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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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B – October 27, 2024

Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 31: 7 - 9; Hebrews 5: 1 - 6; Mark 10: 46 - 52

Reflections on the Gospel

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Excerpts from Greg Sunter's Gospel Reflection (Liturgy Help Online)

Scriptural context – Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

Have you thought? On the side of the road ...

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.

Living the Gospel – Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.

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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 10.00am – 5.00pm; Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm. It is open on the weekend for 10.00am Mass, Reconciliation, private Baptisms & Weddings, and of course for the 6pm Saturday Vigil and all Sunday morning Masses.

CLOSURE TIMES – BASILICA; PARISH OFFICE; PIETY GIFT STALL & PARISH PANTRY

Please note that the Basilica, Piety Gift Stall, Parish Office and the Parish Pantry will be **closed all day on Tuesday November 5** due to the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday. It will be business as usual for the rest of the week.

ST MARY'S PARISH CENSUS

There is still time to fill out a Census Form.

The Forms and grey collection box will remain in the Narthex for a few more weeks to allow all of our parishioners time to complete & return a Form.

1. If you have not already done so please collect a Census Form from in the Narthex. Take it home to complete and return it the following week to the collection box or Parish Office.
NOTE: We require details on both sides of the Census Form to be filled out. Thank you.
2. **Please do not place the completed forms in the Collection Bags at the First & Second Collection at Sunday Masses.**
3. **Only one form per household is required.** If you have more members than the spaces provided on the form, please fill out another form and staple them together after completion for submission.

ALL SOULS DAY – Saturday November 2 – 10.00am Mass. You may submit the names of family members and friends who have passed away to be included at this Mass. **The closing date for submissions of names is Wednesday October 30.** Please contact the Parish Office or email Admin: admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

LIFEBOAT RAFFLE TICKETS – Combined Raffle **Please return all tickets**, sold or unsold, to St Mary's Parish Office **by Thursday November 14.** Contact Lyn on 0422 131 144 for more information.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

PUT THESE DETAILS IN YOUR DIARY 😊

Date: Sunday December 8.

New event time: 12 noon – 3pm. Venue: Parish Centre @ 150 Yarra St - Hibernian & Pioneer Rooms

Free BBQ sausage sizzle & Free Facepainting and our **Christmas Raffle** will feature once again.

The **Christmas Gift Stall** and **"Cake" Stall** will be set up in the Hibernian Café.

Tea/Coffee & biscuits will be served up in the Pioneer Room, which will be set up in a "cabaret style" for an audience to enjoy simple **Christmas Entertainment & Karaoke** performances.

The Christmas Karaoke is open to children and adults. Performances will start at 12.30pm. It is preferred that you register prior to the event. Registration closes: Friday Dec. 6 – 12noon. You can register on the day up to 15 mins prior to the start time. Please use this link provided to access the registration form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDS0KAH1u875rTpZ1qUOtCjOHPpsa_cDoF4YemdNx-HeBKBQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL

If you are doing a spring clean out and have some unwanted, decent quality Christmas themed decorations, gifts, ornaments or the like, please consider donating them to us for our Christmas Gift Stall. Items can be dropped to the Parish Office during the week. Donations will be received until Friday December 6. Thank you.

If you would like to **help with the Parish Christmas Carols** event, in any capacity, we would love to hear from you. Please call 5222 1977 during the week or email: admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

RADIO JAM FOR REFUGEES

Tune in to 94.7 THE PULSE FM on **Sunday 27th October 2.00pm - 5.00pm** for fine music from a variety of local Geelong musicians.

Listen when you like and Give what you can!

Use this link to donate: gofund.me/583eba4c

*Funds raised will benefit people seeking asylum through the provision of legal support through the **Combined Refugee Action Group Geelong (CRAGG) Legal Fund.*** www.craggeelong.com

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TAIZÉ SERVICES St Michael's Parish - Holy Spirit Church, on the corner of Narmbool St & Bostock Ave in Manifold Heights, are hosting Taizé Services on a Thursday evening. The dates are: November 21 and December 12 from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. **All welcome!**

St Mary's School Parents & Friends' Association **MANGO FUNDRAISER 2024!** Using Bowen Special Mangoes, formally known as Kensington Pride Mangoes, are packed in a tray (approx 12 - 20 mangoes/7kg). **LAST CHANCE. Orders close on Monday October 28 – 5pm.** Trays are \$29 each, and raises \$6 for the school, per tray purchased. Use this link to book and pay for your order:
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1303076>
Collection will be during the first week of December at St Mary's School. Full details will be emailed to you.



Please pray for our Ordinands:

Ian Vergel, John Vespa, Tuong Nguyen & Joshua McDermid - four new ordinations to the diaconate. Over four separate days, in different parishes, these seminarians will be giving their 'life back to God' as they are ordained to the transitional diaconate - the temporary state of men who intend to go on for the priesthood. May God guide and uphold Ian, John, Tuong and Joshua, blessing them deeply in their vocations. More details are on the 2 posters in the Narthex. You can watch the Livestreams. Use this link:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/an-invitation-to-our-ordinations-to-the-diaconate>

Last week's answer is: **Yes - correct.** (The 6th is the 6th word in the sentence; 15th is the 15th word, and the answer is the 24th word in the sentence).

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

A scorpion has two more than a donkey. A donkey has one more than a goose. A goose has the same number as a horse. A horse has 'how many' more than a fish. *The answer will be printed in the Bulletin next week.*



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Music at the Basilica 136 Yarra St. Geelong
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Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday December 15, 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: October 27, 2024 @ 11am

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: November 10, 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

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9.00 pm in the Sodalities Room (rear of the Basilica) Level 1 Parish Centre @ 150 Yarra Street. **Next Mass: October 27 @ 9.30am**

The Basilica Choir is celebrating 70 years!

For the full story please visit our website:

www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/parish-choirs

A special Mass of Celebration will be held on – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 @ 9.30am

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK 'Whenever there's an opportunity to serve, say yes as much as you can.'
- seminarian Ian Vergel.

JOKE OF THE WEEK What do you call a nose with no body? No body nose



AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tony Dunstan, Lucia Nardi, W. Douglas Mackinlay

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: John (Dudley) Cowell, James "Jim" Mathieson, Lauris De Vercelli, David Fisher-Harrison, Jan Romaniuk, Alojz Plut, William "Bill" Snowdon, Peter O'Loghlen, Ursula Czarnuch, Merlyn Hosking, Aileen Ford, Carmela Zavaglia, Anthony Giuffre, Mariam Joseph

Month Mind: Barney McCreanor

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Tim Clark

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



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B – November 3, 2024

Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 6: 2 - 6; Hebrews 7: 23 - 28; Mark 12: 28 - 34

Children's Liturgy	October 27	November 3	November 10	November 17
11.00am MASS	xxx NO CLOW Junior Choir	Blake Lina	Slavica Liz	Maria Nina

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Natalia Barber	Vicki Zavaglia Gael Perry	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Annette Wilkinson	Nola Schwidlewski	Barry Leith ...	Monica Pearce	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Santina Taranto	Rhonda Sullivan	Geoff Miles Maree Ryan Ann Salerno	Anna Demetriou	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Georgia Cowdery	Linda Stacchino	Liz Bauer Domenica Croce Maria Monea	Domenica Croce	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca & Charlene	Mareta Eagles	Marcia O'Brien	Pamela Cowdery

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

'Follow' the page and like our updates & articles. A great way to keep in touch.

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