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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

Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ - Year C - January 12, 2025

Readings for this week:

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16.



Reflection - FRANCIS' FOCUS

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Pope Francis draws our attention to a couple of interesting aspects of Jesus' baptism, which offer useful lessons for Christians today.

One of these is his humility. The Pope wants us to reflect on how remarkable it was that sinless Jesus was there among the crowds, 'joining the queue of the penitents, mingling among them.' The Son of God did not separate himself or seek special treatment!

The crowd which Jesus joined therefore shows us something profound about the Incarnation.

Being baptised among the common people, Jesus shows us what the Pope termed his 'willingness to immerse himself in the river of humanity.' Even the Lord of All does not lord it over ordinary folk! Nor then should we.

On another occasion, the Pope focuses our attention on Jesus' prayer life. In telling us how the Holy Spirit descended from heaven like a dove, Luke makes it clear that this happened while Jesus was praying. This, the Pope indicates, is an important point worthy of our contemplation: 'Jesus prays.'

'Prayer opens the heaven,' the Pope says, borrowing the image from today's Gospel. He then adds that prayer also 'enables us to have the same experience of Jesus by the Jordan: it makes us feel like beloved children of the 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.

**THE BASILICA WILL BE CLOSED 2pm – 5pm
ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15th**

REGULAR BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:

Monday 10am - 5pm; Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. Open on the weekend only for the 10am Mass, followed by Reconciliation, Baptisms & Weddings and the Saturday evening Vigil Mass & regular Sunday Masses. (see front of Bulletin)

ALTAR SERVERS FOR SUNDAY MASS

If you have made your First Communion and would like to become an Altar Server at any Sunday Mass, please contact Fr Jude: j.johnson@stmarysgeelong.com.au or call: 5222 1977. Training is provided.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASS 2025

We invite you to be Readers, Special Ministers, Welcomers, Collectors, or AV Operators. Please contact the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977 with your contact details and availability, or via email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

All students who attend non-Catholic private Schools or Government state schools!

ENROL FOR CONFIRMATION NOW !!

Confirmation ceremonies for our Parish are scheduled for mid-March. Classes for Confirmation commence on Tuesday February 4th at 4pm in the Pioneer Room (Level 1, 150 Yarra St, Geelong) Please contact the Parish Office 5222 1977 or email

AnnaMarieD@stmarysgeelong.com.au

To enrol for Confirmation your child must have already received Baptism, Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Copies of certificates are required for our records.

Enrolment in our Parish Sacramental Classes 2025 for **First Eucharist** and **Reconciliation** is open. Please contact the Parish Office for the relevant enrolment forms.

Please contact the Parish Office 5222 1977 or email AnnaMarieD@stmarysgeelong.com.au



**St Phillip Howard
Catholic Church,
Norfolk Island**

**A remote outpost of faith
in the middle of the Pacific Ocean**

– submitted by Diane Read, a St Mary's Parishioner

Norm and I have just returned after a weeklong holiday in Norfolk Island, a tiny island about 1,600 km ESE of Brisbane in the Pacific Ocean. I had always wanted to visit NI, the home of the descendants of the British sailors, led by Fletcher Christian, who mutinied against the command of Captain Bligh and commandeered the HMS "Bounty" in 1789 near Tahiti.

Norfolk Island's settlement of Kingston is now a World Heritage site, with several well-preserved buildings from its era as a Prison Colony from 1825 to 1855 set along beautiful and peaceful Emily Bay. My interest was sparked by information that my great-great grandfather, a British soldier, had been stationed on the Island from 1840 to 1845 guarding convicts imprisoned in the maximum-security prison, often for the term of their natural lives.

Norm and I located the St Phillip Howard Catholic Church – the most remote parish in the Archdiocese of Sydney – and were delighted to be able to attend Sunday Mass. With around twenty active parishioners, this parish has been without a priest since 1987, and relies on visiting clergy to offer Mass. Most weeks, however, the parish offers a communion service. There is an interesting article on the St Phillip Howard Parish in Norfolk Island on the following link:

<https://catholicweekly.com.au/norfolk/>

On our visit on 5 January, we were blessed to have His Grace, the Most Rev Julian Porteous, Archbishop of Hobart, offer the Mass. This was a wonderful experience for us, especially when Archbishop Porteous mentioned he would be calling into Geelong to board the Spirit of Tasmania.



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Pope Francis has named this Jubilee celebration year "Pilgrims of Hope" as a celebration of peace, hope and love.

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January 29 – February 2 2025

Traffic and Transport Information Sheet
<https://www.cadelevansgreatoceanroadrace.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-CEGORR-Traffic-Transport-Flyer-Final.pdf>

Race logistics and planned road closures may affect your ability to get to the Church or Office during this time. Please use the link provided to assess impact on your movements.

Last week's answer is: (A) Twelve plus one. If you unscramble "Eleven plus two" you will be able to spell "Twelve plus one"

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

What pattern do all these 4 words have in common?

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

Resume ministry in February 2025.

If you wish to know more about the choirs, or are looking to join a choir, please take the time to visit our parish website:

www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/parish_choirs

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Why not live your best day everyday? - *Anonymous*



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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] – NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

You can register in advance for 2025... now. 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 must be submitted at least once per year. **CLOW resumes on February 9th, 2025**



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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – January 19, 2025

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 62: 1 - 5; 1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 11; John 2: 1 - 11

Children's Liturgy	January 12	January 19	January 26	February 2
11.00am MASS	xxx No CLOW School holidays	xxx No CLOW School holidays	xxx No CLOW School holidays	xxx No CLOW Resumes next week

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Brendan Sullivan	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Lesley Almond	Nola Schwidlewski	Margi Munk Barry Leith	Brenda MacGregor	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Jennifer Guinane	Marita Fitzpatrick	Ann Salerno Geoff Miles Rhonda Sullivan	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Rosemary Gador	Pamela Cowdery	Linda Stacchino Kirra Lina Sidoti	??	Michael Belleville
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Cameron Brooks	Mareta Eagles	Teresa Eadie	Natalia Barber

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