



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 8- Navitty of Mary

September 9- St Peter Claver

September 12- Holy Name of Mary

September 14- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 15- Our Lady of Sorrows

September 16- Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

September 17- St Robert Bellamine &

St Hildegard of Bingen

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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Reflection:

This Sunday invites us to reflect on the difficult but deeply Christian responsibility we have for one another. To truly care for another person sometimes means having the courage to speak honestly, to offer guidance, or to lovingly call someone to account. This is not always easy. It requires wisdom, humility and, above all, a genuine desire for the other person's wellbeing rather than a need to be right.

We encounter these challenges in our families, workplaces and parish community. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings and hurts can create distance between us. Reconciliation requires more than simply saying that we forgive. It asks both the one who has been hurt and the one who has caused the hurt to be open to change. We are called to listen, to acknowledge our own shortcomings, and to take the difficult steps that restore relationships. Jesus reminds us that we are stronger when we come together in His name. Yet genuine collaboration is not always easy. We each bring our own experiences, opinions and expectations. Christian community asks us to listen respectfully, to put aside the desire to have things done only our way, and to seek what is best for the common good. This calls for unselfish love — a love that respects the dignity of others, honours our commitments, forgives generously and chooses unity over division.

At the heart of all this is the love of God the Father. He watches over His children with patience and compassion. He guides us when we lose our way, calls us back when we wander, and never stops offering forgiveness and a new beginning. His love challenges us to become more patient, forgiving and generous in the way we care for one another.

As we celebrate Father's Day, we give thanks for the gift of fathers and for all those who have carried a fatherly role in our lives. Fatherhood is much more than providing and protecting. It is the quiet vocation of being present, listening, guiding, encouraging and sometimes having the courage to speak a difficult truth. It is learning when to lead, when to forgive, when to listen and when simply to stand beside someone who needs support.

No earthly father is perfect, yet through their sacrifices, patience, strength and love, fathers can give us a glimpse of the faithful love of our Heavenly Father. Today we remember with gratitude those fathers and grandfathers who have gone before us, whose love and wisdom continue to shape our lives. May God bless all fathers with generous hearts, gentle wisdom and the courage to love selflessly. May their lives reflect the heart of God the Father, whose love never gives up on His children and always calls us home.

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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 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.'

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have lost
children



Those who
have lost
fathers



Those who
wish to be
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Pope Leo XIV September Prayer Intention: For the care of water

"Lord of Life, You have given us the gift of water, source of fruitfulness, freshness, and hope. It quenches thirst, nourishes the earth, and heals wounds. We thank you, because it is also a symbol of your grace and love that renews us through baptism. Today we ask you to teach us to safeguard it with gratitude, justice, and responsibility. Forgive us for turning it into a commodity, forgetting that it is a universal gift, a right without borders, meant for all your children. We see with pain so many brothers and sisters who lack clean water, who walk for miles to find it, who become ill due to its scarcity. May your Spirit make us pilgrims of the essential, able to live with simplicity, denouncing waste and pollution, defending the right of every brother and sister to drink without fear and without inequality. May our care for water be a sign of love for the Creator and a commitment to the lives of the poor, educating new generations to value and protect the Earth's resources. Amen." www.popesprayer.va/



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!



NOTICE BOARD

Viqueque Sunday

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.

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.

St Mary's Christian Mediation Group

New to the Parish, this group will introduce and explore Christian mediation over 4 weeks. Free for all. Starting Wednesday 23rd September at 6pm (sharp) in the Pioneer Room. Please contact the Parish Office to reserve a place.

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.

EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
6 - 12 September 2026

SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION



Caritas Australia: Nepal Floods Appeal



Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential buildings have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support. Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide life saving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water and healthcare for affected families. www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

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 13th 2026 :



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Sirach 27: 30 – 28:7, Romans 14: 7-9, Matthew 18: 21-35

6.00pm VIGIL

Welcomer: Tim

Commentator: Samina

Reader: Lorraine

Main Collector: Vince

Special Ministers: Vicki / Margot

AV Operator: Natalia

7.30am Mass

Welcomer: Carlo / Brenda

Commentator: Lesley

Reader: Terry

Main Collector: Carlo / Brenda

Special Ministers: Margi / Nola

AV Operator: Keith

9.30am Mass

Welcomer: David / Ruby

Commentator: Marita

Reader: Jennifer

Main Collector: Geoff

Special Ministers: Maree / Clare

AV Operator: Teresa

11.00am Mass

Welcomer: Ivan / Karlo

Commentator: Slavica

Reader: Domenica

Main Collector: Klaus

Special Ministers: Liz / Linda / Pamela

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 Valentino, Elena, Casey, Louis, Olivia and Spencer 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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HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS:
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Weekly Quote:

"In faith we are family; in love we care for one another."

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: John 'Wally' Wanat, Patricia McKeegan, Olivia Slee

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Alfred Buttigieg, Raymond Gleeson, Guillermo Alegre, Patricia Wilby, Mary I 'Molly' Wilby, Radoslav Boras, Mara Boras, Jozo Boras, Mena Mackinlay (nee McMahon), Jerko Cubic, Matija Cubic

MONTH MIND: Ray Ambrose, Stanislaw Strzelecki, Eugene Bratanavivius, Michael Virgona

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Shirleigh Quarrell, Norm Read



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6

Children's Liturgy 11am Mass



September 13th - CLOW | September 20th - NO CLOW | September 27th - NO CLOW
Domenica & Lizzie



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