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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

Second Sunday of Easter - Year C – April 27, 2025

Readings for this week:

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

On Easter Monday, the world received the sad news that Pope Francis had died in Rome at the age of 88, having struggled with lung disease in recent months. Only a day after he had appeared in St Peter's Square to bless the thousands of people gathered there to celebrate Easter, Church leaders and others paid tribute to a pope who 'taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage and universal love, especially in favour of the poorest and most marginalised'.

****MASS for the POPE @ the Basilica: Tuesday April 29th at 7.30pm****

STATEMENT: On the Death of His Holiness, Pope Francis Most Rev Peter A Comensoli - Archbishop of Melbourne

As the Church enters this time of Easter filled with the light and hope of the world, it is with deep sadness that we have received the news of the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis. We unite with all the People of God in praying for the eternal rest of his soul and entrust him to the tender loving mercy of the Father.

Pope Francis, who came from the peripheries of the world, has been a father of the poor, and a witness of joy and hope.

May the Lord, he so faithfully trusted in, now welcome him into eternal life. In the coming days, more information will be available regarding opportunities to come together in gratitude, and to pray for the Holy Father.

May he rest in God's gracious and gentle peace.

Mary, Our Blessed Mother of God, pray for him.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for him.

All Holy Men and Women, Saints of God, pray for him.



Peter A Comensoli

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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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 Mass time details.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL © Nick Brodie

Pope Francis says that when we feel 'like Thomas, with the same doubts ... we do not need to be ashamed of this.' We can all have moments of uncertainty. Importantly, the other Apostles never rejected or harassed Thomas; rather, they accompanied him.

The story of Thomas shows us that it is healthy to acknowledge our struggles. As the Pope puts it, 'Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith' tend to make him think that 'something isn't right.' As the Pope goes on, 'the adventure of faith, as for Thomas, consists of lights and shadows.'

Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be? Now, generations later, we recall Thomas' doubt because it has much to teach us. 'Crises are not sins,' the Pope explains, 'they are part of the journey, we should not fear them.'

The Pope encourages us to recognise such moments as opportunities for grace. 'Crises help us to recognise that we are needy,' he suggests, because 'they rekindle the need for God and thus enable us to return to the Lord.'

And, as the story of Thomas so clearly shows, Jesus meets us where we are in our journey of faith; he does not expect us to resolve every doubt on our own before encountering him.

VIQUEQUE SUNDAY – MAY 4th (next weekend)

We remember and pray for our partner parish of Mary Immaculate in Viqueque.

If you wish to make a donation, please use the envelopes in the Narthex. These envelopes can be placed in with the Collection bags at Sunday Masses or dropped into the Parish Office during the week. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFÉ LIGHT IS OPEN NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday May 4th, from 10.30am till 12.30pm.

Come on in to socialize with friends, and enjoy a cuppa & treat after Mass. There is a cost of \$5 per serve. *The Café is run by volunteer staff and students from Sacred Heart College and all proceeds support our partner parish of Mary Immaculate, Viqueque*

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PROJECT

COMPASSION 2025. Your incredible generosity this year has again demonstrated the profound impact that we can have on our global family. Because of your continued support, through Caritas Australia countless lives have been transformed: providing clean water, improved health access, support for young mothers & creating more educational initiatives and opportunities. Please remember to bring your donation boxes to the Parish Office. Thank you.

ST BERNARD'S PARISH ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Invitation to attend on Sunday May 4th starting at 8am and finishing at 2pm. Where? Clairvaux School Hall, Reynolds Road. Belmont. Come along and browse a huge selection of second-hand books, fiction & non-fiction, and children's books – all at bargain prices. Plus: Jigsaw puzzles, DVDs & CDs and a Cake Stall.

MAY MASS COUNT 2025 - Starts next

weekend For the 4 weekends in May, starting on May 4th we will be conducting our annual Parish May Mass count on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please do not be alarmed if you see people walking around, looking at you and counting during the Homily at all Sunday Masses.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

There are still some Thanksgiving envelopes for the new financial year 2025/2026, in the Narthex. If you have not already done so, please collect your envelopes, as soon as possible, or arrange for collection to help save the Parish the costs of postage. Thank you.

