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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

PIETY GIFT STALL


 OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays
 10.30am – 1.00pm
 CLOSED ON SATURDAYS
 OPEN Sundays
 10.15am – 12.15pm

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B – August 25, 2024

Social Justice Sunday is observed every year on the final Sunday of August.

This year's commemoration falls on August 25. The Catholic Church in Australia has a long tradition of commemorating Social Justice Sunday.

The Catholic Bishops have issued an annual Social Justice Statement practically every year since 1940. In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World", Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace. Link: [Social Justice Statement 2024-25 - Office For Justice, Ecology and Peace \(catholic.org.au\)](http://SocialJusticeStatement2024-25-OfficeForJustice,EcologyandPeace.catholic.org.au)

Readings for this week:

Joshua 24: 1 - 2. 15 - 18; Ephesians 5: 21 - 32; John 6: 60 - 69

Reflection on the Gospel (Pope Francis' Focus)

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Why did the crowd reject Jesus? They followed him! He fed them!

And then they complain and leave. What was that about?

In short, people were scandalised by what Jesus said. They thought differently than Jesus about his mission. They sought earthly triumph over spiritual truth. An important lesson for us, Pope Francis says, is that 'we must not pursue God in dreams and in images of grandeur and power.' Rather, as the Pope explains, God 'must be recognised in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.'

This is a hard teaching for many to accept, even among those within the Church. God, the Pope reiterates, 'asks us to seek him not outside of life and history, but in relationship with Christ and with our brothers and sisters. 'Seeking him in life,' the Pope adds, 'in history, in our daily life ... is the road to encounter with God: the relationship with Christ and our brothers and sisters.' Therefore, with Peter, and his successor Pope Francis, 'we ask for the grace to let ourselves be provoked and converted.' To whom shall we turn? To our brothers and sisters in need. We need to be open to being Christ to them, for they may well be Christ for us.

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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.

BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:

Monday 10am - 5pm; Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. Open on the weekend for 10am Mass, Reconciliation, private Baptisms & Weddings and Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Please consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Tax deductible donations support the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non tax deductible donations go to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries.

Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

VIQUEQUE WORKING GROUP

We invite parishioners to contact the Parish Office (details on the front of the Bulletin) to express interest in joining a working group to oversee our relationship with Viqueque, East Timor. An information session will be held if sufficient interest is shown. If you have fundraising or previous volunteer experience, have travelled to East Timor or have an understanding and respect for East Timorese culture and traditions (or would like to build this), **please register your interest now.** There is no commitment at this stage to be in the working group- this will be sought following the information session.

ARCHIVE CATALOGUING – ST MARY'S PARISH

Do you have some spare time during the week? Would you be interested in joining a team aimed at cataloguing our Archives? We are looking for interested persons. Some PC computer knowledge preferred, as data input skills may be required. Please contact the Parish Office during the week 5222 1977. **We look forward to hearing from you.**

MASS ON THE RADIO

Broadcast brought to you by **St Mary's Parish, Geelong** @ 10.00am Sunday on PULSE FM 94.7

Helloworld Travel Highton's & St Mary's Parish
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May 25 – June 4, 2025

Contact Emma or Felicity at Helloworld Travel Highton. Ph: 5243 9311
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An information film night is scheduled for Wednesday October 9 @ 6.30pm in the Pioneer Room. Light refreshments provided. There are only 18 places available for the Small Group Departure. Secure your position with a \$250 deposit per person today!

ST MARY'S PARISH ALPHA PROGRAM

St Mary of the Angels is running an Alpha Program again this year. Alpha is a parish tool for evangelisation where everyone is welcome. The Alpha content is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions, sharing the good news of Jesus. Alpha has impacted both church-goers and those who do not go to Church alike. Alpha is a safe space where you can ask any question. It can help individuals explore topics about life, death, faith and many more. **Alpha will run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 on Thursday from 19th September 2024.** Further details to follow.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Have you just made your First Communion? Would you like to become an Altar Server at any of our Sunday Masses? We invite you to contact Fr Jude Johnson. Call: 5222 1977 or email: j.johnson@stmarysgeelong.com.au

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASS

We would like to hear from you. Please contact us during the week with your details and availability via email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977. Thank you.



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If you would like some more information or have any questions about this offer visit the website; catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au or you can contact the Community Fund representative - Bernard Docherty on mobile: 0428 890 185 or via this email address: bdocherty@melbcdf.org.au

ST MARY'S PARISH **JUNIOR CHOR**

Join Us!

New members are always welcome, and we invite you to take the next step.

If you are interested, please call Rebecca at the Parish Office on 5222 1977 during the week, or you can email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au Practices are held in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light] on a Friday after school [3.30pm - 4.30pm]. **Next Mass: August 25, 2024 @ 11am**

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

See the current notice for information.

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: September 8, 2024 - 11am.

Practice is prior to the 11am Mass - starting at 9.30am upstairs Level 1 [Pioneer Room].

If interested to join please email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR New members welcome

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30 to 9.00 pm in the Pioneer Room (for September). Level 1 Parish Centre @ 150 Yarra Street.

Next Mass: August 25 @ 9.30am

The Basilica Choir is celebrating 70 years!

For the full story please visit our website:

www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/parishchoirs

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"To live is the rarest thing in the world.

Sadly most people exist, and that is all." –

Oscar Wilde

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call a dog with no legs?

You can call him whatever you like,

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THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Tim Clark

Loving God, we pray that you will be comfort in their suffering, and lead them to know your healing grace, As they place their trust in you, grant them peace of mind, body and spirit. Amen.

Scan this QR code to access the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM**. [For children Grade 2 – Grade 6] Children are required to be fully registered, and forms submitted prior to sessions, and you must inform us of any change in details asap. A form submitted at least once per year, and updated regularly, if required. Any medications ie. Ventolin or Epipen, must accompany your child at the time of session attendance.



ST. JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS: Every Thursday at 11.30am

RADIO MASS BROADCAST:

SUNDAY 7am on Light FM 89.9 & 10am on The Pulse FM 94.7



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B – September 1, 2024 – FATHER'S DAY

Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8. 14-15.

Children's Liturgy	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22
11.00am MASS	Blake Drever Kerry Tomison	Domenica Croce Nina Tarsitano	Maria Monea Lina Sidoti	xxx NO CLOW School Holidays
TIMES	6.00pm	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
AV-SOUND operator	Rebecca Hay	Mareta Eagles	Andrew De Angelis	Cameron Brooks

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Natalia Barber	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Annette Wilkinson	Terry O'Brien	Barry Leith Rosa Marino	Monica Pearce	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Jennifer Guinane	Rhonda Sullivan	Blake Drever Geoff Miles Jennifer Guinane	Joanne McMahon	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Georgia Cowdery	Linda Stacchino	Liz Bauer Kirra Lina Sidoti	Domenica Croce	Michael Belleville

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mary-of-the-Angels-Parish-103118478011107/>

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