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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

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OPEN Sundays

10.15am – 12.15pm



CLOSED from Dec. 23rd 2024 –
Feb. 3rd 2025. Opens on Tuesday
Feb. 4th 2025 @ 10.30am

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C – December 15, 2024

Readings for this week:

Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18; Philippians 4: 4 - 7; Luke 3: 10 - 18

Reflection on the Gospel

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Is it any wonder that there was a growing sense among the people that John might be the Christ? His teaching in the first part of this week's gospel might just as easily have come from the mouth of Jesus. It demonstrates for us just how much John was preparing the way for Jesus: even his teaching was in line with what Jesus would later say. In this instance, the people gathered around John (presumably having been baptised by him) are asking how they should live out their new-found conversion of heart. John's response to the three groups is about the need for generosity and justice. It is about not taking more than your share when someone else does not have sufficient.

To the crowd of people, he instructs them to give away a second tunic to someone who doesn't have one at all and to share their food with those who are hungry. To the tax collectors, he cautioned them to collect no more than what they were supposed to. Tax collectors made their profit by overcharging taxpayers. Together with the fact that they worked for the Roman occupiers, this made tax collectors one of the most despised groups in society.

John's caution to them is to be just in their dealings. He also cautions the soldiers against intimidation and extorting money from the people to supplement their pay. The themes of justice and hospitality that will echo throughout the gospel of Luke are clearly evident in this episode with John.

When the people start to talk about him being the Christ, John is quick to point them to the one who is still to come; the one who will share with them more fully the love of God and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

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ST MARY'S ADVENT-CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Tuesday December 17th – 7.30pm:

Christmas Memorial Mass

Wednesday December 18th – 7.30pm:

2nd Rite Reconciliation Service

THERE IS NO 10am WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY DECEMBER 24th.

Christmas Eve Mass Times: December 24th

6pm Family Mass; 8pm Mass; 9.30pm Polish Mass; 11.30pm Carols & 12am Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day Mass Times: December 25th

7.30am; 9.30am; 11am; 12.30pm Polish Mass

Boxing Day – December 26th – 12.30pm Polish Mass

NEW YEAR 2025

New Years Eve (December 31st) 10am Mass

New Year's Day (January 1st) The Solemnity of Mary - 10am Mass & 12.30pm Polish Mass

IMPORTANT EXTRA INFORMATION:

The Basilica will be closed to the public after the Christmas Day Masses, for Boxing Day and through until January 1st.

It will open only for the weekday 10am Mass on Saturday December 28th (followed by Reconciliation), Tuesday December 31st and Wednesday January 1st, 2025 – Solemnity of Mary.

Regular weekday Mass times (Tuesday – Saturday at 10am) will begin on Thursday January 2nd, 2025.

*** Regular Sunday Masses will be celebrated on the weekends (Dec 21st/22nd & Dec 28th/29th).**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas/New Year break from Tuesday December 24th at 12noon and will re-open in the New Year at 9am on Thursday January 2nd, 2025.

During this time if you are in need of a priest for emergency hospital visit or last rites, please call the Parish Office on 52221977 and select option 1 for the after-hours emergency number.

All parish information is up on our website at:

www.stmarysgeelong.com.au

CENSUS FORM RETURN If you have not yet returned, or even filled out your Parish Census Form, we ask you to do so asap. Please return the forms to the Basilica Narthex Collection Box or the Parish Office by: Friday December 20th. Thank you.



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What a fantastic Parish Christmas celebration we had last weekend! It was a joyful, vibrant day, enjoyed by all who attended. We were blessed with a glorious day & made the most of it.

Thank you to all those who helped prepare, set-up, bake, serve/sell, BBQ, perform and clean up on the day; to all who came along & supported the event, and a huge special thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Gift Stall and Cake Treat Stall. We were able to raise a substantial amount to put towards the maintenance fund for the upkeep and care of our beautiful Basilica.

GOD'S WORD – DAILY REFLECTIONS 2025:

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FAITH AND LIGHT FRIENDS GEELONG

COMMUNITY The December 18th gathering has unfortunately been postponed until January 2025. Thank you to all who have supported the group during this year. Wishing you a Happy and holy Christmas. Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267.

PLEASE ENROL FOR PARISH SACRAMENTAL CLASSES BY MONDAY DECEMBER 23rd, 2024

CONFIRMATION DATES are early in March 2025 with classes commencing on Tuesday Feb. 4th 2025.

Attention all students who attend non-Catholic private Schools or Government state schools!

