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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

Second Sunday of Lent – Yr C – March 16 2025

Readings for this week:

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36-26

Reflection on the Gospel

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Pope Francis draws our attention to Peter, James and John. Understandably weary, they were struggling against sleep and almost missed the Transfiguration entirely!

‘The drowsiness of the three disciples appears to be a discordant note’, the Pope muses. These three disciples later fall asleep at Gethsemane! ‘This sleepiness in such important moments is surprising’, the Pope remarks. In this regard, the apostles can help us think about Lent. ‘It is a period’, the Pope suggests, ‘in which God wants to awaken us from our inner lethargy, from this sleepiness that does not let the Spirit express itself.’

In their sleepiness these apostles make good role models for us. Despite their exhaustion, they remained open to the working of Grace. ‘We might think’, the Pope says, ‘that it was the light of Jesus that reawakened them.’

‘Like them, we too are in need of God’s light,’ the Pope affirms. And that light, he adds, ‘makes us see things in a different way: it attracts us, it reawakens us, it reignites our desire and strength to pray, to look within ourselves, and to dedicate time to others.’

We might sometimes feel sleepy, in faith as in work, but we can still be witnesses to the Transfiguration if we are really open to the light of Christ.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday during Lent, up until Good Friday, the recital of the Rosary has been moved to the time of 9.00am. The Stations of the Cross will be said at 9.30am prior to the 10.00am Mass.

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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, Baptisms & Weddings, and for regular Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.

See front page for all Mass time details.



Photo caption: *St Mary's Catechumens and godparents are welcomed by Archbishop Comensoli.*

RCIA UPDATE

Last Sunday, our parish's RCIA Catechumens and Candidates – along with godparents, sponsors, family members and our RCIA team – travelled to St Patrick's Cathedral for the "Rite of Election" ceremony.

Read about the occasion here:

melbourncatholic.org/news/finding-a-home-in-the-mother-church-rite-of-election-2025

As part of your Lenten commitment, you may wish to regularly pray for our parish's Elect (as the Catechumens are now known) and Candidates – Alicia, Breanna, Cecilia, Chris, Daniel, Debbie, Ella, Januk, Jason, Kenny, Luke, Marina and Shelley – as they prepare to become Catholics. Their ceremony will be on Holy Saturday (April 19th) - Easter Vigil Mass, 7.30pm

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

Lenten groups are meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm and Tuesday at 10.45 am in the Pioneer Room (upper level), Parish Office building, 150 Yarra Street. Even if you missed previous weeks, you are most welcome to join in. Further information is available here:

www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent_2025

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE GEELONG

Saint Ignatius College Parents and Friends invites you to celebrate an eggcellent event; celebrating faith, chocolate and community, at their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday March 30th. Location: 27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale Victoria 3222. Activities include: 'the hunt', face painting, a petting zoo and more! This event takes place from 10.30am – 11.30am.

Register your hunt via this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CYZLQ>

Flyers are available in the Narthex.

ABIDE 2025 – 13 hours of Eucharistic Adoration
St Sebastian's Siromalabar Mission Geelong
46 Lomond Terrace, East Geelong Victoria, 3219
Friday March 21st, 2025 – 7am – 8pm.

7am: Holy Mass & Exposition of the blessed sacrament followed by adoration and prayer time. **7pm:** Closing prayer **8pm:** Benediction
You are all warmly invited to join in the Adoration. Flyers are available in the Narthex.

NO CANDLES IN THE BASILICA !!

Please do not bring in candles, light them and leave them at any of the prayer alcoves in the Ambulatory, or anywhere in the Basilica.

In the past there was an area where personal candles were lit for prayers. Due to the fire hazard this creates, these have been replaced by electric button operated 'candles' in the side alcoves.

CDF TERM INVESTMENTS - UPDATE

Check it out! The Catholic Development Fund CDF has now a loan rate at 6.15% pa.

To view all current rates and loan information, please visit the CDF website:

<https://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/>

ACIES – You are invited to join their annual consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, March 29th, 2025 at St Francis Xavier Church in Corio. It begins at 8:30 am with Rosary followed by Mass and Consecration. All are welcome and please bring along family and friends and a plate to share.
For more info contact Adela on 0409 135 589

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Jubilee 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

2025 - 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. Pope Francis has named this Jubilee celebration year "Pilgrims of Hope" as a celebration of peace, hope and love.

ADVENTURE IS KNOCKING

You are invited to join - 2025 JUBILEE TOUR [Cosmos] offered through Helloworld Travel Highton

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

The basic cost is: \$3299 Per person. Twin share. Join this small group tour and visit some of the world's most iconic and inspiring holy sites - an experience you will never forget.

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

Some printed flyers containing full details are available in the Narthex News stand.

ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong
Pantry operating days and times are:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA presents

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 5

Admission is free – no bookings required
Join these talented performers accompanied by Frank DeRosso on the organ each Sunday in Lent. After each concert you are invited to join the performers for refreshments.

March 16th: Vicki Hallett (clarinet), Brigid Mantelli (flute), Salvador Blasco (oboe)

March 23rd: Emily Swanson (soprano), Helen Seymour (alto), Alex McAuley (tenor), Tom Healey (bass)

March 30th: Zinaida Campion (soprano)

April 6th: Miranda Brockman (cello)

WINDFIRE CHOIR EASTER CONCERT

Sunday April 13th, 2023, 5.00pm

Music at the Basilica invites you to their 2025 Easter Concert at 5pm on Sunday April 13th at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. The Windfire Choir and orchestra, conducted by Tom Healey will present a lovely program featuring Allegri "Miserere Mei", Mozart's Laudate Dominum and "Ave Verum" as well as music by Rheinberger and Mendelssohn. Purchase your tickets from

www.trybooking.com/CYIWR

See www.musicatthebasilica.org.au for details.

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: March 23rd @ 11am

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: April 13th @ 11am.

BASILICA CHOIR:

Next Mass: March 16th @ 9.30am



St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: Bill's glass is half full

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Alistair's dream celebrity dinner party would be Cameron Diaz, Ella Fitzgerald and Glenn Hoddle. What is Alistair's surname?

(A) Green (B) White (C) Coral (D) Brown

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Rivers don't drink their own water; trees don't eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself, and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are born to help each other, no matter how difficult it is. Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you. – Pope Francis.

JOKE FOR THE DAY

A priest, a rabbit and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender asks the rabbit, "What can I get you?" The rabbit replies, "I don't exactly know. I am only here because of autocorrect!"



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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Annice Muir, Matthew & Richard Costa, Maria Restifa, Joseph Palermo, Veronica Keys, Elaine Harvey, Brian Walsh, Michael Ward, William Harris, Bernadette Richards (Moynihan), Brian William Moloney, Maria Cunha, Manuel Ramos, Fortunato Polimeni,

Month Mind: Aldo Sodomaco

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Joseph Akande

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

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C – March 23, 2025

Readings for next week: Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9



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, especially if any of your circumstances/details change.



Children's Liturgy	March 16	March 23	March 30	April 6
11.00am MASS	Domenica Croce Nina Tarsitano	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Maria Monea Lina Sidoti	xxx No CLOW School holidays

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Brendan Sullivan	Gael Perry Vicki Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Barry Leith	Corinne Fabre	Margi Munk Annette Wilkinson	Brenda MacGregor	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Blake Drever	Peter Mackinlay	Maree Ryan ** Rhonda Sullivan Ann Salerno	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Domenica Croce	Georgia Cowdery	Nina Tarsitano Kirra Slavica Kulic	Liz Bauer	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		...	Mareta Eagles	Marcia O'Brien	Georgia Cowdery

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

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