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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

## First Sunday of Advent - Year C – December 1, 2024

### Readings for this week:

**Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21: 25-28.**

### FRANCIS' FOCUS



### Reflection by Nick Brodie

Advent, Pope Francis suggests, should awaken 'sleepy Christians'.

It is a time to stop 'dozing off' into spiritual apathy and indifference.

The Pope encourages us to use Advent to consider how we live our faith. Perhaps we have become too worldly, or spiritually insular? Maybe our prayers have become dull and routine, rather than heartfelt? Whatever the case, now is the moment to reflect on what really matters and act.

Not tomorrow, not at Christmas, not after the holidays – Now!

There is an urgency to Advent, which this week's Gospel puts right in front of us. As Jesus says, we must be wakeful and alert! He speaks of things to do – stand, watch, pray – which shows us that the Christian life must be more than passive routines.

Framed by Jesus' call to his disciples, the Pope suggests that Advent should be spent 'looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.' It is, he adds, 'a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.'

The **Piety Stall** will be open regularly up until (& including) Sunday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. After which it will close until Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, when it will open at 10.30am. So, get your sacramental/religious Christmas shopping done now!

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### ST MARY'S ADVENT-CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

**Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> – 10am:**

Seniors' Anointing Mass & cuppa following.

**Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm:**

Christmas Memorial Mass

**Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation Service

**Christmas Eve Mass Times: December 24<sup>th</sup>**

6pm Family Mass; 8pm Mass; 9.30pm Polish Mass;  
11.30pm Carols & 12am Midnight Mass.

**Christmas Day Mass Times: December 25<sup>th</sup>**

7.30am; 9.30am; 11am; 12.30pm Polish Mass

**Boxing Day** – December 26<sup>th</sup> – 12.30pm Polish Mass

**NEW YEAR 2025** There is no New Years Eve Mass

**New Year's Day** The Solemnity of Mary

January 1<sup>st</sup> - 10am Mass & 12.30pm Polish Mass

### ST MARY'S PARISH RCIA UPDATE

Our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group has been underway for several weeks.

This Sunday (Dec 1) marks the next stage in the RCIA journey for those seeking to join the Catholic Church. At the 11.00 am Mass, the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens will be celebrated for those who are unbaptised.

The Rite of Welcome will be celebrated for those already baptised and preparing to be received into the Catholic Church ("Candidates").

From this Sunday Mass and until their full initiation into the Catholic Church next Easter, both Catechumens and Candidates are "dismissed" at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. The RCIA group and team leave the body of the Basilica to continue considering the significance of the Scripture readings for their faith journey.

**CONFIRMATION DATES** are early in March 2025 with classes commencing on Tuesday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Attention all students who attend non-Catholic private Schools or Government state schools!**

Children going into Grade 6 in 2025 must enrol into the Parish Sacramental Program for Confirmation before Christmas. Please contact the Parish Office 5222 1977 or email [AnnaMarieD@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:AnnaMarieD@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

To enrol your child must have already received Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Please know, you will need to provide a copy (or proof of completion) with the enrolment form for our records.

### ST MARY'S PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP

The group has concluded for this year.

It is expected to resume in time for Lent in 2025.

Thank you to all who participated this year.

**CHRISTMAS ROSTERS** have been completed and emailed out to those concerned. If you did not receive it yet, check your spam folder.

If still not received, please call the Parish Office, or you may take a printed copy from the table at the South Transept pews.

*Thank you!*  
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Please remember these companies as you go about your daily business, and if you need their help or assistance, support them as they have so generously supported us.

### DONATIONS FOR PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL

There is still time to donate your **unwanted, new or used Christmas decorations, gifts, ornaments.**

Donations will be received until Friday December 6.

Thank you to those who have already donated.

### ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**Date:** Sunday December 8.

**Time:** 12 noon – 3pm. **Venue:** Parish Centre @ 150 Yarra St - Hibernian & Pioneer Rooms.

Free **BBQ** sausage sizzle, Free **Face Painting**, Free **Activities for the kids**, Free **Tea/Coffee**

served in the Pioneer Room. You can purchase from the **Christmas Gift Stall & Cake Stall**, and a fantastic multi prize **Raffle** will run on the day @ \$1 per ticket **Christmas Performances & Karaoke** – 12.30pm. Open to children and adults. Registration prior to the event is preferred. See posters & flyers. Registration on the day will also be accepted.



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### Why this Catholic-born scientist is still Catholic?

