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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

10.00am Tuesday - Saturday
ROSARY recited prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION

After 10.00am 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 10.00am Mass

NOVENA to ST. ANTHONY

Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Thursday at 9.00am

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B - April 21, 2024

Readings for this week:

Acts of the Apostles 4: 8 - 12; 1 John 3: 1- 2; John 10: 11 - 18

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house. The word compassion comes from the Latin word "compati" meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so.

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.

REFLECTION (continued from front page)

All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

CAFÉ LIGHT Open [Sunday April 21] 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Come and support Café Light.

ALL ARE WELCOME. The cost per serving is \$5.00. All monies raised goes directly to support our partner parish of Mary Immaculate in Viqueque.



CHILDREN'S Liturgy

Starts this weekend at the 11am Mass on **Sunday April 21.**

We encourage families to come along to the 11am Mass, and at the designated time, guide their children to becoming involved in learning about the Lord our God, through prayers, discussions and activities, using the readings & liturgy of the day.

The next Children's Liturgy will be on April 28, then on 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of a month. [Not on the 4th Sunday as Junior Choir sings, and Baptisms are held]

ANZOC DAY

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

MASS - Thursday April 25 at 9.00am.

A special Mass for Anzac Day will be celebrated at the Basilica. It will replace the regular weekday Mass usually celebrated at 10am. Piety Stall will be closed.

ST MARY'S SCRIPTURE GROUP resumes on Tuesday, April 23, following the 10am Mass.

The group gathers each week on Tuesdays, to reflect on and discuss the Scripture readings, especially the Gospel, for the coming Sunday Mass, and to pray together. You are invited to attend the 10.00am Mass on Tuesdays at the Basilica and then afterwards proceed to the group meeting. There is no requirement to attend the 10am Mass if you do not wish. **The approximate start time is: 10.45am.**

Tea and coffee are provided, as well as a copy of the Scripture readings. Meetings are held in Pioneer Room (upstairs at the Parish Office building, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong). **All are welcome.**

No need to book a place. For further information, contact Kevin via kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au



INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **May 4, 2024 Saturday, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.** The links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0> and Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

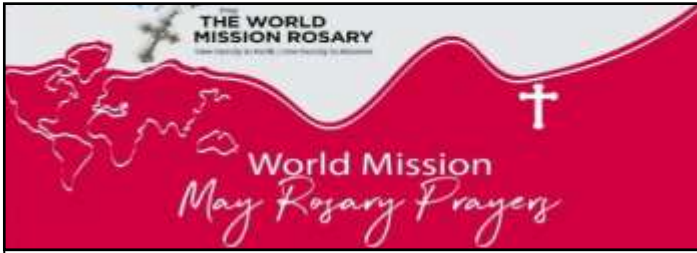
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RADIO MASS

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



Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) in May, and they invite all parishioners to join in, with supporters and collaborators from around the country. This online gathering is open to everyone in the parish community. **Starting date: May 1, 2024. @ 2.00pm** To join the Zoom meeting enter these details to URL: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
The meeting ID is: 89387982280
Password: 876574
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ST BERNARD'S CHURCH ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Sunday May 5. Clairvaux School Hall, Reynolds Rd. Belmont. It runs from 8.00am to 2.00pm. Come along & browse through a huge selection of Second-hand Books - fiction, non-fiction & children's books, Jigsaw puzzles, Board games, DVDs & CDs as well as a Scrumptious Scone Stall. There is something for everyone.

ARE YOU ABLE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION?

St John of God Hospital is asking for help to accommodate students (aged mid 20s) who are on clinical rotation for a time from April to September. If interested please inform of type of accommodation available. ie. a room, a self contained flat, meals or no meals etc. For more information please contact Dr Stephan Foy 0411 206 774 or you can email: stephan.foy@nd.edu.au Thank you

SUNDAY MASS VOLUNTEERS

We are very much in need of volunteers for all areas at our weekend Vigil & Sunday Masses. If you are available it would be just a once a month commitment. Please direct all calls or enquiries to the Parish Office: 5222 1977 during the week, or email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

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Sunday 21 April, 5.00pm

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: May 26, 2024 11am

New members are most welcome. Practices for Term 2 resume on Friday April 26. 3.30pm - 4.30pm, downstairs in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light].

Email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au for enquiries.

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: April 21, 2024 - 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 Next Mass: April 21, 2024 -

9.30am. Practices have resumed, in the Sodalities Room (entrance at the rear of the Basilica).

Starting at 7.30pm. New members welcomed.

Contact Jane at jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK Faith is believing before what will only make sense after - *Steven Furtick*

JOKE OF THE DAY



AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Laura Mellar, Norman Campigli, Christopher Penney



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Janice Henderson, Dr Brian Meade, Giovanni Travan, Margaret Loughnan, Kathleen Jones, Filippo Stefano, John McCarter, Maurice William O'Brien, Dante Cruz Aguirre, Natalina De Giorgio, Roger Di Loreto, Bernie Moloney, Frank Lombardo, Stan Colas

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Gary Read

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 B - April 28, 2024

Readings for next week:

Acts of the Apostles 9: 26 - 31; 1 John 3: 18 - 24; John 15: 1 - 8

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Main Collector</u>
6.00pm VIGIL	Trish Nicholson	Margot Jarman	Vicki Zavaglia Margot Jarman	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Annette Wilkinson	Barry Leith	Annette Wilkinson Nola Schwidlewski	Brenda McGregor	Carlo Werzac
9.30am	Blake Drever	Jennifer Guinane	Ann Salerno Erminia Ficca Rhonda Sullivan	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Shirley Carroll	Alec Kulic	Liz Bauer Maria Monea Nina Tarsitano	Domenica Croce	Maria Monea

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>
AV-SOUND OPERATOR	Rebecca Hay	Mareta Eagles	Clevon Peris	Natalia Barber

GEELONG CANDLELIGHT VIGIL A forum to honour, learn and support. **WEDNESDAY MAY 1 - 4pm**

You are invited to join an important conversation about family violence in our community.

Presented by Meli and The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre you will hear the brave and personal story of Simone O'Brien, family violence victim and advocate, and a panel of expert local speakers will also share how to learn, navigate and support those experiencing family violence. **Registrations are essential** and there are only limited places left – Book your seat and register using this link: <https://events.grlc.vic.gov.au/event/10474205>

Along with other landmarks across Geelong & the Surf Coast, St Mary of the Angels Basilica is participating in an initiative to raise awareness of family violence in our community by lighting up the outside façade and the “crib” on the cnr. of Lt Myers & Yarra, in the colour purple from 6pm - 9pm on Wednesday May 1.

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