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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



Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C – March 30, 2025

Readings for this week:

Joshua 5: 9 - 12; 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 21; Luke 15: 1 - 3. 11 - 32

Reflection - Francis' Focus

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Pope Francis says that today's Gospel parable 'leads us to the heart of God'. On the one hand, it shows us that 'God always forgives. We are the ones who tire of asking for forgiveness.' What the prodigal son's Father shows us is God's boundless mercy.

But on the other hand, the parable also shows how easily we humans can slip into what the Pope calls 'the indignation of the elder son'. If we do not see God as our merciful Father, then we can easily fall into 'living a distant religion, made of prohibitions and duties.' When we judge and exclude, we try to limit God's mercy.

Falling into that mindset, we lose sight of our relatedness. We can become like the resentful elder son who calls his own brother 'this son of yours'. To combat this mindset of 'rigidity towards our neighbour' the Pope suggests that, like the Father, we 'make merry and rejoice'.

We should try to 'demonstrate our closeness to those who repent or who are on the way, to those who are in crisis or who are far away ... we have to offer them a warm welcome that encourages them to go ahead.'

In our lives, we should always treat others without judgment. And in our churches, we should always warmly welcome them home.

EARLY NOTIFICATION: Daylight Saving Time ends at 2am on the first Sunday in April when clocks are put back one hour.

The first Sunday of April this year is: (next week) **April 6, 2025**



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BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:

Monday 10am - 5pm; Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. Also open on the weekend for 10am Mass, Reconciliation, Baptisms & Weddings, and for regular Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.

See the front page for all Mass times.

HOLY WEEK DATES TO NOTE: @ the Basilica
2nd Rite Reconciliation: Tues. April 15th - 7.30pm.
Holy Thursday Mass: Thurs. April 17th - 7.30pm.
Good Friday Way of the Cross Procession: 10.45am – leaving from cnr Myers & Yarra Sts.
Good Friday Service: Fri. April 18th - 3.00pm.
Holy Saturday Mass: Sat. April 19th – 7.30pm.
Easter Sunday Masses: Sun April 20th - 7.30am; 9.30am; 11am; 12.30pm (in Polish)

RCIA UPDATE At the 11.00 am Mass this Sunday, those adults who are preparing for baptism (known as “the Elect”) at our parish Easter Vigil will undertake the second of the Scrutiny Rites. At that Mass, the Gospel will be the story of Jesus’ healing at the Pool of Siloam of the man born blind (John 9:1-41). It symbolises Christ as the Light of the World and the enlightenment given through baptism.

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.

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

Lenten groups are meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm and Tuesday at 10.45 am up 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

ITALIAN WAY OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY

Will be held in the Basilica on Friday April 18th from 9.30am in Italian. All are invited to attend. AVVISO Venerdì Santo alle ore 9.30am. Ci sarà la Crucis in Italiano. Benvenuti.

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BASILICA CLOSED ALL DAY - APRIL 7th 2025

The Basilica will be closed this day due to electrical maintenance on the lighting in the building.

CatholicCare Victoria need VOLUNTEER TUTORS to support Homework Clubs at schools for newly-arrived Year 7 - 12 students from refugee backgrounds, based in Geelong.

Apply now if you are interested in helping.

✨ 3.15pm - 4.30pm | 12:40-1:30pm **during school terms.** ✨ Mondays - Year 9 and 10 & Thursdays - Years 7 and 12.

Training sessions will be provided to tutors about the school curriculum and working with students who speak English as a second language.

If you are a university student, retired teacher or have adequate knowledge of the topic of study, and can volunteer your time to help please call:

Sally Maddigan (Manager, People & Culture)

Email: sally.madigan@catholiccarevic.org.au

UPDATE NOW!!



Is your WWCC current and up to date?

Click on the link to access details online:

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - WWCC

Clergy, employees and volunteers in our parish hold a position of trust in our communities, irrespective of whether the role involves direct, indirect or no contact with children and young people. Our blanket approach ensures that we all stand united in creating safe environments for children and young people, and demonstrates our commitment to excluding persons who pose an obvious risk to children and young people. All clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 years are required to maintain a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) throughout their involvement at St Mary’s Parish. *Once completed please submit current details to the Parish Office for safe and secure filing.*

The volunteer WWCC is free of charge.

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We are still searching for extra **VOLUNTEERS** for the many ministries at our **Sunday Masses**. Please contact us with your details and availability via email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977. Thank you.
We would love to hear from you.

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

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 Weekly practices are held during the school term on a Friday after school [3.30pm - 4.30pm] in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light].

**** Junior Choir will be on break for the school holidays and practices will resume on May 2, 2025. Next Mass: May 25 @ 11am ****

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: April 13 @ 11am.

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

If interested to join please email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR: New members welcome.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the Sodalities Room at the rear of St Mary's Basilica – entry from outside.

Next Mass: March 30 @ 9.30am

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

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: The answer is Mary. She is the only child not mentioned.

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Q: In the classic game, if you say "He loves me" while plucking a flower's first petal, which flower would end with "He loves me not"?

- (A) One with 5 petals, (B) One with 50 petals, or (C) One with 555 petals

ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

Pantry operating days and times are:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm.

MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE PARISH PANTRY ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

In the tax deductibility register the Pantry is titled "St Marys Parish Pantry" (*note: no apostrophe*)

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA presents

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 5 - [5.00pm]

Admission is free – no bookings required.

ONLY 2 CONCERTS LEFT!

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 30th: Zinaida Campion (soprano)

April 6th: Miranda Brockman (cello)

WINDFIRE CHOIR EASTER CONCERT

Sunday April 13th, 2023, 5.00pm

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

For more details, please visit the website:

www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure.

- Anonymous



JOKE OF THE DAY

Three golf clubs go into a bar. The putter asks for a beer. The wedge orders a tequila. And the third? What did he order? Well, the third club said, "Nothing for me thanks. I'm the driver!"

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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:



RECENTLY DECEASED: Nick Grootveld, Orlando Sagad, Mike Perez

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Philip St John, Manuel Banal, Anatalio Recto, Fr Robert Coghlan, Peter Tomison, Gregory Kelly, Zvonko Sutej, Reginald Talbot, Gavin Perkins, Alex Popescu, Teresa Finnigan, Giuseppe Trentino, Antonio Marinelli, Bernard James Stow, Sr Marie Doolan RSM,

Month Mind: Terry Morrissy

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Tyler McKenzie, Bartolina (Lina) Sidoti

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent- Year C – April 6, 2025

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21; Philippians 3: 8 - 14; John 8: 1 - 11



CHILDREN'S LITURGY [CLOW] - LAST session for Term 1 – 30. 3. 2025. Resumes 27. 4. 2025

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,

Children's Liturgy	March 30	April 6	April 13	April 20
11.00am MASS	Maria Monea Lina Sidoti	xxx NO CLOW School Holidays	xxx NO CLOW School Holidays Palm Sunday	xxx NO CLOW School Holidays Easter Sunday

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Margot Jarman	Gael Perry Vicki Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Lesley Almond	Philip De Rose	Margi Munk Annette Wilkinson	Monica Pearce	Carlo Werzak
9.30am	Jennifer Guinane	Geoff Miles	Maree Ryan Rhonda Sullivan Clare O'Malley	Anna Demetriou	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Shirley Carroll	Santina Taranto	Linda Stacchino Barbara Antony Lina Sidoti	Maria Monea	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Natalia Barber	Jack Munk	Teresa Eadie	Charlene Sagad

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

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