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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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year C – December 29, 2024

Readings for this week:

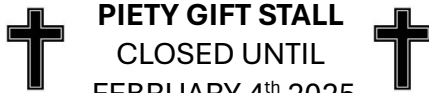
Sirach 3: 2 - 6. 12 - 14; Colossians 3: 12 - 21; Luke 2: 41 - 52

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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We live in an era when we are constantly hearing about the demise of the family and the demise of family values. It seems that the family is under constant attack. Divorce rates are at an all-time high and a huge number of young people are raised in single-parent families, divided families or blended families. To talk about a 'typical' family is increasingly irrelevant. What we are learning to appreciate more and more is the diversity of family experience. Despite all this, there is no disputing the value of the family unit. Family is at the heart of our society; at the heart of our development; and at the heart of our Church.

When we stop and think about it, the Holy Family that we honour today wasn't exactly what we might describe as a 'typical' family and yet they provide a model for all families. In today's gospel, we get a snapshot of family life for Jesus, Mary and Joseph at a time when Jesus was 12 years old. We're reminded that the family was a faithful Jewish family, attending the Passover celebrations in Jerusalem every year. We're also reminded that it is at the Passover celebrations some 20 or so years later that Jesus will be tried and crucified. When Mary chastises the boy Jesus, he reminds her that he needs to be busy with his Father's affairs. Mary and Joseph are confused by this, perhaps forgetting momentarily that Jesus is referring to his heavenly Father. This incident, so often dismissed as background 'colour' to the gospel narrative, conveys the significant truth that Jesus shared a family relationship with Mary and Joseph, but also shared a family relationship with God, his Father. It reminds us that Jesus called all of us to enter into the relationship he shared with his Father.



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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.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

NEW YEARS EVE:

(Tuesday December 31st, 2024) 10am Weekday Mass only. No evening Mass is scheduled.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: (January 1st, 2025)

The Solemnity of Mary - 10am Mass and 12.30pm Polish Mass

IMPORTANT:

The Basilica will be closed to the public after the scheduled Masses through until January 1st, 2025.

The regular Weekday Mass times and dedications (Tuesday – Saturday at 10am) will begin again on Thursday January 2nd, 2025, from that date the Basilica open hours will be Monday 10am – 5pm, Tuesday – Friday 9am – 5pm; and will open for the weekend Masses, including the regular 10am Mass, Reconciliation, for Baptisms and Weddings.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday December 24th at midday - 12 noon, 2024 for the Christmas/New Year break, and will re-open in the New Year at 9.00am on Thursday January 2nd, 2025.

During this time if you are in need of a priest for emergency hospital visit or last rites, please call the Parish Office on 5222 1977 and select option 1 for the after-hours emergency number.

All parish information is up on our website at: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au

JANUARY 5th, 2024 – VIQUEQUE SUNDAY

This is the first Sunday of the month and we remember & pray for our friends in our partner parish of Mary Immaculate in Viqueque. Throughout the year we have supported this community, and will continue to do so in 2025. A printed A4 flyer is available for you to read, in the Narthex, updating you and thanking you for this support. It can also be accessed online: <https://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/files/VQQ%20Newsletter%20December%202024.pdf>

Thank You...

Thank You, Barry and Maria!

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to Barry Leith and Maria Monea for their many years of dedicated service on the PPC.

“As you both retire from your role, your hard work, unwavering commitment, passion, and leadership will be greatly missed.

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we are deeply thankful for the countless hours you have devoted to making our Parish a better place.

We wish you all the best as you step down from the PPC to focus on your many other roles in the Parish.

With sincere appreciation
– St Mary's PPC.”

MASS RADIO BROADCAST

The PULSE FM Radio Mass crew will be on break from December 28th - January 11th

There will be no Mass broadcast on Sunday Dec 29th 2024, and Sunday January 5th 2025.

From January 12th 2025 the Sunday Mass from St Mary's Basilica will be broadcast on Geelong's local community radio station, **Pulse FM 94.7**, at **10:00 am** each Sunday.

If you miss a 10.00 am broadcast, you can listen to the current and past Sunday Masses from St Mary's Basilica by clicking on this link: <https://947thepulse.com/shows/sunday-at-saint-marys/>

These online audio recordings can be accessed at any time of the day. They are not podcasts and therefore cannot be downloaded.

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ALERT: KEEP YOUR BELONGINGS WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES

Please keep your belongings ie. hand bags, phones, wallets, with you at all times whilst visiting the Basilica or attending Mass. We advise you not to leave anything on or under the seats, even when going up to Communion. We cannot guarantee safe return of forgotten, discarded or misplaced belongings.

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

Our 3 Parish Choirs are currently taking a well-earned break, until the beginning of February 2025.

Thank you to each and every member for your devoted dedication and efforts presenting the music ministry here at St Mary's, especially for the most recent Christmas celebrations.

If you wish to know more about the choirs we invite you to visit our parish website: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/parish_choirs and if you would like to join in 2025, please get in touch closer to the starting back time.

JOKE OF THE WEEK - one for the New Year.



Last week's answer is: **C) C** (first letter-last letter; 2nd letter-2nd last letter etc.)

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

What 2 letters have been removed from this festive phrase? ALKIG I A ITER ODERLAD

ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY
Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong
The Parish Pantry is currently closed and will reopen on Tuesday January 8th, 2025 from 1pm – 3pm.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT THE BASILICA MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

We invite you to join this group of music-lovers helping to bring fine music to Geelong.

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2025 marks the 27th Jubilee year of the

Catholic Church in Rome. This happens only once every 25 years, and promises to be a time of grace for thousands of pilgrims and the world's faithful.

Helloworld Highton has amended their previous tour offer to commemorate this experience of a lifetime, and is now offering **2025 JUBILEE TOUR**

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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on with all the wisdom that experience can instil in us. – *Jonathan Lockwood Huie*

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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Andrew Carroll, Frank Moylan, Kate Dwyer, Harvey Jones, Evangeline Bijoli Bashiruddin, Margaret Moody, Joy Samas, Flora McDonald (Sr Philippa), Alexander Mitchell, Gaetana Inturrisi, Maria Balla, Angelo Manganelli, Fadlo Anawati, John Day (Qld)

Month Mind: Egid Krasic

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Frank Smith, Marie Prowd

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY [CLOW] – NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

You can register in advance for 2025... records are kept private. 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 as part of Child Safety procedures and a form



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

RADIO MASS BROADCAST: NO MASS FOR 2 WEEKS (resumes January 12th)

NO SUNDAY MASS BROADCAST DECEMBER 29th 2024 & JANUARY 5th 2025

Epiphany of the Lord - Year C – January 5, 2025

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6; Ephesians 3: 2 - 3. 5 - 6; Matthew 2: 1 - 12



Children's Liturgy	December 29	January 5	January 12	January 19
11.00am MASS	xxx No CLOW School Holidays	xxx No CLOW School Holidays	xxx No CLOW School Holidays	xxx No CLOW School Holidays

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Trish Nicholson	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	...	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Nola Schwidlewski	Philip DeRose	Lesley Almond	Monica Pearce	Carlo Werzak
9.30am	Maree Ryan	Blake Drever	Rhonda Sullivan Erminia Ficca Geoff Miles	Anna Demetriou	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Santina Taranto	Linda Stacchino	Barbara Antony Pamela Cowdery Liz Bauer	Liz Bauer	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Keith Almond	Teresa Eadie	Natalia Barber

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