

# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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## MASS TIMES

### WEEKDAY MASSES

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 STALL GIFT STALL

Will re-open in February 2022

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Yr C - December 26, 2022

### Readings for this week:

Sirah 3: 2- 6. 12 - 14; Colossians 3: 12 - 21; Luke 2: 41 - 52

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"It's the most wonderful time of the year", as the Andy Williams popular song goes. It is a wonderful time and an exciting time of the year. However, it is also an exhausting and stressful time of the year, especially during this Covid-19 pandemic with the restrictions imposed upon us. We have had to endure incessant lockdowns and the closure of our parish church. We have been denied access to the Liturgy and the Sacraments. However, we have come through the other side, and we are ready to celebrate the feast of the nativity.

This is why the Church celebrates the season of Advent. During these last four Sundays of Advent we have been listening to the voice of John the Baptist. John has been encouraging us to watch and wait as we prepare ourselves for this great feast, the feast of the Lord's nativity.

Advent has been our down time in the midst of the hectic pace and frantic activity of the commercial Christmas season. It has been our opportunity to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit telling us of the true meaning of this time of year, Christmas is the festival of the Incarnation, when God became one of us. The Son of God was born into the world as one like us, vulnerable, helpless and reliant on the love and care of his mother and father. When we appreciate the enormity and the reality of this event we are drawn more closely into a relationship with Jesus. We begin to realise that he has an affinity with us and that he understands us because Jesus has experienced what we are experiencing and has felt what we are feeling.

This is the glory of the Incarnation that God has broken into creation and entered into human history.

As we gather in our individual families to celebrate and share our love of family, we remain conscious of those who find such gatherings difficult and hurtful.

As a parish family we lift them up in prayer and ask for the continued blessings of the Christ child upon them. As a parish family we come together to celebrate the Eucharist and rejoice that our Redeemer lives and is present among us, to pray with and for one another.

On behalf of our Parish Staff, Fr. Jaycee and I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas. May you celebrate well with your family and friends and enjoy a safe holiday period. Christmas Blessings - (Fr) Jim Clarke



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## SUNDAY LITURGY

### First Reading *Sirah 3: 2 - 6. 12 -14*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

### Responsorial Psalm *Pss 127: 1 - 5. R. see v.1*

- (R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
  - Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)
  - Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life. (R.)

### Second Reading *Colossians 3: 12 - 21*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

### Gospel Reading *Luke 2: 41 - 52*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

### **ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE - CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed from December 24, 2021 until January 3, 2022. It opens once again on Tuesday January 4, 2022 8.30am - 5.00pm. Office hours will be: Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

**If you wish to contact a priest for an emergency hospital visit or last rites, please call the Office on: 5222 1977. Have a pen and paper ready to take down the priest's emergency number.**

The **Bulletin, Daily Reflection and Weekday Mass Sheets** are available online and some printed copies available from outside the front of the Office.

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## MASKS MUST NOW BE WORN IN THE BASILICA

**RADIO MASS** Broadcast brought to you by **St Mary's Parish, Geelong**. 10.00am Sunday morning on PULSE FM 94.7

### **LIVE STREAM CHRISTMAS MASSES - ONLINE**

Live from St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

**Carols and Midnight Mass: 11.30pm and Midnight**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYvGZ6nBxRM>

**Christmas Day Mass (Dec 25<sup>th</sup>): 11.00am**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmN80W7DU-I>

**Boxing Day Masses - Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>): 11.00am**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZttDhcrA4-U>

### **CURRENT COLLECTION SYSTEM AT MASSES**

For now, and until we get our Collector Teams back together, we have 2 Collectors stationed at the main entrance to the Basilica at the start and end of each Mass. We also have an electronic Tap and Go system set up in the Narthex - as a touch free donation point for those of you who no longer carry cash with you. Please note that it will not receive payment from an eftpos savings card, and that you require a Debit or Credit card to make a payment.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will go a long way towards helping our Parish get back on its feet, to once again give an offering of support for the priests of our parish and priests of Archdiocese whose parishes struggle financially, and the support of our Parish Mission and the maintenance and upkeep of our Parish facilities, our beautiful grounds and blessed Basilica.

### **SUNDAY MASS COLLECTORS REQUIRED CAN YOU HELP?**

With the restrictions lifted, and our return to a more "normal" Mass format, we are wanting to put our Collection system, of having 2 Collections during the Sunday Mass celebration, back in place. To do this we will need to have a team with the minimum of 4 collectors for each Mass. We need your help! If you are available, and this is something you think you may be able to support the work of the Parish, could you please contact us via email:

[terryp@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:terryp@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

Or you can call us 5222 1977 after January 4, 2022 when the Office opens after Christmas.

