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Bulletin Notices: Due by: Thursday 1.00pm Email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au or call Parish Office: 5222 1977



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

PIETY GIFT STALL

OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays:

10.30am - 1.00pm,

Sundays: 10.15am - 12.15pm.

Closed on Saturdays.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Daylight saving will finish on Sunday, April 7 at 3am local time. If you are awake at this time you will need to **wind your clocks backward** one hour - to 2am... and then go back to sleep until it is time to get up & ready for Mass.

Second Sunday of Easter - Year B - April 7, 2024

Readings for this week:

Acts 4: 32 - 35; 1 John 5: 1 - 6; John 20: 19 - 31

FRANCIS' FOCUS - REFLECTION

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'In reality,' Pope Francis points out, 'Thomas is not the only one who struggles to believe. In fact,' the Pope adds, 'he represents all of us a little bit.' But Thomas does not only represent us with his explicitly articulated doubt. Rather, Thomas highlights our tendency to walk away. Thomas had absented himself from the community. Returning, he seems a touch transactional: Show me the proof, then I'll commit!

As Pope Francis highlights, Jesus answers Thomas' doubt 'in front of everyone, in the community.' It was, the Pope suggests, as if Jesus was telling Thomas that 'if you want to meet me, do not search far away; remain in our community, with the others, and don't go away. Pray with them. Break bread with them.' Be open to encounter, not closed to possibilities.

This, evidently, is a lesson for us too. Every Christian generation is called to find the Risen Christ together. We belong with each other, with Christ forming a mystical unity out of our diversity. In this, the story of Thomas has another lesson for the Church. We Christians are called to be a welcoming people. 'Let us ask ourselves,' the Pope suggests, 'if in the name of Jesus' wounds, we are willing to open our arms to those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God's mercy but welcoming everyone.'

After all, despite his attitude Thomas was still included and welcomed by the community whose testimony he doubted. Even more pointedly, Our Lord opens his exchange with the doubter with some clearly welcoming words: 'Peace be with you.'

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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.



VIQUEQUE SUNDAY April 7.

Today we pray for our partner parish of Mary Immaculate in Viqueque. Please use the envelopes in the Narthex if you wish to donate to support the community. These envelopes, can be placed in with the Collection at Sunday Masses, or can be dropped into the Parish Office during the week. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

CAN STILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK, OR THEY MAY BE PLACED IN WITH THE COLLECTION AT OUR WEEKEND MASSES. THANK YOU.

Thank you...

To all of our parishioners who attended the Easter Triduum festivities, thank you for your presence and your support of our parish team, volunteers and staff, who prepared the ceremonies.

A special thanks to the Police for their support of the Ecumenical Way of the Cross on Good Friday, which could not have proceeded without them, and to Geelong City Council for their cooperation and permission to hold the walk.

Thank you to the clergy and parishioners of the parishes of Geelong who also participated in this event. It was a wonderful display of Christian fellowship and unity.

Wishing everyone the blessings of Easter.

- Fr Jim Clarke PP.

ANZOC DAY

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

MASS

A special Mass for Anzac Day will be celebrated at the Basilica on **Thursday April 25 at 9.00am.** (It will replace the regular weekday Mass held at 10am.)



ST VINCENT DE PAUL [SDVP] FESTIVAL MASS

The Geelong region SVDP Festival will be held on Thursday April 18 at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Lara - 7pm.

CHILDREN'S Liturgy

Come on come all. Children's Liturgy is back at St Mary's Parish. Starting on **Sunday April 21.**

During the school term this service, run by volunteers, is available to all children of primary school age. It will be held during the 11am Mass (except on the 4th Sunday of the month when Junior Choir is singing).

We encourage families to come along to 11am Mass, and at the appropriate 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, in a safe and caring environment. Children's Liturgy group will take place in the Sodalties Room (a room just off the south side of the Basilica ambulatory - near the sanctuary)

The children attending Mass will be invited up to join in, before the Liturgy of the Word commences, and will return to family at the Prayers of the Faithful.

SUNDAY MASS AV SOUND OPERATORS

We are very much in need of volunteers for **AV-Sound Operators at our weekend Vigil & Sunday Masses.** It would be just a once a month commitment. Please direct all calls to the Parish Office: 5222 1977 during the week, or email

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Also, if you would like to volunteer for any other role, ie. Reader, Special Minister, Welcomer, or Collector at regular Sunday Masses, we welcome your interest, and encourage you to contact us.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Sunday April 7, 2024.

St Thomas' Catholic Church, Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. 2.30pm Confessions (2 Priests). Exposition, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Blessing of Divine Mercy Images. 3.15pm Holy Mass and Benediction.

Celebrant: Fr Ray Bugeja. Please direct your enquiries to John Brown on mobile: 0428 409 345.

DIVINE RENOVATION & ALPHA "MADE FOR MISSION" - Raising Leaders. Inspiring keynotes.

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Sunday Masses are usually kept for around 4 weeks.

Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels,
136 Yarra St., Geelong

AGATHA IN VIVALDI'S VENICE

Australian Chamber Choir [ACC]

Director - Douglas Lawrence

Sunday 21 April, 5.00pm

Agatha, born without the fingers of her left hand, was abandoned to the Venetian orphanage known as the Ospedale della Pietà, where Vivaldi was working to establish an incomparable music education program.

In 2022 the ACC premiered Agatha's Cantata, newly completed after three centuries of silence. In 2024, they will gift the completed work to the citizens of Venice in a special choral/orchestral performance in the Venetian Baroque splendour of the Pisani Palace.

Join the Australian Chamber Choir on this important journey. Hear Agatha's Cantata in Geelong alongside the Magnificat that Vivaldi composed for the orphans of the Pietà.

Tickets \$50 Full; \$45 Seniors; \$40 Concession available from www.auschoir.org or at the door.
Children and school students - free

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love
when you speak.*

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB

You are warmly invited to a social get-together for food & friendship. Date: Tuesday April 9th. Time: 6:00pm Venue: The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, High St. Belmont. Cost: Purchase meals & drinks are at your own cost. Please advise by Sunday April 7th. Contact - John Santospirito: 0409 165 943 or email: johnsantospirito60@gmail.com



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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: May 26 2024

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 14, 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 OF THE DAY

When you cannot control what is happening, control the way you respond to what is happening for that is where you will find both your power and your peace.

- Anonymous

JOKE OF THE DAY

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



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THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: ...

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 B - April 14, 2024

Readings for next week:

Acts of the Apostles 3: 13 - 15. 17 - 19; 1 John 2: 1 - 5; Luke 24: 35 - 48

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Main Collector</u>
6.00pm VIGIL	Margot Jarman	Brendan Sullivan	Vicki Zavaglia Margot Jarman	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Lesley Almond	Nola Schwidlewski	Barry Leith Nola Schwidlewski	Bridgette Henderson	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Jennifer Guinane	Maree Ryan	Jennifer Guinane Geoff Miles	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Pamela Cowdery	Slavica Kulic	Slavica Kulic Maria Monea	Maria Monea	Klaus Bauer

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>
AV-SOUND OPERATOR	Natalia Barber	Keith Almond	Clevon Peris	Georgia Cowdery



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You can also visit our regularly updated and very informative webpage: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au

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