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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



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

Readings for this week:

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

Reflection *Francis' Focus*

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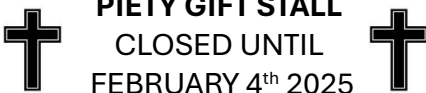
In reflecting on the Gospel reading for Epiphany, Pope Francis draws our attention to the Magi's humility. It 'seems a contradiction,' he says, for these 'wise, rich, educated' men to lower themselves before a baby! 'The Magi humbled themselves before the unheard-of logic of God,' the Pope points out. 'They welcomed the Lord not the way they had imagined him to be, but as he was, small and poor.'

As the Pope says, this episode provides us with an important example. The Magi put aside their own ideas and expectations. They responded to the reality before them, rather than any preconceptions in their own minds. They knew they were looking for something meaningful and were open to finding it in an unexpected person and place.

The humility of the Magi, the Pope intimates, has much to teach the Church today. As it embarks on the next stages of its pilgrimage through time, it must be open to surprises.

In this light, the Pope asks us to reflect on how well we humble ourselves before Jesus today. 'Do I know how to set aside my own perspective to embrace that of God and others?' he asks. Do we let habit become pride?

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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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)

JANUARY 5th, 2025 – VIQUEQUE SUNDAY

This weekend we acknowledge 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.

This continued support is very much appreciated by the community in East Timor. A printed A4 flyer is available in the Narthex, updating you and thanking you for this support. It can also be accessed online:

<https://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/files/VQ%20Newsletter%20December%202024.pdf>

ALTAR SERVERS FOR SUNDAY MASS

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASS 2025

If you would like to join our team of Readers, Special Ministers, Welcomers, Collectors, AV Operators for our weekend Sunday Masses, please contact you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977 us with your details and availability via email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au or.

We look forward to hearing from you.

CADEL EVANS GREAT OCEAN ROAD RACE

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>

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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.”

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

LAST CHANCE: ENROL FOR CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL CLASSES BY TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 4th. This is urgent because the only 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 immediately if you have not yet enrolled.

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

If you are looking to enrol in our Parish Sacramental Classes 2025 for **First Eucharist** and **Reconciliation** please contact the Parish Office for the relevant enrolment forms.

FYI: First Communion celebrations are held over the month of August (classes starting in June 2025) and Reconciliation in November (classes starting in September 2025).

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

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

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

This is a 7-day tour | Rome return, departing in 2025, on September 13th.

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For more information, or to register your interest please contact: **HELLOWORLD TRAVEL HIGHTON**, 83 Barrabool Road, Highton. (03) 5243 9311, email: highton@helloworld.com.au

MASS RADIO BROADCAST

On January 12th 2025, the Sunday Mass from St Mary's Basilica resumes regular broadcast at 10am every Sunday on Geelong's local community radio station, **Pulse FM 94.7**

If you miss a 10.00 am broadcast, you can listen to the current and previous 4 Sunday Masses from St Mary's Basilica by clicking on this link: <https://947thepulse.com/shows/sunday-at-saint-marys/>

Last week's answer is: The missing letters were W and N. The Festive Phrase should be: "Walking in a Winter Wonderland"

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

Q: In this puzzle, which of these is the same as writing "eleven plus two"? (A) Twelve plus one, (B) Ten plus three, or (C) Eight plus five

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Tuesday (starting January 8th), Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

Our 3 Parish Choirs are currently taking a break. The 9.30am Mass **Basilica Choir** resumes on February 2nd, and **Mixtures** 11am Mass resumes on February 9th.

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

www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/parish_choirs

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT THE BASILICA MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

If nothing we do matters, then all that matters is what we do - *Joss Whedon*



JOKE OF THE WEEK

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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:



RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Clatworthy, Michael Butler, Tom O'Neill

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Antonino Pantano, Frances Drew, Damian Boyle, Lucia Padula, Darryl Frances Lazzaro, Dino Giampetrone, Angelo Buso, Annette Maree Walsh, Mervalene Vaanhold, Stjepan Turkovic, Roy Stoneham, Ronald Cotter

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

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



Baptism of the Lord - Year C – January 12, 2025

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

Children's Liturgy	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
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	Margot Jarman	Natalia Barber	Gael Perry Trish Nicholson	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Barry Leith	Terry O'Brien	Annette Wilkinson Nola Schwidlewski	Carlo Werzak	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Ann Salerno	Geoff Miles	Jennifer Guinane Blake Drever Maree Ryan	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Slavica Kulic	Domenica Croce	Slavic Kulic Domenica Croce Georgia Cowdery	Domenica Croce	Michael Belleville
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Jack Munk	Marcia O'Brien	Joan Belleville

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

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