Dr John Long from Deakin University will talk about the work of Rev. Fr Stanley Jaki OSB on science and faith. Fr. Jaki was a theologian and a renowned scientist. All are welcome on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon - 1 pm at **Holy Spirit Church Hall, Manifold Heights**. Detailed flyers are available in the Narthex

### WHY NOT JOIN A CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!

The Parish Junior Choir, Mixtures Adult Choir and Basilica Choir warmly invite you contact them if you wish to join (see details in the Music Ministry notice)

**Junior Choir sings at 6pm Mass** on Christmas Eve and will practice on Fridays up until December 13.

**Mixtures sing at 8pm Mass** on Christmas Eve with practices on Thurs. December 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm – 8pm in the Hibernian Hall (Café Light)

**Basilica Choir sings at Midnight Mass** with Carols sung prior. (\*see details of practice times)

**MALE SINGING GROUP** All interested male singers are invited to join a male only singing group that practices once a month and sings 'golden oldies' at various Aged Care Nursing Homes around Geelong area. Lots of fun! Please contact: Les Pomeroy for more details and to express your interest. 0414 442 471

**Last week's answer is:** 'n' – but you weren't going to get it because of a print error. Apologies it ought to have been "... any given day", not "... every given day".

### St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

Based on the list of ingredients below, which popular local dessert is this a recipe for?

Ingredients are: 2 parts Parsley, 1 part Vegemite, 2 parts Lobster and 2 parts Vanilla.

*The answer will be printed in the Bulletin next week.*

### ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

Pantry operating days and times are:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm

**CLOSURE: for the Christmas period and into the New Year. The Parish Pantry will be closed after the Friday December 20 operating time and will reopen on Tuesday January 14, 2025.**

**Music at the Basilica** 136 Yarra St. Geelong

**FREE ORGAN RECITALS DURING ADVENT**

**Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> ; 9<sup>th</sup> ; 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
12.30pm – 1.00pm in the Basilica**

**Windfire Choir and**

**Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm**

Combined choir conducted by Tom Healy also featuring guest choir "The Geelong Youth Choir"

**Tickets:** \$50/\$45/\$40. *Children and school students: FREE.* To book your tickets go to Trybooking: [www.trybooking.com/CQYBA](http://www.trybooking.com/CQYBA)

### Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

#### ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Practices are held during the school term in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light] on a Friday after school [from 3.30pm - 4.30pm].

**Next Mass: Christmas Eve: 6pm Family Mass MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR**

**Next Mass: December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 @ 11am.**

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

**BASILICA CHOIR New members welcome**

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the Sodalities Room – at the rear of the Basilica. Entry from Hay Market carpark

**Next Mass: December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9.30am**

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Hope is like the sun which as we journey towards it casts the shadow of our burden behind us.

- Anonymous

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

What did the shark say when he snacked on the clown fish? This tastes a little funny

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Moira Carr (Dunn), Egid (Eddie) Krasic



**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Clare Kearney, Alejandro Auxtero, Valero Guanco, Alicia Aguilus Macaspac, Bernard Carr, Terence Carman, Betty Minutillo, Emilia LaSpada, Marie Elise Turner, Trish Virgona, Maree Tsorotes, Isabella (Nance) Bloxham, Claude Callegher, Nicola D'Addazio, Carlota Rodrigues, Val Creece, Darren Bottrell **Month Mind:** Fernando José

**ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** Grace McConvill

*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.*

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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. A form must be submitted at least once per year, and updated per school term, if any of your circumstances/details change.



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



**Second Sunday of Advent - Year C – December 8, 2024**

**Readings for next week:**

**Baruch 5:1 - 9; Philippians 1:3 - 6. 8 - 11; Luke 3:1 - 6**

Children's Liturgy	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22
11.00am MASS	Domenica Kerry	Blake Liz	Maria Monea tbc	xxx No CLOW School Holidays

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Brendan Sullivan	Trish Nicholson	Trish Nicholson Margot Jarman	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Annette Wilkinson	Terry O'Brien	Nola Schwidlewski Annette Wilkinson	Brenda MacGregor	Carlo Werzak
9.30am	Blake Drever	Maree Ryan	Maree Ryan Ann Salerno Jennifer GUinane	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Linda Stacchino	Shirley Carroll	Domenica Croce Linda Stacchino Barbara Antony	Maria Monea	Michael Belleville
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Jack Munk	Marcia O'Brien	Georgia Cowdery

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