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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



Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday at 3am, April 6, 2025 when clocks are put back one hour to 2am

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C – April 6, 2025

Readings for this week:

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21; Philipians 3: 8 - 14; John 8: 1 - 11

Reflection - FRANCIS' FOCUS

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The story told in today's Gospel, Pope Francis says, shows us 'two contrasting attitudes'. One seeks condemnation, the other salvation. Surrounding this distasteful episode is an unhealthy inclination to condemn. Yes, the accusers obviously want to punish the woman. But besides judging this woman, her accusers are also using her. Their real target is Jesus. He is the one they are testing. As the Pope says, these accusatory people are 'confined to narrow legalism and want to oblige the Son of God to conform to their perspective of judgment and condemnation.'

But Jesus saves the woman. As the Pope puts it, Jesus 'redeems by forgiving and renews by reconciling.' With silence and a pointed question, he turns the event upside down! This was surely not what the Scribes and Pharisees anticipated. Moreover, as the Pope points out, Jesus shows us something very important. 'Jesus is the only one without fault, the only one who could throw a stone at her, but he does not do so.'

Reflecting on this, we might try to let go of those stones in our hearts that we long to fling at others. Each Lent we are 'called to recognise ourselves as sinners and to ask God for forgiveness,' the Pope affirms. But he reminds us that, like Jesus, we are also called to become forgivers.

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BASILICA CLOSED ALL DAY - APRIL 7th, 2025

The Basilica will be closed this Monday due to required electrical maintenance in the building.

BASILICA OPEN TIMES THIS WEEK ARE:

Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 5pm.

Also open on the weekend for Saturday 10am Mass, Reconciliation, Baptisms & Weddings, and for regular Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.

See the front page for all Mass times.

HOLY WEEK DATES TO NOTE: @ the Basilica
2nd Rite Reconciliation: Tues. April 15th - 7.30pm.

Holy Thursday Mass: Thurs. April 17th - 7.30pm.

Good Friday Way of the Cross Procession:
10.45am – leaving from cnr Myers & Yarra Sts.

Good Friday Service: Fri. April 18th - 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday Mass: Sat. April 19th – 7.30pm.

Easter Sunday Masses: Sun April 20th - 7.30am;
9.30am; 11am; 12.30pm (in Polish)

ITALIAN WAY OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY

Will be held in the Basilica on Friday April 18th from 9.30am in Italian. All are invited to attend. AVVISO Venerdì Santo alle ore 9.30am. Ci sarà la Crucis in Italiano. Benvenuti.

RCIA UPDATE At the 11.00am Mass this Sunday, those adults who are preparing for baptism (known as “the Elect”) at our parish Easter Vigil will undertake the third, and last, of the Scrutiny Rites. At 11am Mass, the Gospel will be the passage about the death and raising of Lazarus. Jesus says: I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Please continue to pray for our parish’s Elect (as the Catechumens are now known) and Candidates – **Alicia, Breanna, Cecilia, Chris, Daniel, Debbie, Ella, Januk, Jason, Kenny, Luke, Marina and Shelley** – as they prepare to become Catholics.

URGENT: The Parish Pantry is in need of 1kg sugar packets. Please drop any donations off to the Parish Office during the week. Thank you

CatholicCare Victoria need VOLUNTEER TUTORS to support Homework Clubs at schools for newly-arrived Year 7 - 12 students from refugee backgrounds, based in Geelong. Apply now if you are interested in helping.

✦ 3.15pm - 4.30pm | 12:40-1:30pm **during school terms.** ✦ Mondays - Year 9 and 10 & Thursdays - Years 7 and 12. Training sessions will be provided to tutors about the school curriculum and working with students who speak English as a second language. If you are a university student, retired teacher or have adequate knowledge of the topic of study, and can volunteer your time to help please call: Sally Maddigan (Manager, People & Culture) Email: sally.madigan@catholiccarevic.org.au or call mobile: 0477 005 108

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK VICTORIA

IMPORTANT!!

UPDATE NOW!!

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - WWCC

Clergy, employees and volunteers in our parish hold a position of trust in our communities, irrespective of whether the role involves direct, indirect or no contact with children and young people. All volunteers over the age of 18 years are required to maintain a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) throughout their involvement at St Mary’s Parish.

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. Email: admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au Once the update is completed please remember to submit updated details to the Parish Office.

The volunteer WWCC is free of charge.

HOUSE MATE NEEDED as soon as possible. \$240.00 a week (not including bills). Must be responsible in sharing household and garden maintenance. Bedroom & bathroom to yourself. Shared dining & kitchen. No pets please (due to allergies). Call Annette on 0417 350 455.



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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE REQUIREMENT

Safeguarding Essentials Module for Volunteers

As well as the WWCC, our Parish volunteers are required to keep this element of safeguarding up to date. This can be completed individually online, but we are working out a method as to delivering this module as a group. Keep an eye out for details as to the time and date this module will be rolled out.

ST BERNARD'S PARISH ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Sunday May 4th @ 8am – 2pm. 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.

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

**** Junior Choir will be on break for the school holidays and practices will resume on May 2, 2025. Next Mass: May 25 @ 11am ****

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: April 13th @ 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: April 6th @ 9.30am

For more information or details please email:

jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: The answer is 50. It is the only even number in the set.

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Q: The answers to each of these clues all use the same three letters but in different orders.

What are those three letters?

CLUE 1: POSSESS

CLUE 2: IMMEDIATELY

CLUE 3: VICTORIOUS

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MUSIC AT THE BASILICA presents

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 5 - [5.00pm]

Admission is free – no bookings required.

ONLY 1 CONCERT LEFT!

Join this talented performer accompanied by Frank DeRosso on the organ on this last Sunday in Lent. After the concert you are invited to join the performers for refreshments.

SUNDAY April 6th: Miranda Brockman (cello)

WINDFIRE CHOIR EASTER CONCERT

Sunday April 13th, 2023, 5.00pm

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.

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For more details, please visit the website:

www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I used to think that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength.

I used to believe that prayer changes things.

Now I know the prayer changes us, and we change things." - *Mother Teresa*

JOKE OF THE WEEK

I went for a job interview. The interviewer told me I'd start on \$2,000 a month, and then after six months, I'd be on \$2,500 a month. I told them I accepted the job, and that I would start in 6 months.

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THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Tyler McKenzie, Lina Sidoti

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



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C - April 13, 2025

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 (long) or Luke 23:1-49 (short)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY [CLOW] – NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING THE SCHOOL TERM 1 HOLIDAYS. BE READY - REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 2.

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[For children Grade 2 – Grade 6]

| Children's Liturgy | April 6 | April 13 | April 20 | April 27 | |
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| 11.00am MASS | xxx NO CLOW School Holidays | xxx NO CLOW School Holidays Palm Sunday | xxx NO CLOW School Holidays Easter Sunday | 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 Yvette Ramsay | Vince Zavaglia |
| 7.30am | Nola Schwidlewski | Barry Leith | Barry Leith Nola Schwidlewski | Monica Pearce | Carlo Werzak |
| 9.30am | Peter Mackinlay | Marita Fitzpatrick | Ann Salerno Erminia Ficca Geoff Miles | ... | Geoff Johnston |
| 11.00am | Linda Stacchino | Slavic Kulic | Nina Tarsitano Domenica Croce Slavica Kulic | Liz Bauer | Michael Belleville |
| AV | OPERATOR | 6.00pm VIGIL | 7.30am | 9.30am | 11.00am |
| | | Rebecca Hay | Jack Munk | Marcia O'Brien | Cameron Brooks |

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