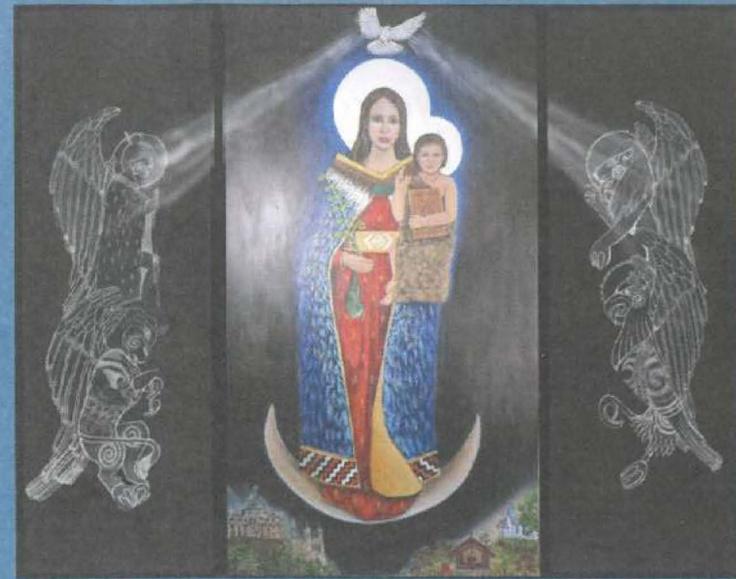


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17 August 2025, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Mary of the Angels Church

MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm
Mon-Fri 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm

Saturday 11am

Mass of Anointing - 4th Sat of the month

ADORATION

Mon-Fri 6.30am - 7.20am

Friday 11am - Noon

RECONCILIATION

Mon-Thurs 11.30am - Noon
12.30pm - 1pm

4.30pm - 5pm

Friday 11am - 11.50am

12.30pm - 1pm

4.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 10.30am - 10.55am
4pm - 5pm

St Joseph's Church

MASSES

Sunday 9.30am

Tuesday 8.30am

BAPTISMS

St Mary of the Angels Church

Baptisms; 2pm, 2nd and 4th Sundays each month

St Joseph's Church

Baptisms on 3rd Sunday of each month.
Please arrange through Parish Office.

Jesus came to light fire on the earth!

“I have come to bring fire,’ ‘there is a baptism I must still receive’, to bring....rather division’. These three sayings of Jesus are part of what is called the ‘gospel of the sword’, because as well as being a seed of unity the Gospel is a sword which cuts and divides.

‘Leave me alone! Mind your own business!’ is the usual reaction when others interfere with our way of life. We want to be happy in our own little world, with our good and perhaps also bad habits! Children don’t like to be corrected by parents or teachers. Grown-ups unduly resent their employer’s attempts to enhance their working methods. Parishioners may concede that priests should preach on sin, but they do not want them to go into details in which the congregation may be involved! If outsiders come as agitators they are told to go home, leave us alone!

Can we stand honest correction? The Gospel readings tell us of Jesus, who did not leave people alone. In the name of God, he had to speak. His sermons were corrective and aimed at restoring life as it should be!

The fire which Jesus desires to be enkindled seems to be the fire that will purify those who are meant for the kingdom. In declaring: I have a baptism to receive’, Jesus refers to baptism by immersion,’ in other words he says: ‘I will be immersed in pain and death.’ and he shows that he is human by feeling anguish! Jesus could not conceive of himself of running a popularity contest. The description of family dissension is an emphatic presentation of the divisions he brings. Those who follow him must be willing to make even painful decisions. ‘avoiding the occasion of sin!

Often indeed adult life develops under what seems aggressiveness, it is difficult to make oneself understood, so much effort is required to build together what will last. For all of that, respect for others, for their limitations and hesitations, is not wanting. Jesus did not wish to be exempt from this general law governing human relations, he even strengthened it: with him charity became a fight against all forms of darkness which remain in us and society. Doubtless the Church has never been such an active ferment of provocation, division and conflict in the world as today. This is simply because, having finally ceased to be the Church of compromise with the established power, she is rediscovering the sharp taste of a Gospel which urges all to radical change, to Conversion.

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalm: 116

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-630

Responsorial Psalm 39

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. R.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.

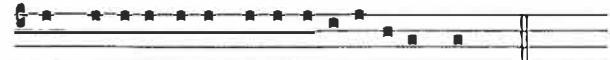
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. R.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. R.

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay. R.



Compla-ce- at ti-bi. Domi-ne. ut e-ri- as me.

Be pleased, O Lord to deliver me.

RCIA Programme

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme will commence again on the 4th of September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This programme runs from September to April and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith. If anyone is interested in joining this programme please make contact with Fr Michael on mlyoung@gmail.com for a meeting before the programme starts.

Registration closes on 28 August 2025.

Thought for the Week

Lord God, may your Word and your Eucharist deepen our Faith in your Son and so may we become more like him-ready to serve and ready to give. May His Spirit strengthen us to share our time, our treasure and our talents, according to our ability to offer them, for the good of our parish and our Archdiocese.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Robert Teh, Pauline Hastings, Noel Galvin, Anna Zanotto, Rita Dewey, Kathleen McCready, Deyls Reed, Noeline Ryan, Br Adrian Kennedy Sm, Bernard Lynch, Kevin Fitzgerald, Dean Gifford, Bob Younger

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Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the parish office.

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· Date: Thursday, 21 August 2025

· Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

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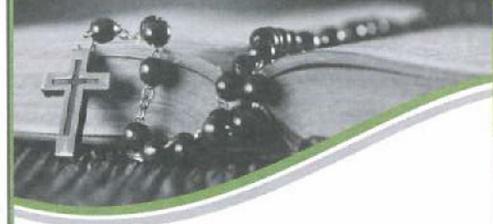
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