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SEE NOTICE INSIDE BULLETIN FOR CHANGED MASS TIMES

(Regular schedule from Jan. 2, 2024)
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 Sunday Dec 24

10.15am - 12.15pm. →

See notice for full details of Christmas New Year closure.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B - December 24, 2023

Readings for this week:

2 Samuel 7: 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2024

At this time of the year we take the opportunity to reflect on the past twelve months. What we did, what we didn't do, and what we could have done. We also look forward to the new year, with all of its challenges and expectations.

Christmas is our time to reflect on our relationship with family and friends and especially our relationship with the Lord. At Christmas time we hear the phrase "the spirit of Christmas". For us the "spirit of Christmas" is the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that fills Mary with the life to which she will give birth, the Son of God, the "Saviour of the world". The Holy Spirit gives us life and will bring healing into our troubled lives.

The First Nations people of Australia believed that the "Great Spirit" dwelled in our land. The Great Spirit is the Holy Spirit. The early Spanish and Portuguese explorers named our island continent, the "Great South land of the Holy Spirit".

May the Holy Spirit, the spirit of love and peace, the spirit of the Father and the Son, be with you and your families as we celebrate the feast of the incarnation, the birth of our saviour this Christmas,

On behalf of Fr. Jude, the Parish team and myself, we wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

- (Fr.) Jim Clarke -

The **PIETY GIFT STALL** will be open on **December 24; 10.15am - 12.15pm.**

After that date, for Christmas and the New Year, it will be closed. It will open again in the first week of February 2024 - on Thursday February 1 at 10.30am.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve December 24, 2023

6.00pm Family Mass; 8.00pm Mass; 9.30pm Polish Mass; 11.45pm Pre-Mass Christmas Carols; Midnight Mass (12am)

Christmas Day December 25, 2023

7.30am Mass; 9.30am Mass; 11.00am Mass; 12.30pm Polish Mass.

Boxing Day December 26, 2023

There will be no 10am Weekday Mass. A Polish Mass will be held at 12.30pm. *(after which the Basilica will be closed for the rest of the day)*

Weekday Masses between Christmas & the New Year

The Basilica will be closed all of Wednesday Dec. 27 and Thursday Dec. 28. It will open on Friday Dec. 29 for the 10am Weekday Mass only.

Saturday Dec. 30 - 10am Mass with Reconciliation afterwards.

Saturday Dec. 30 - 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Dec. 31 - 7.30am; 9.30am; 11am; Polish 12.30pm will be celebrated.

Sunday Dec. 31 - Please note: there is no evening Mass scheduled for New Years Eve.

New Years Day - the Solemnity of Mary **January 1, 2024**

Mass will be celebrated at 10am, and there will be a Polish Mass at 12.30pm. After these 2 Masses the Basilica will close for the day.

Tuesday January 2, 2024. The weekday 10am Masses, Rosary and Adorations will resume as per regular schedule. *(details on the front of the Bulletin)*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING TIMES

The Parish Office is closed from December 22, and will remain closed over Christmas and the New Year. It will open from Tuesday January 2, 2024. Office hours for 2024 will be: Mon. - Fri. 8.30am - 5.00pm

If you need to contact our priest/s for an emergency end of life or hospital visit, please call 52221977.

Listen to the voicemail message, which includes the after hours mobile number. Thank you.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS AND DIVINE MERCY CALENDARS

We now have these calendars available for purchase from the Piety Gift Stall on Sunday December 24, and afterwards will be available solely from the Parish Office from January 2, 2024.

Divine Mercy Calendars 2024: \$12.00 each

Columban Art Calendars 2024: \$10.00 each



OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus so that we may share in the song of the Angels; the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hatred and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful hearts. Amen.

CD - "I CALL YOUR NAME" by Rebecca Hay

LAST CHANCE FOR 2023

The CD is available for purchase at the Piety Gift Stall on Sunday Dec 24. CDs are: \$20 per copy. It features the song written for Fr Jim: "I will be your Shepherd", and many other beautiful songs written by Rebecca. The CD "**Melodies of Christmas**" - first released in 2006 by Rebecca, is also available at the Piety Gift Stall. \$20ea.

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The Parish receives no funding for the much required maintenance and upkeep, and being heritage listed makes it more difficult. Our thanksgiving offerings have diminished in recent years, and we find ourselves in a position where we need to ask for your help.

Together we can and will build for our future!

Please consider joining our Thanksgiving program where you can automatically directly donate via bank, or use the envelope system, and bring along your loose change or cash to put in with the Collections at our Sunday Masses. Every little bit helps! Thank you.



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Or you can call the Parish Office
during the week on 5222 1977.

**CREATE A PLACE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR YOUR
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We invite any who are interested, to purchase a Memorial brick which is placed on St Mary's "Memorial Brick Pathway" around the edge of the Basilica grounds. Please direct all enquiries/interest to Diane (Business Manager) at the Parish Office. Call: 5222 1977 or email: dianer@stmarysgeelong.com.au

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPERATING HOURS

Pantry operating days and times are: Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

Friday December 22 will be the last day of operation for the Pantry in 2023. It will close over Christmas and the New Year. It will open for regular hours on Tuesday January 9th, 2024 at 1pm.

Pantry operating days and times in 2024 are: Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: Christmas Eve (Dec 24) @ 6.00pm.

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Next Mass: Christmas Eve
December 24 @ 8.00pm.

BASILICA CHOIR Next Mass: Sunday December 24
@ 9.30am. And Christmas Eve Carols at 11.45pm
followed by Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (12am)



QUOTE FOR THE DAY It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air. Christmas is forever, not just one day; for loving, sharing and giving are not to be put away - *Norman Wesley Brooks*

FIRST JOKE OF THE DAY *This joke works better if you read it out aloud...*

How did Mary & Joseph know exactly that the baby Jesus was 2.3kg? *They had away in the manger.*

SECOND JOKE OF THE DAY



DEWAR '23

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paola Tartaglia, Rafael Zakelj, Gemma Salvo (nee Santamaria), Brian Merrett



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Luigi Laudadio, Wendy O'Sullivan, John Spurdle, Anthony Borg, Thomas Vincent O'Brien, Gabrielle Shanahan, Leanne Williams, Martin Nolan, Casey Hardiman, Damian Walsh, Harvey Jones, Ken Scanlon, Margaret Moody, Michael Carmody, Maryann Vella, Frank McCarthy

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Macy Joy Holmes

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



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SUNDAY 7am on Light FM 89.9 & 10am on The Pulse FM 94.7




The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Year B - December 31, 2023

Readings for next week:

Sirach 3: 2 - 6. 12 - 14; Colossians 3: 12 - 21; Luke 2: 22 - 40

<i>TIMES</i>	<i>Commentator</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Special Ministers</i>	<i>Welcomers</i>	<i>Main Collector</i>
6.00pm VIGIL	Margot Jarman	Natalia Barber	Margot Jarman Gael Perry	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Nola Schwidlewski	Mike McGovern	Barry Leith Mike McGovern	Bridget Henderson	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Maree Ryan	Blake Drever	Blake Drever Keith Vriens Ann Salerno (tbc)	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Pamela Cowdery	Slavica Kulic	Domenica Croce Slavica Kulic Nina Tarsitano	Domenica Croce	Maria Monea

<i>TIMES</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>7.30am</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>11.00am</i>
AV-SOUND OPERATOR	Rebecca Hay	Barry Leith	Andrew DeAngelis	Joan Belleville

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

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