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

- Calvin Coolidge

### **PARISH PANTRY - CLOSED**

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Christmas/ New Year Break  
THE PARISH PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED FROM  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 23rd, 2021.  
(NOT OPEN ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 24th)  
UNTIL IT RE-OPENS ON: TUESDAY JANUARY 11th,  
2022 from 1.00pm – 3.00pm

### **SEASON 2022**

#### **MUSIC AT THE BASILICA**

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

FRIDAY February 18, 2022 - 8.00pm  
**Australian Chamber Choir \* (ACC8)**

#### **SECRET CHAMBER**

Tickets: \$50 (Full); \$45 (Seniors); \$40 (Concession)  
Children and School Students - Free  
Purchase tickets from: [www.auschoir.org](http://www.auschoir.org)

For more details on the full Feb - May 2022 program please visit the website: [www.musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://www.musicatthebasilica.org.au)

### **A Christmas Family Prayer**

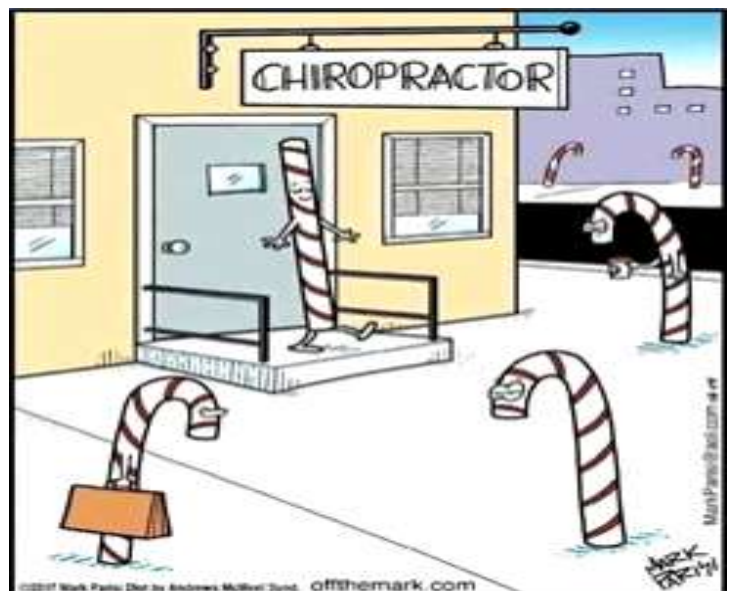
Loving God, during this holy season of Christmas we ask for your blessing on our all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families. Amen.

### **JOKE OF THE DAY**



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**AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:**



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dianne Lawrence, Frank Alfaiate, Martin Nolan, Evandeer Verio Li

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Ken Scanlon, Mary Walker, Leanne Williams, Casey Hardiman, Harvey Jones, Evangeline Bijoli Bashiruddin, Margaret Moody, Fr Tim O'Toole, Gabrielle Shanahan, Jack Redden, Bing Redden, Mary-Ann Vella, Angelina Trentino, Giuseppe Trentino, Ida De Angelis

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** Skye Eagles

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 and 10am on The Pulse FM 94.7**

The Epiphany of our Lord - Year C - January 2, 2022

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6; Ephesians 3: 2 - 3. 5 - 6; Matthew 2: 1 - 12

<b><i>TIMES</i></b>	<b><i>Commentator</i></b>	<b><i>Reader</i></b>	<b><i>Special Ministers</i></b>	<b><i>Welcomers</i></b>	<b><i>Collector</i></b>
<b>6.00pm VIGIL</b>	Brendan Sullivan	Kevin Mark	Vickie Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
<b>7.30am</b>	Barry Leith	Mike McGovern	Rosa Marino Kate Parke	Bridgette Henderson	Jennifer Wolfe
<b>9.30am</b>	Maree Ryan	Eleanor Bowman	Jennifer Guinane Des Guinane Keith Vriens	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
<b>11.00am</b>	Domenica Croce	Santina Taranto	Liz Bauer Pamela Cowdery	Maria Monea	Vin McDermott (Klaus)

<b><i>TIMES</i></b>	<b><i>6.00pm</i></b>	<b><i>7.30am</i></b>	<b><i>9.30am</i></b>	<b><i>11.00am</i></b>
<b>AV-SOUND OPERATOR</b>	Georgia Cowdery	Keith Almond	David Bowman	Rebecca Hay



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You can also visit our regularly updated and very informative webpage: [www.stmarysgeelong.com.au](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au)

On the webpage we include updates & current Parish information, Daily Reflections, Prayers, images, links and even something for the kids. **Everything you need to know about our faith community.**




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