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CHILDREN'S Liturgy

Starts this weekend at the 11am Mass on Sunday April 27th. We encourage families to come along to the this Mass, and 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. Children's Liturgy [CLOW] will be held regularly on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of a

FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG Christian Community for those with. a disability, family and friends. Come & celebrate Christ's Easter message next Tuesday 29th April. All welcome. St Mary's Hibernian Hall, from 2pm **RSVP/ Enquiries: Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267**

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASS

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.

EGG CARTONS The Parish Pantry is once again requiring donations of empty egg cartons. If you have any please bring them into the Parish Office during the coming weeks. Thank you.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - WWCC

Click on this link to access details online: <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children> If you need help to update please contact the Parish Office. 5222 1977. *Complete your update and please remember to submit updated details to the Parish Office. You need a current WWCC to volunteer in the parish.*

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: The answer is the letter A. *The sequence is the first two letters of each day of the week.*

New 1% CLUB QUESTION What four-word phrase can you get if you keep everything below, but remove "two letters" in order?
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Pantry operating days and times are:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Junior Choir practices resume next Friday on May 2, 2025. Weekly practices are held during the school term on a Friday after school [3.30pm - 4.30pm] in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light]. **Next Mass: May 25 @ 11am**
Email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: May 18 @ 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

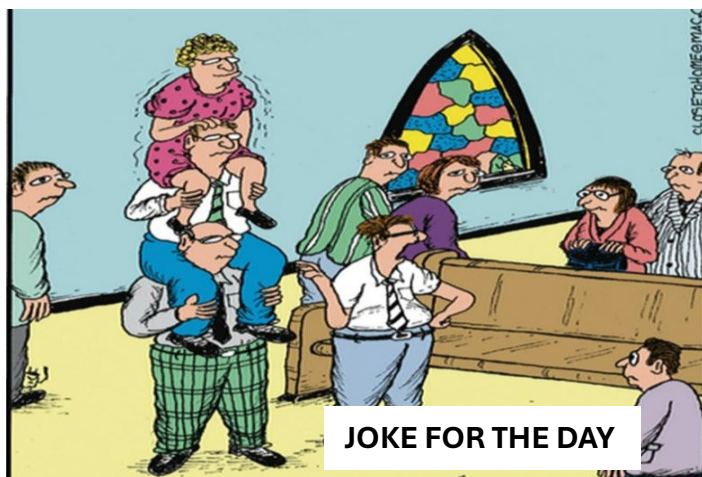
BASILICA CHOIR: New members welcome.

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: May 4 @ 9.30am

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK on mercy and forgiveness.
"God never tires of forgiving; it is we who tire of asking for his mercy." – Pope Francis



JOKE FOR THE DAY

"How about it people. Are there any more volunteers to change the lightbulbs in the Sanctuary?"

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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: His holiness Pope Francis



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Jose Francisco Bustos, Natalina De Giorgio, Provvidenza Taranto, Ann Draper, John William McCarter, Leo O'Sullivan, Raymond Dargham, Peter Kelly, Frank Lombardo, Myrna Tomazic, Christopher Malady, Gordon Snowdon, Kenneth Mackinlay, Stephen Cummins, Robert Cummins, Jack Cummins, Maria Maca **Month Mind:** Bruno Sikita, Nick Grootveld

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Frank Smith

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



Third Sunday of Easter - Year C – May 4, 2025

Readings for next week:

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19



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.

Children's Liturgy	April 27	May 4	May 11	May 18
11.00am MASS	Mary Forder Lina Sidoti	Slavica Kulic Liz Bauer	Kerry Tomison Maria Monea	Domenica Croce Nina Tarsitano

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Natalia Barber	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Barry Leith	Terry O'Brien	Barry Leith Nola Schwidlewski	Brenda MacGregor	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Maree Ryan	Marita Fitzpatrick	Jennifer Guinane Rhonda Sullivan Maree Ryan	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Rosemary Gador	Domenica Croce	Slavica Kulic Domenica Croce Linda Stacchino	Domenica Croce	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Keith Almond	Teresa Eadie	Charlene Sagad



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