Children going into Grade 6 in 2025 must enrol into the Parish Sacramental Program for Confirmation before Christmas. Please contact the Parish Office 5222 1977 or email AnnaMarieD@stmarysgeelong.com.au To enrol for Confirmation your child must have already received Baptism, Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

MALE SINGING GROUP All interested male singers are invited to join a male only singing group that practices once a month and sings 'golden oldies' at various Aged Care Nursing Homes around Geelong area. Lots of fun! Please contact: Les Pomeroy for more details and to express your interest. 0414 442 471

ADVENT DAWN NOVENA MASS (SIMBANG GABI)

starts on Monday, Dec. 16th - Tuesday Dec. 24th. MASS at 5:30am every morning, is being held at St Francis Xavier Church – 143 Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio. All are welcome to attend!

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL & TRAINING CODE OF CONDUCT FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) is committed to supporting volunteers to develop the skills and knowledge to promote safety of our community. As directed by CAM all volunteers are required to complete the Safeguarding Essentials Training and the Code of Conduct every three years. If you think this is you we ask you to please complete this current module requirement.

To access the training enter into your browser <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/> Scroll down and read through the information to find how to follow through to the module applicable to you.

You will need your current Working With Children (WWC) card number and a valid email address to use at online registration.

At successful completion of the module you will receive a certificate via email. Please forward that certificate to us at: admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au so that we can record the result, and safely & securely file the certificate onsite, in case of audit.

If you require further explanation or help with this, please contact Viv or Joanne during the week, at the Parish Office. 5222 1977.

Last week's answer is: The word is: GO UNDERGO...FORGO...MANGO...CARGO...TANGO...

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

1Your magazine has 20 pages. The front cover is page 1, and the back cover is page 20. You read every page. How many times do you have to turn the page? **A) 10 B) 5 C) 7**

The answer will be printed in the Bulletin next week.

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm

CLOSURE: for the Christmas period and into the New Year. The Parish Pantry will be closed after the Friday December 20 operating time and will reopen on Tuesday January 8th, 2025.

Music at the Basilica 136 Yarra St. Geelong
FREE ORGAN RECITALS DURING ADVENT
Monday December 16th & 23rd
12.30pm – 1.00pm in the Basilica

Windfire Choir and
Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday December 15th 5.00pm

Combined choir conducted by Tom Healy 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 have ended for the year. Our Christmas Mass preparation done, and school is out for summer. Practices will resume in Term 1 - 2025.

Next Mass: Christmas Eve: 6pm Family Mass

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: Christmas Eve @ 8pm

Last practice for Christmas Mass is on Thursday Dec. 19th, 6pm – 8pm in Café Light. (Hibernian)

BASILICA CHOIR New members welcome

*Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the Sodalities Room – at the rear of the Basilica. Entry from Hay Market carpark

Next Mass: December 15th @ 9.30am

Contact: jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."
- Mother Teresa

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call an elf that runs away from Santa's workshop? A rebel without a Claus!



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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Filumena Ferrao, Domenico Stramodinoli, Margaret Stewart, Stefanija (Stephanie) Spoljaric, Margaret Belleville, Colin Hood, Anthony McFarlane, Madalena Ferraz, José Medeiros, Trauda Horvat, Herminia Jesus Santos, Natale Aparo, Caterina Costa, Leo Jerenic, Paula Jerenic, Isobel McCusker Cecylia Lyzwa, Joseph Vinar, Giulio Cesare Zocco, Mary Sexton

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Grace McConvill

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. BE READY FOR 2025!

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.

**** Dec 15th is the FINAL CLOW for 2024 - Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass will resume Term 1 in 2025, once the new school year commences ****



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C – December 22, 2024

Readings for next week:

Micah 5: 1 - 4; Hebrews 10: 5 - 10; Luke 1: 39 - 45



Children's Liturgy	December 15			
11.00am MASS	Maria ...	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY TILL 2025	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY TILL 2025	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY TILL 2025

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Trish Nicholson	Brendan Sullivan	Margot Jarman Trish Nicholson	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Lesley Almond	Barry Leith	Nola Schwidlewski Annette Wilkinson	Carlo Werzak	...
9.30am	Geoff Miles	Ann Salerno	Geoff Miles Maree Ryan Ann Salerno	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Slavica Kulic	Rosemary Gador	Domenica Croce Slavica Kulic Nina Tarsitano	Liz Bauer	Michael Belleville
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Keith Almond	Marcia O'Brien	Joan Belleville

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