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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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – March 2, 2025

Readings for this week:

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

Reflection on the Gospel Francis' Focus

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'Wars begin from the tongue', says Pope Francis. Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, he draws our attention to the importance of choosing our words carefully, lest they become 'bad fruit'.

He also reminds us that words can be destructive. If we are 'grumbling, gossiping, speaking ill of others', he says, then we are engaging in activity that 'destroys the family, destroys school, destroys the workplace, destroys the neighbourhood.' Commenting on how words can amplify attitudes, the Pope wants us to remember that 'through our tongue we can also feed prejudices, raise barriers.' This is especially true online.

Stressing that these days 'words travel fast', the Pope remarks that 'too many of them convey anger and aggression, feed false news and take advantage of collective fears to propagate distorted ideas.' Christians should 'be reflective, not reactive' when engaging with other people online. We should always 'be mindful of posting and sharing content that can cause misunderstanding, exacerbate division, incite conflict, and deepen prejudices.'

We should look for those digital splinters that might be distorting our own perspectives before we jump online to accost others.

Ultimately, the Pope wants us to remember that our words always affect another person.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday during Lent, up until Good Friday, the recital of the Rosary will be moved to the time of 9.00am, and the Stations of the Cross will be said at 9.30am prior to the 10.00am Mass. This prayer pilgrimage is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus. It reflects a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during his passion, forming a deeper understanding and compassion.



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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.

VIQUEQUE SUNDAY – March 2nd

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 gratefully accepted. Thank you for your continued generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION 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.

This year we are trialling a new Project Compassion Box distribution method. We have placed 2 baskets of the boxes on each side, of the main aisle, by the pillars at the front of the altar steps.

During Sunday Mass, after you receive Communion, we encourage you to pick up your box and take it home with you. One per single or family. There are extra boxes and donation envelopes in the Narthex.

CAFÉ LIGHT Sunday March 2nd, 2025

Please come and join us **TODAY** 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.



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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 7, 2025

An 11am gathering will be held at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St, Geelong. All are warmly invited. For further information please call Heather Watson: 0412 139 295 or Sue O'Donoghue 0429 784 331.

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!

PARISH LENTEN GROUP - 2025

St Mary's Parish is offering two Lenten groups this year, beginning this coming week.

An evening group will meet on Mondays at 7.30 pm, commencing March 3rd. A daytime group will meet on Tuesdays at 10.45 am, commencing March 4th. Both groups will proceed, so you are welcome to attend without registering beforehand.

Venue: Pioneer Room (upper level), Parish Office building, 150 Yarra Street.

We will be using the Lenten book "Many Paths Lead to Easter" by Melbourne Jesuit, Andrew Hamilton.

Copies of the book are available from the parish office (\$8.00 per copy) and a limited number of copies will be available to purchase at the meetings. If you wish to reserve a copy, please email kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au or phone the Parish Office on (03) 5222 1977 ASAP.

METANOIA LENTEN BOOK There are no longer any printed copies available. We received our 'bundle', and have tried to obtain more copies, but there are none available to us. On the upside... digital copies are available for those with access to the internet. Click on the link here:

<https://www.dow.org.au/product/metanoia-lenten-program-2025-book-pdf-digital-download/>

MASS ON THE RADIO

Broadcast brought to you by **St Mary's Parish, Geelong** @ 10.00am Sunday on PULSE FM 94.7

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ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH MEREDITH is celebrating 150 years! Fr Joseph invites you to attend a special Mass on Sunday March 16th at 11.00am, celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli.
Address: 28 Lawler St, Meredith VIC. 3333.

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB

You are warmly invited for a social get-together for food and friends for our dinner for March.

Date: Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Great Western Hotel, "Western Room" access from the bar, cnr Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown. **Cost:** Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you wish to attend the dinner, please phone or text Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by Friday March 7th.

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>



Sacred Heart College
GEELONG



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. 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: **B) MJ**

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Which of the following words is still a recognised word if you substitute the first letter for the next letter in the alphabet and the last letter for the previous letter in the alphabet?

(A) BRINK (B) CROWN (C) CREST

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ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

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

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs **ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR**

New members are always welcome.

Next Mass: March 23rd @ 11am

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: March 9th @ 11am.

BASILICA CHOIR:

Next Mass: March 2nd @ 9.30am

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA presents

The Geelong String Quartet

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Sunday March 2nd, 5.00pm

Tickets: FULL \$35 CONCESSION: \$30
www.trybooking.com/CYIWB or can be purchased at the door. Children and school students – free.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 5

5pm on Sundays during Lent at the Basilica
Admission is free – no bookings required – just come and enjoy! ALL WELCOME.

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 9th: Olivier Bonnici (violin)

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)

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Remember, there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." - *Scott Adams*

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Teacher: "Is there anyone who can tell me the chemical formula for water?"

Young student: "HIJKLMNO"!

Teacher: "Oh no! Not even close!"

Young student: "But you told us all yesterday that it's H to O!"

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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ollie Johnston, Terence Morrissy, Angela Oddi, Ross Jennings, Edward "Edy" Wilfling



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Agnes Goonan, Raymond Everett, Elizabeth Coleman, Heather Paic, Antonio Sorgiovanni, Gordon "Harry" Howard, Leona Bampfield, George Mazur, Armando Granata, Amanda Wallace, Giuseppe Campanile, Vilma Cioch, Salvacion Palma, Manuel Maca, Thomas Mullahy, Bridie Mullahy, Rose Brennan, Charles & Patricia Perry, Edward Kornacki
Month Mind: Josie Gumina, Zofia Rudzki, Barbe Krishnamurthy

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

First Sunday of Lent - Year C – March 9, 2025

Readings for next week: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13



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 2	March 9	March 16	March 23
11.00am MASS	Mary Forder Lina Sidoti	Blake Drever Liz Bauer	Domenica Croce Nina Tarsitano	xxx NO CLOW

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	Annette Wilkinson	Philip De Rose	Annette Wilkinson Margi Munk	Carlo Werzak	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Geoff Miles	Rhonda Sullivan	Rhonda Sullivan Ann Salerno Erminia Ficca	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Santina Taranto	Georgia Cowdery	Pamela Cowdery Liz Bauer Maria Monea	Liz Bauer	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Natalia Barber	Barry Leith	Marcia / Dominic	Joan Belleville

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