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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

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

Readings for this week:

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

‘To go beyond instinct, to go beyond hatred,’ Pope Francis suggests, is fundamental. However bad it gets, Jesus calls on us to see those who wrong us as God sees them: as creatures loved into existence, still capable of good. Understandably, we find this challenging. But, as the Pope points out, Jesus faced such situations himself and shows us what turning the cheek really means.

By not trading strike for strike, Jesus avoids becoming like those who struck him in the first place. Jesus does not give in to injustice. Rather, he reveals it. During his Passion, as the Pope explains, Jesus ‘asks for an account of the wrong done to him.’ He calls it out, gently but firmly. ‘With his question,’ the Pope affirms, ‘Jesus denounces what is unjust. But he does so without anger, without violence, indeed with kindness.’

In any conflict, whether personal or international, we are therefore called to unmask the absurdity of hatred by being the ‘one who has a greater inner strength,’ to use our voice rather than fists, or gestures rather than words. Ultimately, as the Pope declares: ‘Turning the other cheek does not have to mean suffering in silence, giving in to injustice.’ It means transforming the moment to bring light to the darkness.

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Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In 2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in the Journal of Religious History. He is currently studying Theology.

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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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: March 5th.

Mass times will be: **10.00am**; **12noon** and **7.30pm** in the evening. *Daytime Masses may be attended by students and staff from our primary schools.*

For further information regarding Lent visit our website: stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent_2025

PROJECT COMPASSION Boxes and envelopes will be available in the Narthex from Sunday March 2nd. This year's theme is: Unite against Poverty – when we unite with each other, and with the people living in poverty, we can create a BIG, lasting change.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

VIQUEQUE SUNDAY – NEXT WEEKEND - March 2

Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to donate to support the community. These envelopes can be taken home, filled and returned the following week, and can be placed in with the Collection at Sunday Masses. They can also be dropped into the Parish Office during the week. Eftpos donations at the Parish Office will also be kindly accepted. Thank you for your continued generosity.

A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE FOR JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Holy Trinity Church in Queenscliff has been nominated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli, as a Pilgrim Place for the need of faithful to visit and pray during the Jubilee Year 2025.

On Sunday March 2nd, Bishop Martin Ashe, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, will celebrate Mass at Holy Trinity Church (34 Stevens Street, Queenscliff) at 11:00am to launch the Jubilee Year for pilgrims to visit during the coming year - to experience God's compassion and love through prayers and pilgrimage. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Yearly Report & Snapshot 2024

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has released its Yearly Report & Snapshot, summarising key achievements, priorities, and progress towards meeting our aspirations and goals set from planning days and our forward work plan.

You can view the Report and Snapshot online by visiting our parish website:

stmarysgeelong.com.au/parish_pastoral_council.

Printed copies of the Snapshot are available in the Basilica Narthex and printed copies of both the Snapshot and full Yearly Report can be collected from the Parish Office.

We encourage you all to read the report and stay informed about our parish's journey. Thank you for your continued support and involvement!

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Address: 28 Lawler St, Meredith VIC. 3333.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 7, 2025
An 11am gathering will be held at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St, Geelong. The theme is: "I made you wonderful" prepared by WDP Committee in the Cook Islands. The guest speaker is Rev. Tupe, Minister at Wesley. Everyone is welcome.
For further information please call Heather Watson: 0412 139 295 or Sue O'Donoghue 0429 784 331.

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/enrolme>



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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: Six

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

What two letters replace the question marks in this sequence? JFMA??JASOND
A) TW B) MJ C) EF

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Sandra Ionescu – Viola, Michael Robb – Cello

Sunday March 2nd, 5.00pm

Tickets: FULL \$35 CONCESSION: \$30

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Children and school students - free

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: February 23rd @ 11am

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: March 9th @ 11am.

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

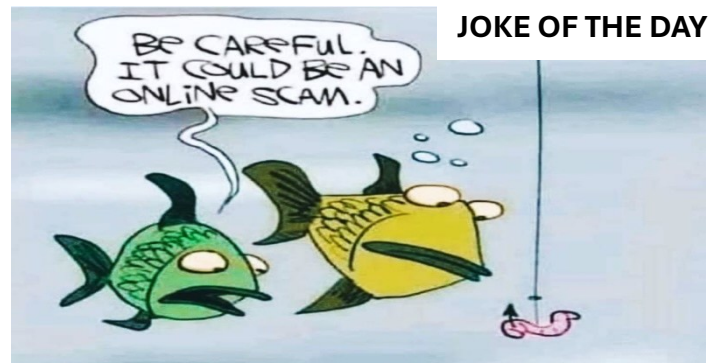
New members are always welcome!

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

BASILICA CHOIR Rehearsals are held 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 23rd @ 9.30am.**

For more information or details to join please email: jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK "It only takes a split second to smile and forget, yet to someone who needed it, it can last a lifetime." - Stever Maraboli



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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Hamish Parke, Vincenzo Alo, Eufemia Alo, Kevin McMahon, Teresa Sutherland, Roma Virgona, Jacqueline O’Toole, Margaret Tobin, Noelene Gray, Giovanni Gumina, Pam O’Sullivan, Marie Nielson, Jozef Skuza, Elvino Lolait, Dermot Jerinic

Month Mind: Robyn Kolotelo, Joanne Pundij, Joan Vlahovic, Daisy Ferrao

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Our Holy Father - Pope Francis



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.

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – March 2, 2025

Readings for next week: Sirach 27: 4 - 7; 1 Corinthians 15: 54 - 58; Luke 6: 39 - 45



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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, especially if any of your circumstances/details change.



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

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Margot Jarman	Natalia Barber	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	...	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Barry Leith	Terry O’Brien	Barry Leith Nola Schwidlewski	Brenda MacGregor	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Maree Ryan	Blake Drever	Jennifer Guinane Blake Drever Maree Ryan	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Pamela Cowdrey	Slavica Kulic	Slavica Kulic Domenica Croce Pamela or Liz	Domenica Croce	Michael Belleville
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Keith Almond	Teresa Eadie	Georgia Cowdrey



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

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