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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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C – February 16, 2025

Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 17: 5 - 8; 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16 - 20; Luke 6: 17. 20

Reflection on the Gospel

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The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

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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 (after the 10am Mass), Baptisms & Weddings, and for regular Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. **See front page for Mass time details.**

St Mary's Parish: LOURDES DAY MASS

Saturday February 15th at the 10.00am.

NO RECONCILIATION after the Mass.

Stay for a social "cuppa get together" in the Narthex, after the Mass. All are welcome.

LENT 2025 Lent is less than three weeks away!

Beginning with **ASH WEDNESDAY: March 5th**.

Mass times will be: **10.00am; 12noon** (which may also be attended by our primary schools) and **7.30pm** in the evening.

For further information visit our website:

stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent_2025

PARISH LENTEN GROUP - 2025

St Mary's Parish is offering two Lenten groups this year: evening and daytime.

The **evening group** will meet on **Mondays at 7.30 pm**, commencing on March 3rd.

The daytime group will meet on **Tuesdays at 10.45 am**, commencing March 4th.

The Lent group will be using the Lenten book "*Many Paths Lead to Easter*" by Melbourne Jesuit, Andrew Hamilton. Copies of the book will be available soon.

Please register as soon as possible for the Lent group of your choice by emailing:

kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au or phoning the Parish Office on (03) 5222 1977.

The groups will meet in the Pioneer Room (upper level) of the Parish Office building, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong.

CAFÉ LIGHT Sunday March 2nd, 2025

Please come and join us at Café Light, over in the Parish Centre, at 150 Yarra St, between 10.30am – 12.30pm. Sacred Heart College staff and student volunteers will be there to serve lovely 'homemade' treats and tea/coffee. The cost per serve, per person is: \$5.00. All donations go towards support for our partner parish in Viqueque.



METANOIA LENTEN BOOK

Copies are now available from the Piety Gift Stall and Parish Office. The Lenten book is produced by the Diocese of Wollongong. This is an ideal personal prayer companion for the journey of Lent.

Cost: **\$8.00 per copy**. Please note: **stock is limited**.

This Lent, embark on a journey of metanoia – a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels. Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings and reflections, spiritual direction and prayers.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASS

We continue to extend an invitation to you to volunteer as Reader, Special Minister, Welcomer, Collector, or AV Operator at the regular Sunday Mass you attend. The commitment would be only for once a month, or as regular as you can.

Please contact the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977 with your contact details and availability, or via email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE GEELONG is a Catholic co-educational College located on the stunning Bellarine Peninsula, and we are currently welcoming Year 7 2026 enrolment applications from families seeking a faith filled education. Please click on the information for enrolment application link provided here and navigate the page to information you desire. Year 7 Guided Tours are now open.

<https://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-information-nowopen>

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

New members are always welcome.

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

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

Next Mass: February 23rd @ 11am

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: March 9th @ 11am.

Practice is prior to the 11am Mass - starting at 9.30am in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light].

If interested to join please email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR: New members welcome.

Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00 pm in the Sodalities Room at the rear of St Mary's Basilica – entry from outside.

Next Mass: February 16th @ 9.30am

For more information or details please email:

jbashiruddin@bigpond.com



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HIGH TEA Thursday March 20th, 2025

12 noon to 2.30 pm. The cost, \$60 pp, includes bubbles, savory & sweet treats and tea/coffee Sacred Heart College, 61 Retreat Road Newtown, Celies Dining Room.

This is a Sacred Heart College VCE Vocational Major project with students preparing the High Tea supporting St John of God Geelong Hospital Auxiliary fundraising for The Cartwheels Art Program. Book your place via TryBooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXQGX> or complete the booking form in the St John of God Geelong Hospital Gift Shop. Bookings close on Wednesday March 12th. All are welcome.

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: Mary

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have five sons. Each son has one sister. How many children do the Smiths have?



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ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

In the tax deductibility register the Pantry is titled "St Marys Parish Pantry" (*note: no apostrophe*)

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

136 Yarra St Geelong presents

The Geelong String Quartet

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

- meditative music with poetry and images -

Jamie Parker & Amy You – Violin,

Sandra Ionescu – Viola, Michael Robb – Cello

Sunday March 2nd, 5.00pm

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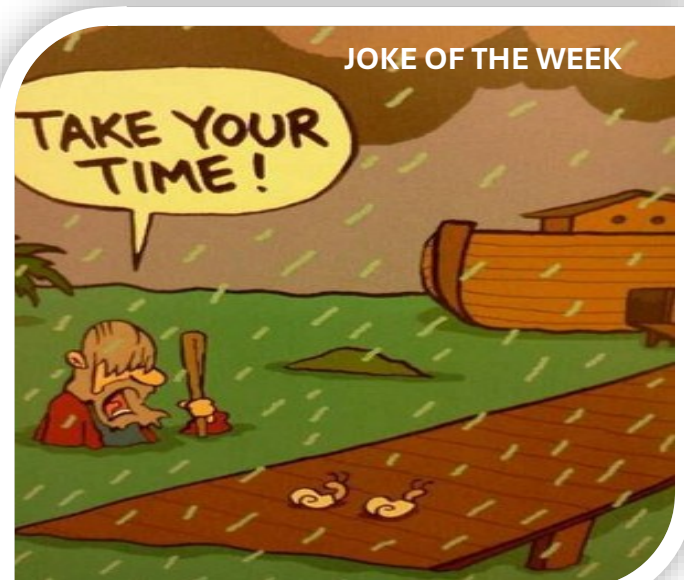
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK *Live your best day every day!*

"It's never too late to be what you might've been."
– George Eliot, novelist and poet



AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marco Loiudice-Marra, Aldo Sodomaco, June Venus Tampor, Emmanuel (Leli / Bill) Vassallo, Libertad Deriada



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Giuseppe Tumminello, Antonino Zavaglia, Maria Cafarella, Juanita McFarlane, Nesifred Solis, Filippo Orifici, Carmelo Napoli, Eileen Cromer, Margaret Pitcher, Karen McLeod, Ray Nelis, Ros McIlvena, Dezso Kotroczo, Antonio Romero, Irene Dunstan, Romeo Cabardo **Month Mind:** Sheila Laurence, Rocco Dinaro, Robert Cullen, Denis Beron

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: ...

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] - FILL OUT YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!!

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.



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



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – February 23, 2025

Readings for next week:

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Children's Liturgy	February 16	February 23	March 2	March 9
11.00am MASS	Blake Drever Nina Tarsitano	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Mary Forder Lina Sidoti	Blake Drever Liz Bauer

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Trish Nicholson	Brendan Sullivan	Gael Perry Trish Nicholson	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Nola Schwidlewski	Philip De Rose	Nola Schwidlewski Annette Wilkinson	Carlo Werzak	...
9.30am	Peter Mackinlay	Rhonda Sullivan	Geoff Miles Rhonda Sullivan Erminia Ficca	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Georgia Cowdery	Linda Stacchino	Liz Bauer Pamela Cowdery Barbara Antony	Domenica Croce	Michael Belleville
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Natalia Barber	Barry Leith	Marcia O'Brien	Cameron Brooks



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

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