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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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B November 24, 2024

Readings for this week:

Daniel 7: 13 - 14; Revelation 1: 5 - 8; John 18: 33 - 37

Reflection on the Gospel

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This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King.

The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world.

It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

The **Piety Stall** will be open regularly up until (& including) Sunday Dec. 22nd. After which it will close until Tuesday February 4th, 2025, when it will open at 10.30am. So, get your sacramental/religious Christmas shopping done now!

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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.

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Have you thought? *The Kingdom of God*

When Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of God he never gives a particularly clear picture of what he means. He usually refers to the kingdom with metaphoric language ("the kingdom of God is like ...") and often the kingdom is defined by what it is not. The kingdom is also a real contradiction: it is here and now and yet it is still to come; it is almost impossible for some to enter the kingdom while others are assured a place; it is within us and in our hearts and yet is a great banquet to which all are invited.

BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:

Monday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Tuesday - Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm. It is open on the weekend for 10.00am Mass, Reconciliation, Baptisms & Weddings, and for the 6pm Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses. (*Mass Times are on the front page*)

ST MARY'S ADVENT-CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Saturday December 14th – 10am:

Seniors' Anointing Mass

Tuesday December 17th – 7.30pm:

Christmas Memorial Mass

Wednesday December 18th – 7.30pm:

2nd Rite Reconciliation Service

Christmas Eve Mass Times: December 24th

6pm Family Mass; 8pm Mass; 9.30pm Polish Mass; 11.30pm Carols & 12am Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day Mass Times: December 25th

7.30am; 9.30am; 11am; 12.30pm Polish Mass

NEW YEAR 2025 There is no New Years Eve Mass

New Year's Day January 1st - 10am Mass

The Solemnity of Mary

CONFIRMATION DATES are early in March 2025 with classes commencing on Tuesday Feb. 4th 2025.

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

Children going into Grade 6 in 2025 must enrol into the Parish Sacramental Program for Confirmation before Christmas. Please contact the Parish Office 5222 1977 or email AnnaMarieD@stmarysgeelong.com.au

To enrol your child must have already received Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Please know, you will need to provide a copy (or proof of completion) with the enrolment form for our records.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Date: Sunday December 8.

Time: 12 noon – 3pm. **Venue:** Parish Centre @ 150 Yarra St - Hibernian & Pioneer Rooms.

Free **BBQ** sausage sizzle, Free **Face Painting**, Free **Activities for the kids**, Free **Tea/Coffee** served in the Pioneer Room. You can purchase from the **Christmas Gift Stall & Cake Stall**, and a multi prize **Raffle** will run on the day @ \$1 per ticket **Christmas Performances & Karaoke** – 12.30pm Open to children and adults. Registration prior to the event is preferred. Please use this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDS0KAH1u875rTpZ1qUOtCjOHPpsa_cDoF4YemdNx-HeBKbQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0 Registration on the day will also be accepted.



DONATIONS FOR PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL

There is still time to donate your **unwanted, new or used Christmas decorations, gifts, ornaments** to us for our annual Christmas Gift Stall on Dec 8. Items can be dropped to the Parish Office during the week. Donations will be received until Friday December 6. Thank you to those who have already passed on their items. It will be a good stall. 😊😊

FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG COMMUNITY

Monthly gatherings will resume on **Wednesday November 27th, 2pm-4pm** **Venue:** Hibernian Hall/ Café Light (ground level) @ St Marys 150 Yarra St. Prayer, Gospel sharing, Songs Afternoon tea for all with disabilities, family and friends. New members welcome. Theme: Advent

RSVP essential to Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267.

GOD'S WORD – DAILY REFLECTIONS 2025:

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See Bulletin advertising for details of: Tuckers, Kings, and Baré Legal. *Soul Pattinson Chemist is on the corner of Yarra and Myers Sts. **Apollo Music Academy – located at 6/4 Clarendon Rd, Drysdale.

Please remember these companies as you go about your daily business, and if you need their assistance, please support them as they have supported us.

JOIN A CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!

The Parish Junior Choir, Mixtures Adult Choir and Basilica Choir warmly invite you contact them if you wish to join (*see details in the Music Ministry notice*)

Junior Choir sings at 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve and will practice on Fridays up until December 13.

Mixtures sing at 8pm Mass on Christmas Eve with practices on Thurs. December 12th & 19th @ 6pm – 8pm in the Hibernian Hall (Café Light)

Basilica Choir sings at Midnight Mass with Carols sung prior. (*see details of practice times)

MALE SINGING GROUP All interested male singers are invited to join a male only singing group that practices once a month and sings ‘golden oldies’ at various Aged Care Nursing Homes around Geelong area. Lots of fun! Please contact: Les Pomeroy for more details and to express your interest. 0414 442 471

Last week’s answer is: 8 – add all the single numbers of 2024 together for the answer (2+0+2+4)

St Mary’s Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

What occurs once in a month, twice in a millennium and three times in nearly every given day?

The answer will be printed in the Bulletin next week.



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FREE ORGAN RECITALS DURING ADVENT

Monday December 2nd ; 9th ; 16th & 23rd
12.30pm – 1.00pm in the Basilica

Windfire Choir and
Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday December 15th 5.00pm

Combined choir conducted by Tom Healy will perform John Rutter’s Magnificat and In Terra Pax (Christmas Scene by Gerald Finzi. Also featuring guest choir “The Geelong Youth Choir”

Tickets: \$50/\$45/\$40. *Children and school students: FREE.* To book your tickets go to Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/CQYBA

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY’S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

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

Next Mass: November 24th 2024 @ 11am

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: December 1st 2024 @ 11am.

Practice is prior to the 11am Mass - starting at 9.30am upstairs Level 1 [Pioneer Room].

If interested to join, please email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR New members welcome

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the Sodalities Room – at the rear of the Basilica. Entry from Hay Market carpark

Next Mass: November 24th @ 9.30am

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

It is a terrible thing to see and have no light, but it is much worse to hear and have no understanding - *Helen Keller*



JOKE OF THE WEEK

How much do rainbows weigh?

Not much at all. They’re actually pretty light.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne Woodward, Patrick O'Dowd, Merv Vyrne, Tom Connellan



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Alfredo Abellana, Celie Moloney, Italia Corica, Rosemary Richens, Josella McDougall, Enrico "Ric" Costa, Allan Wallace, Claudio Saltalamacchia, Peter Murray, John Melville, Kerry James Day, Angelo Manganelli, Helena Karnilowicz, Margaret Kelly, Gimara Fernandez, Victor Sosa **Month Mind:** Lucia Nardi

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Grace McConvill

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] - 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, if any of your circumstances/details change.



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 Advent Time - Year C – December 1, 2024

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36

Children's Liturgy	November 24 th	December 1 st	December 8 th	December 15 th
11.00am MASS	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Domenica Kerry	Blake Liz	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Margot Jarman	Vicki Zavaglia Gael Perry	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Barry Leith	Nola Schwidlewski	Margi Munk Barry Leith	Brenda MacGregor	Carlo Werzac
9.30am	Rhonda Sullivan	Peter Mackinlay	Erminia Ficca Geoff Miles Rhonda Sullivan	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Maria Monea	Ane Saukawa (new) Pamela Cowdery	Georgia Cowdery Liz Bauer Pamela Cowdery	Liz Bauer	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Georgia Cowdery	Mareta Eagles	Teresa Eadie	Joan Belleville

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