirituality and secularism, synodality, science and faith issues, canon law, the Gospels of Matthew and John, clergy wellbeing, Eucharist, and AI and Magnifica Humanitas. For more information, refer to the website ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/



Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying
"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio

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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Next Week - October 4th 2026:



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Isaiah 5: 1-7, Philippians 4: 6-9, Matthew 21: 33-43

6.00pm VIGIL

Welcomer: Tim

Commentator: Gael

Reader: Samina

Main Collector: Vince

Special Ministers: Mario / Gael

AV Operator: Josh

7.30am Mass

Welcomer: Carlo / Glenn

Commentator: Lesley

Reader: Nola

Main Collector: Carlo / Glenn

Special Ministers: Annette / Marge

AV Operator: Antonia

9.30am Mass

Welcomer: Ruby / David

Commentator: Peter

Reader: Jennifer

Main Collector: Mick

Special Ministers: Maree / Ann

AV Operator: Teresa

11.00am Mass

Welcomer: Sarah / Prue

Commentator: Pamela

Reader: Alec

Main Collector: Prue

Special Ministers: Linda/ Slavica/ 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.



We warmly welcome Amelia and Valentina 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.

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Weekly Quote:

May we say "yes" to God, not only in our words, but through the way we live each day.

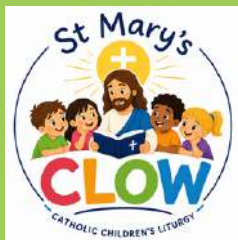
As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Aldo Siketa, Patricia Fitzgerald, Juvenal Niyibizi

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Tancio Lita Macapobre, Lando Liza Macapobre, Salod Guaves, Boy Alice Lopez, King Gina Lopez, Brian Lopez, Lucia Monea, Frano Skratulja, Vlado Lastavec, Jelka Kramar, Mara & Marko Kristic, Ruzica Raos, Mica & Mara Glavina, Theresie Ntabumwe, Br Benoit Hategekimana, Lorna Diamond, Carol Davison

MONTH MIND:

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Harry



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD [CLOW]

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6

Children's Liturgy 11am Mass

September 27th - NO CLOW | October 4th - NO CLOW | October 11th - CLOW
Slavica / Nina



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