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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

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

Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 10; Romans 10: 8 - 13; Luke 4: 1 - 13

Reflection – Francis’ Focus

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‘Jesus does not converse with the devil’, observes Pope Francis.

The Pope points out that Jesus never seeks the devil’s opinion, nor does he get into a dialogue with the devil. Jesus only gives firm answers, rebuffing the devil with Scripture, even when the devil tries to warp Scripture to his own ends. Hoping that Lent can be ‘a time of the desert’ for each one of us, a time when we can find silence and make time for prayer, the Pope also warns us against falling into a ‘slumber of the conscience’.

Silence and prayer must never become dialogue with the devil. If we start to think of ourselves as holier than others, excuse ourselves from helping the poor, or judge others whose lives appear different from our own, then perhaps we have started listening to the devil’s opinion.

This Lent we might reflect on this temptation to self-justify, to dialogue with evil. ‘The devil does this with us’, the Pope suggests.

Too easily the devil can, as the Pope puts it, ‘disguise himself with sacred, apparently religious motives!’

Therefore, we might begin Lent by praying for the fortitude to answer our own inner temptations with firm resolve.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES If you have not already done so, we encourage you to pick up a project compassion box from in the Narthex, and during Lent "Give" ... fill the box with donations which can then be donated to the Caritas Projection Compassion Appeal. 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. You can also donate online. <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

RCIA UPDATE This weekend, on the First Sunday of Lent, our parish Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) group will travel to the annual "Rite of Election" ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral, along with other Catechumens and Candidates from across the Archdiocese. Presided over by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, the event is a milestone for those preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter. Together with their godparents, sponsors, families and other parishioners, the catechumens and candidates will declare their intention to join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year. As part of your Lenten commitment, you may wish to regularly pray for our parish's Catechumens and Candidates – Alicia, Breanna, Cecilia, Chris, Daniel, Debbie, Ella, Januk, Jason, Kenny, Luke, Marina and Shelley – as they prepare to become Catholics. Last Sunday, at the 11.00 am Mass we had the pleasure of welcoming a young man, Jordy, to the Catholic Church and our parish. Please make Jordy welcome if you have the opportunity and pray for his ongoing life as a Catholic.

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

METANOIA LENTEN BOOK There are no longer any printed copies available. 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/>

PARISH LENTEN GROUP - 2025

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 the first week, you are most welcome to join us. Further information is available here: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent_2025 or email kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au

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<https://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-information-nowopen>



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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.



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ADVENTURE IS KNOCKING

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

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

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: March 23rd @ 11am

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: March 9th @ 11am.

BASILICA CHOIR:

Next Mass: March 9th @ 9.30am



St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: C) CREST (DRESS)
[1 letter after C = D ... 1 letter before T = S]

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Bill's glass is half full. Ben's is half empty. Bill drinks half of what's in Ben's glass and Ben throws half of what's in Bill's glass in Bill's face. Ben empties his glass into Bill's glass. How full is Bill's glass now?

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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 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)

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.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Forgiveness is a form of love. It takes a strong person to say "I am sorry". It takes an even stronger person to forgive. - *Anonymous*

JOKE FOR THE DAY

Getting used to communicating via a new mobile phone, a grandparent texts their grandson: "Hi there honey. What does IDK, LY, & TTYL mean?" He promptly texts back: "I Don't Know, Love You, & Talk To You Later." The reply: "Oh that's okay. Don't worry about it, I'll ask your sister. Love you too."

MASS ON THE RADIO

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Alicia Margaret Kelly, Margaret Penney, Antun Kovac

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Giuseppa Biviano, Ray Wilby Snr, Giovanni Stranieri, Eneas Connolly, Michael Glennen, Maureen Evans, Bernard Clancy, Edmund Hodgson, Beatrice Maccora, Eufemia Alo, John Harper, Robyne Smedley, Zvonko Novosel, Rosa Raimondo, Rocco Raimondo, Carmela Genovese

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Leonie Maher

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

Second Sunday of Lent - Year C – March 16, 2025

Readings for next week: Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 9:28-36



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 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
11.00am MASS	Blake Drever Liz Bauer	Domenica Croce Nina Tarsitano	xxx NO CLOW Junior Choir	Maria Monea Lina Sidoti

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Brendan Sullivan	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vinca Zavaglia
7.30am	Lesley Almond	Nola Schwidlewski	Nola Schwidlewski Barry Leith	Monica Pierce	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Jennifer Guinane	Marita Fitzpatrick	Geoff Miles Jennifer Guinane Blake Drever	...	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Rosemary Gador	Linda Stacchino	Linda Stacchino Barbara Antony Lina Sidoti	Maria Monea	Michael Belleville
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Jack Munk	Marcia/Domonic	Rebecca/Charlene

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

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